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PROGRAM

Day 1 – 17 APRIL, Wednesday

Morning Session

08:00/08:50 Opening Registration Desk

Opening Ceremony

09:00/10:00 With the presence of Their Excellencies The Captains Regent (Heads of State),
Alessandro Rossi and Milena Gasperoni

Luisa Borgia - President of National Bioethics Committee and President of 14th
Global Summit, Republic of San Marino

Mariella Mularoni – Minister of Health, Republic of San Marino

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – WHO General Director (video message)

Hans Henri P. Kluge - Regional Director WHO for Europe

Gabriela Ramos - Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO
(video message)

Katherine Littler - Co- Unit Head of the Global Health Ethics & Governance Unit at WHO
Headquarters

Plenary Session – Room Arengo

I – Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees

Introduction: Belgium - **Virginie Pirard** – Vice President of the Belgian Bioethics Advisory
Committee

Moderation: Zambia – **Godfrey Biemba** - Director and CEO for the National Health Research
Authority

Talk 1 - *Trinidad & Tobago* - **Shakuntala Thilsted** - Director for Nutrition, Health and Food
Security Impact Area Platform, CGIAR

Talk 2 – *United Kingdom* – **Katherine Wright** – WHO Consultant, Climate Change, Health &
Ethics

“Food security in the climate crisis: surfacing the ethical issues”

Talk 3 – *United States* - **Anne Barnhill** - Associate Research Professor and Core Faculty at the
Berman Institute of Bioethics



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National Bioethics Committee of Republic of San Marino



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CRISES, EVOLUTION, GROWTH
SAN MARINO, 17 - 18 - 19 APRIL 2024

14th GLOBAL SUMMIT
OF NATIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES

“Ethical Perspectives on Food Systems”

Panel & Plenary Discussion

12:00/13:30 Lunch & posters

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session I* - Room Arengo

13:30/14:30 a) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness

Moderation: United Kingdom – Katherine Littler - Co- Unit Head of the Global Health Ethics & Governance Unit at WHO Headquarters

Italy – Claudia Navarini - Deputy Vice President of the National Bioethics Committee (CNB)

“Covid-19 Pandemic, Food Insecurity and Health Implications in Children”

Barbados – Mike Campbell - Chair, UWI- Cave Hill & Ministry of Health & Wellness Research Committee

“Building Sustainable Ethics Systems in Small Island Developing States”

South Africa - Penelope Engel-Hills - Chairperson National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC)

“Preparing for Crises in Time of Resources Shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session I* - Room Titano

13:30/14:30 b) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness

Moderation: Italy - Lorenzo Montrasio – Former Head of office of Biological Medicines at AIFA

Iran - Bagher Larijani – Director of Medical Ethics and history of Medicine Research Center, UNESCO chair in bioethics, WHO collaborating center

“Challenges of Education, research and providing health services during COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learned from best practices”

Portugal - Pedro Fevereiro - Member of the Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences

“The right to food and the morality of farming under the scope of “One Health”

Mexico - **Patricio Santillan-Doherty** - National Bioethics Commissioner of Mexico

“Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”

Afternoon
Session

Plenary Session – Room Arengo

14:30/16:30 **II – Contributions and challenges of National Ethics Committees in fostering inclusion for persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups**

Introduction: San Marino – **Giampiero Griffo** - Member of National Bioethics Committee

Moderation: São Tomé e Príncipe – **Adionilde Aguiar** - President of the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Health

Talk 1 - Argentina - **Agustina Palacios** - Human Rights Teaching, Faculty of Law

Talk 2 – Belgium - **Florence Caeymaex** - Member of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics

“Facing vulnerabilities: lessons from the social model of disability, and beyond”

Talk 3 – Switzerland - **Darryl Barrett** – Technical Lead (Disability), WHO HQ
“Fostering inclusion for persons with disabilities in the health sector and beyond – Opportunities and challenges”

Panel & Plenary Discussion

NECs 1,2,3

16:30/17:00 Coffee-break

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session II* - Room Arengo

17:00/18:30 **a) Inclusion, exclusion and ‘vulnerability’**

Moderation: Mexico - **Dafna Feinholtz** - Chief of the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section, within UNESCO’s Social and Human Science Sector

Sweden - **Sven-Eric Söder** – Chair of the Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics
“Nothing About Us Without Us”

Spain – **Juan Carlos Siurana** – Vice Chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee
“Fair access to health care. A case for universal (national) health card”

Italy – **Giampiero Griffo** – Member of National Bioethics Committee
“Vulnerable persons or persons made vulnerable?”

Afternoon
Session

Parallel Session II* - Room Titano

17:00/18:30 b) Issues & challenges in Research Ethics

Moderation: New Zealand - **John McMillan** – Chairs New Zealand’s National Ethics Advisory Committee (NEAC)

India – **Roli Mathur** - Scientist “F” & Head, ICMR Bioethics Unit, ICMR -
“Ethical Policy on Controlled Human Infection Studies in India- Need for Additional Safeguards”

Greece - **Vasiliki (Vicky) Mollaki** - National Centre For Scientific Research Demokritos
AND National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics
“A call for action in the ethics review process to address the changing research environment”

WHO Regional office EMRO - **Arash Rashidian** - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination
“Science and Misinformation: part of the problem, part of the solution”

Senegal – **Samba Cor Sarr** - Permanent Secretary of National Ethics Committee for Health Research
“Protection of vulnerable group in research field during emergency: contributions and challenges of national ethics committee”

Brasil - **Andréa Leite Ribeiro** – Technical Consultant e General Coordination of Strategic Actions in Clinical Research of the Department of Science and Technology of the Secretariat of Science
“Ethical regulation of research involving human beings in Brazil: bioethical reflections on law proposition no.7082/2017”



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18:30

Welcome Aperitif

End of Day 1

Day 2 – Thursday 18 APRIL

Morning
Session

Plenary Session – Room Arengo

09:00/11:00 III – Striving for equity in the face of medical innovations: how can National Ethics Committees help redress the balance?

Introduction: Portugal – Maria Do Céu Patrão Neves - President of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences

Moderation: Italy - Lorenzo Montrasio – Independent Expert at the Minister for the Family, Birth Rate and Equal Opportunities

Talk 1 *South Africa – Jantina De Vries* - Associate Professor in Bioethics University of Cape Town

Talk 2 *Oman - Faryal Khamis* - Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Royal Hospital in Muscat

“Beyond good intentions: Navigating the ethical dilemmas facing the medical innovations”

Talk 3 *Italy – Nicola Magrini* - Co-director, WHO Collaborating Centre for evidence synthesis and guideline development

Panel & Plenary Discussion

11:00/11:30

Coffee-break

Parallel Session III – Room Arengo

11:30/12:30 a) Equitable access and benefit sharing: prevention, diagnosis and treatment, adapting resources to unforeseen challenges

Moderation: Italy - Lorenzo Montrasio – Former Head of office of Biological Medicines at AIFA

Singapore – **Yuan Ngiam Kee**- Co-Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee's (BAC) Big Data and AI Review Group
“Ethical Issues Arising from Use of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Biomedical Research and Healthcare”

Portugal – **Inês Godinho** – Council Member National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV)
“AI and Decision-making in Medicine”

Philippines - **Atty. Charade B. Mercado Grande** - Assistant Secretary for Health Regulation and Facility Development Cluster
“Navigating Ethical Considerations in Stem Cell Regulation: A Closer Look at the Philippine Context”

France – **Florence Jusot** – Member of the CCNE
“Revolution in therapeutic innovations: what are the ethical issues?”

Parallel Session III – Room Titano

11:30/12:30 *b) Issues & challenge in Research Ethics*

Moderation: Saudi Arabia - **Mohammed Alkawi** – Research Monitoring Office

Guinea – **Alpha Ahmadou Diallo**- General Secretary of National Ethics Committee
“Ethical implication raised by clinical research with the participation of vulnerable strata in public health emergencies in West Africa ”

Malawi - **Billy W. Nyambalo** - REC Administrator for the National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC)
“Prioritizing Health Research in Resource-Constrained Settings: A Case Study of Malawi (NHSRC)”

12:30/14:00 *Lunch & posters*

Afternoon
Session

Plenary Session – Room Arengo

14:00/16:00 **IV – The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare**

Introduction: United Kingdom - **Sarah Cunningham-Burley** - Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Moderation: Saudi Arabia – **Batoul Baz** – Vice -President, Health

Talk 1 San Marino – **Felice Strollo** - Member of National Bioethics Committee

“How to cope with the ever-increasing risk of disinformation/misinformation: bioethical aspects”

Talk 2 *to be confirmed*

Talk 3 Council of Europe – **Lee Hibbard** – Human Rights and Biomedicine Division – Council of Europe

“Council of Europe – Integrating a youth perspective in fields of biomedicine and health”

Panel & Plenary Discussion

NECs 1,2

16:00/16:30 *Coffee-break*

**Afternoon
Session**

Parallel Session IV – Room Titano

16:30/17:30 **a) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

Moderation: Belgium - **Virginie Pirard** – Jurist and Philosopher, specialized in bioethics & research ethics

Poland - **Bartnik-Jaszewska Magdalena** - Deputy Director Medical Research Agency

“The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare”

Singapore - **Gregory Vijayendran** - Deputy Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC)
“Public Engagement Efforts of the Bioethics Advisory Committee”

France – **Jean-François Delfraissy** - President of the CCNE

“The French experience through two examples: the general debates on bioethics and the process regarding end-of-life issues”



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Afternoon Session

Parallel Session IV – Room Arengo

16:30/17:30 **b) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

Moderation: Switzerland – Andreas Alois Reis – Co-Unit Head Ethics & Governance Unitat WHO in Geneva

Lebanon – Michel Daher - General Secretary Lebanese National Ethics
“The way-out Pandemic Crisis: making it the last pandemic?”

Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Alkawi – Member National Committee of Bioethics, KACST
“The role of NECs during crises”

United Kingdom - Danielle Hamm - Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics
“Ethics at the centre of decisions so we all benefit – how do we get there?”

WHO Regional office EMRO - Arash Rashidian - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination
“Role of Eastern Mediterranean Bioethics Summits in Promoting Dialogue and Trust in Public Health”

20:00

Gala dinner

End of Day 2

Day 3 – 19 April, Friday

Morning session

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS

09:00/10:00 Chair: NBC member, SC member, WHO/UNESCO as co-chairs

Rapporteur:
AFRO

AMRO+EURO

EMRO

SEARO+WPRO

Plenary Session I

10:00/10:40 Conclusions of the Regional Meetings

10:40/11:00 *Coffee-break*



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Plenary Session II

- 11:00/11:45** Reporting back: from Lisbon to San Marino
- 11:45/12:00** Global Summit 2026 – Announcement of Next Venue
San Marino Conclusions
Closing Ceremony

End of Day 3

- 12:00/13:30** *Lunch & Posters*