

THE STATE OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 2025

EVENT: 4:00 – 5:30 P.M. EDT


CLOSING RECEPTION: 8:00 – 9:00 P.M. EDT

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The 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80) is centered on the theme “Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights.” In line with this commitment, the Fourth UN High-Level Meeting will take place at UN Headquarters in New York, focusing on “Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the promotion of mental health and well-being.” A central outcome of the meeting will be the adoption of a political declaration setting ambitious targets and commitments for NCD prevention, control, and mental health support through 2050.

The American College of Cardiology (ACC), in collaboration with NCD Alliance and World Heart Federation, and with support from Viartis, is holding an UNGA side event on *The State of the Global Health Workforce*, featuring keynote speaker, Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, Resolve to Save Lives CEO. This 90-minute program will highlight innovative training models and collaborative approaches that are strengthening access to quality care worldwide.

The session will underscore the urgent need for investment in the global health workforce to address the rising burden of NCDs, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Speakers will share new data, showcase scalable solutions, and engage in dialogue with leaders across government, civil society, multilateral institutions, academia, and industry.

As NCDs take center stage at this year’s UNGA, this event will serve as a platform to explore bold, practical solutions for building a stronger and more equitable health workforce.





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4:00 - 5:30 PM SESSIONS

Welcome From the Moderator

Chris Kramer, MD, FACC, President of the American College of Cardiology (ACC)

Keynote: The State of the Global Health Workforce

Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, CEO, Resolve to Save Lives

Panel One: Key Findings From Two Health Workforce Reports

- NCD Academy's Global Workforce Report
- NCD Alliance's Staffed, Skilled, Supported and Sustainably Financed Report: 2025 Charting the Course For an Optimised Health Workforce For NCDs

Moderator: Jennifer Bae, Executive Director of Global Innovation, American College of Cardiology

Panelists:

Lobna Salem, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Viatris
Alison Cox, Policy and Advocacy Director, NCD Alliance
Video Presentation on the WHO Academy

Session Two: Notes From the Field: The Lived Experience of Community Health Workers

Moderator: Melvin Echols, MD, MSCR, FACC, Chief Health Equity Officer, ACC

Panelists:

Laura Gryder, Community Health Worker
Dr. Lennie Kyomuhangi Bazira, CHIC
Carmen Vilela, Peruvian Community Health Worker

NCD Academy BBC Storyworks Video

Closing Remarks and Summary

Jagat Narula, MD, FACC, President of World Heart Federation

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The UNGA side event, **The State of the Global Health Workforce**,
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