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International Workshop

“Healthcare for all. Sustainability and equity”

16-17 February 2026
Augustinianum Institute
Via Paolo VI, 25 – Rome (Italy)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th Morning

8:00 – Registration

First Plenary Session:

Moderators: A.Ciucci, C. Casalone

9:00 – Welcome address

R. 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) – Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine & National Conference of Bishops of Brazil

9:40 – Sustainable?

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

10:40 – Coffee break

11:00 - Move to Apostolic Palace

12:00 – Papal Audience

13:00 – Break

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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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Morning

Third Plenary Session: A Comparison of Approaches

Moderators: J. Simpure, 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

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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)

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)
 - o Discussion
- War (Rok Čivliak)
- Epidemics (John Nkengasong)
 - o Discussion

13:30 – Break

Afternoon

Third Plenary Session:

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

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15:50 – Coffee Break

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

16:45 – The role of Communication
Ala AFTAB (UK)

17:10 – Discussion

18:00 – Concluding remarks

18:15 - “Guardian of Life” Award

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

AFTAB Ala, Consultant Hepatologist; BASL Chair Rare Liver Disease and Special Interest Group (SIG) Wilson's Disease; NIHR S.E England Research Delivery Network (RDN) Hospital Settings & Gastroenterology and Hepatology Lead, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London (UK)

BARGALLÓ Emili, Director, Unidad Territorial, Orden Hospitalaria de San Juan de Dios, Sant Boi de Llobregat (Spain)

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COLOMBO Francesca, Head, HOECD Health Division, Paris (France)

CUDA Emilce, Secretary, Pontifical Commission for Latin America (Holy See)

DE MONTALVO J. Federico, Full Professor of Constitutional Law, Universidad Pontificia Comillas; Visiting Professor of Università di Roma La Sapienza and Pontificia Università Gregoriana (Spain)

DENIER Yvonne, Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics; Programme Director Master of Bioethics; Co-Director Ethics@KULeuven, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Leuven (Belgium)

EMANUEL J. Ezekiel, Vice Provost of Global Initiatives, Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor; Co-Director, Healthcare Transformation Institute, Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK) Professor Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (USA)

IMMANUEL Gifty, Director, Center for AIDS & Antiviral Research, Bangalore (India)

JONES David, Professor of Bioethics, St Mary's University, Twickenham; Research Fellow, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford (UK)

LOMPO Olga Melanie, Professeur titulaire d'Anatomie et de Cytologie Pathologiques, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Yalgado Ouédraogo, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

MAZZUCATO Mariana, Professor at University College London, Director of the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, and Chair of the World Health Organization Council on the Economics of Health for All (UK)

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TANIGUCHI Masahiko, Director, St. Mary Hospital, Kurume (Japan)

TLOU Sheila, Co-Chair, Global HIV Prevention Coalition; Ambassador, African Leaders Malaria Alliance; Champion, Nursing Now Challenge; Chancellor, Botswana Open University (Botswana)

VAN DER WILT Gert, Professor Emeritus of Health Technology Assessment, Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition & Behaviour, Radboud University Medical Centre, Nijmegen (The Netherlands)

VITILLO Robert, Senior Advisor of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (Holy See)