

Program

Recognizing Traumatic Brain Injury as a Notifiable and Chronic Condition

Date: Sunday, 17 May 2026 **Time:** 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Reception: 6:00-7:00 PM)

Venue: Novotel Genève Centre, Geneva

Opening (16:00-16:20)

Moderators: Almas Khattak, Saniya Mediratta, Sara Venturini

Segment	Duration	Focus	Speaker/Lead
Welcome Address by Government of Pakistan	7 min	National leadership perspective: Pakistan's commitment to advancing the global policy agenda on TBI, supporting international collaboration, and reinforcing the importance of recognition, reporting, and long-term systems response	MoH Pakistan
PWLE Advocate 1	5 min	Lived experience as evidence: sharing the personal and family impact of TBI, and highlighting the value of the PWLE Storybook in shaping advocacy, awareness, and policy action	Paul Dubetz
PWLE Advocate 2	5 min	Humanizing the policy agenda: centering survivor and caregiver voices to demonstrate why TBI must be addressed not only as an acute event, but as a long-term chronic condition requiring sustained support and recognition	Mandi Dickey

TBI Panel 1 (16:20 - 16:35): The Global TBI Coalition

Moderator: Richard Moser

Segment	Duration	Focus	Panelists
Why the TBI Resolution?	10 mins + 5 mins Q&A	Global burden of TBI and the rationale for recognizing TBI as a Notifiable and Chronic Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Colantonio (UoT, ACRM) • Bernice Gulek (UW Medicine) • Alexis Joannides (GEO-TBI)

TBI Panel 2 (16:35 - 16:50): The Global TBI Coalition

Moderator: Maryam Mallick

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Why the TBI Resolution?	10 mins + 5 mins Q&A	Global burden of TBI and the rationale for recognizing TBI as a Notifiable and Chronic Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicoline Schiess (BHU WHO) • Gail Rosseau (G4 Alliance) • Franco Servadei (WFNS)

Keynote Address (16:50 - 17:00)

Moderator: Almas Khattak

Regional Director EMRO Address	10 min	High-level WHO EMRO perspective on the burden of traumatic brain injury across the Eastern Mediterranean Region, including fragile, conflict-affected, and resource-limited settings.	Dr Hanan Balkhy, Regional Director, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region
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Ministerial Panel 1 (17:00 - 17:30)

Moderators: Peter Hutchinson, Anthony Figaji

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High-Level Ministerial Panel: National Leadership and Global Commitment on Traumatic Brain Injury	20 mins + 10 min Q&A	National perspectives on addressing TBI and commitments toward recognizing TBI as a Notifiable and Chronic Condition within global health policy frameworks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoH Guatemala 2. Italy 3. South Sudan 4. Turkiye 5. HE Lem Dara, Secretary of State, Cambodia

Ministerial Panel 2: The Way Forward (17:30 - 18:00)

Moderators: Kee Park, Tariq Khan

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Post-Event Networking Reception - 18:00 - 19:00

Following the formal program, participants will be invited to a **networking reception** to facilitate dialogue among policymakers, researchers, clinicians, and advocacy organizations.