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HEALTHCARE FOR ALL
SUSTAINABILITY
AND EQUITY

ROME
16-17 February 2026

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

MORNING

8:00 • Registration

FIRST PLENARY SESSION: THE QUESTIONS

Moderators: A. Ciucci, C. Casalone

9:00 • Welcome address

Renzo PEGORARO

(President, Pontifical Academy for Life)

9:15 • Video-testimonials

- Western Countries (Elderly) - SOMOS
- Africa (Infant mortality) - CUAMM
- India (Essential drugs) - CHAI
- Latin America (The challenge of sustainability) Anibal GIL LOPES

9:40 • Sustainable?

- *Francesca COLOMBO* (France)
- *Sheila TLOU* (Botswana)

10:40 • Coffee break

11:00 • Move to Apostolic Palace

12:00 • Papal Audience

13:00 • Break

AFTERNOON

SECOND PLENARY SESSION: FUNDAMENTAL ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

Moderators: L. Palazzani, P. Bordeyne

14:30 • The Economics of Health for All
Mariana MAZZUCATO (UK)

14:45 • Catholic Social Teaching in Health Care
Emilce CUDA (Argentina)

15:10 • Fundamental rights and justice
Stefano SEMPLICI (Italy)

15:35 • Discussion

16:15 • Coffee break

16:45 • Efficiency, Justice and Care. Philosophical Reflections on Scarcity in Health Care
Yvonne DENIER (Belgium)

17:10 • The Right to Healthcare as a Fundamental Right: When More Can Be Less
Federico DE MONTALVO J. (Spain)

17:35 • Discussion

18:30 • Conclusion

10:40 • Discussion

11:00 • Coffee break

11:30 • Challenging areas

Moderator: Henk ten Have

- Elderly
 - 1. (David Jones)
 - 2. (Young members Group)

• Disability and Mental Health (William Sullivan)

• Migrants (Robert Vitillo)

▪ Discussion

• War (Rok Čivljak)

• Epidemics (John Nkengasong)
▪ Discussion

13:30 • Break

AFTERNOON

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION: PERSPECTIVES

Moderators: M.C. Carrozza, N. Simard

14:30 • Emerging Technologies in Healthcare Systems
Gert VAN DER WILT (The Netherlands)

14:55 • Sustainability of Healthcare Systems from Political Perspective
Walter RICCIARDI (Italy)

15:20 • Discussion

15:50 • Coffee Break

16:20 • Prevention and Education
Gifty IMMANUEL (India)

16:45 • The role of Communication
Aftab ALA (UK)

17:10 • Discussion

18:00 • Concluding remarks

18:15 • “Guardian of Life” Award

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

MORNING

THIRD PLENARY SESSION: A COMPARISON OF APPROACHES

Moderators: J. Simpore, M. Bofarull

9:00 • Designing High Functioning and Universal Health Care Systems: What the US, China and other countries can teach us
Ezekiel J. EMANUEL (USA)

9:25 • Japanese Perspective
Masahiko TANIGUCHI (Japan)

9:50 • Catholic perspective on the sustainability of Western healthcare Systems and organizations
Emili BARGALLÓ (Spain)

10:15 • Catholic Hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa: Identity, Humanization of Healthcare Facilities, and Contemporary Challenges
Olga Melanie LOMPO (Burkina Faso)