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Host State Reception on the occasion 72nd World Health Assembly
"Innovation in the service of Global Health"

Campus Biotech, Chemin des Mines 9, Geneva
Mai 20, 18:30

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations cordially invites all health delegates to the seventy-second World Health Assembly to attend the official host-state reception at the Biotech Campus in Geneva on Mai 20, 2019, 18:30.

What is the Campus Biotech and the Institute of Global Health?
Founded by the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), the University of Geneva and supported by the research team of the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) the Biotech Campus represents an interdisciplinary, publicly funded research center promoting the development of innovations in response to new challenges in the area of health. It is a center of excellence in biotechnology and life sciences research focusing on three domains: Neuroscience & Neurotechnology, Digital Health and Global Health.

Why holding the reception at the Campus Biotech?
The World Health Assembly in 2018 acknowledged the potential of digital technologies to play a major role in improving public health. Furthermore, Director-General Dr Tedros highlighted in his opening speech at the 144th session of the Executive Board that focusing on innovation and digital technologies is essential to deliver the "triple billion" targets. The transformation process of WHO aims to reinforce the organization's normative and technical work through a sharper focus on needs, direct impact at country level and new technologies. To convene health delegates at the Biotech Campus offers the possibility to link health diplomacy with innovation in digital medicine of the Lake Geneva region.

Program:
The Institute of Global health will curate a display of innovate projects which have a concrete impact in the field:
1. **Geneva Health Forum 2020**: *Improving access to health - learning from the field* (UNIGE-HUG)
2. **Innovative Global Health education from the Swiss Universities** (Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+))
3. **World Federation of Public Health Association:** P*romoting PH worldwide – the case of vaccination* (UNIGE)
4. **SnakeBytes and SNAPP:** *AI and citizen science against snakebites* (UNIGE-EPFL-HUG)
5. **DYNAMIC** *clinical decision making algorithms evolving with epidemiological changes* (UNIL/Unisanté and UNIBAS/Swiss TPH)
6. **Data Science Ecosystem for Epidemics**: *The case of Influenza* (UNIGE-Swiss TPH/UNIBAS, EPFL-ETHZ, IBM Zürich)
7. **RAFT**: *Telemedicine with and for Francophone Africa* (UNIGE-HUG)
8. **IeDA**: C*onnecting low-income countries to improve maternal and child health* (Terre des Hommes, UNIGE, UNIL, Swiss TPH):
9. **Ebola and Violence in DRC**: *An epidemic of suspicion* (IHEID, HUG, UNIGE, MSF)
10. **Essentialtech:** Making high-tech innovation accessible to all (EPFL-UNIGE: coordinator: Klaus Schönenberger)
11. **AccessMod5:** *Modelling physical accessibility to health care* (UNIGE)
    Infectious Diseases Epidemiology: *HIV, Hepatitis C, Influenza* (UNIGE)

Opening speeches by
- Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Federal Councillor, Alain Berset
- Director Campus Biotech, Dr Benoît Dubuis (as MC)