

2026 WHS – Side Event on Syria

A Year into Syria's Health System Recovery: From Strategy to Implementation

12 October 2026 | 09:00–10:30 CEST

Side Meeting Room III, InterContinental Berlin

Expert Roundtable | In-person & Online | English

Moderation: Rana Sidani, WHO

Background

One year after the Syrian Ministry of Health presented its vision for health system recovery at the World Health Summit 2025, Syria is entering an important phase in the implementation of its **National Health Strategic Plan 2026–2028**.

This side event will bring together the **Syrian Ministry of Health, international and development partners, private-sector actors and members of the Syrian diaspora** to reflect on the first year of implementation and look ahead to the priorities and partnerships needed for the next phase.

A forward-looking discussion

Rather than focusing solely on achievements, the roundtable will provide space for an open exchange on **what is needed to turn strategic priorities into sustainable progress**.

Key themes will include:

- **From strategy to implementation:** progress, lessons learned & remaining challenges
- **Universal Health Coverage & health financing:** building a more sustainable and resilient health system
- **Health security & national capacities:** strengthening preparedness, essential services and national systems
- **Mobilising partnerships:** opportunities for international cooperation, private-sector engagement and the Syrian diaspora
- **Looking ahead:** how partners can align their support with Syria's health priorities

Format

The session is designed as an **interactive expert dialogue**, with the majority of the 90-minute session dedicated to discussion and exchange.

With approximately **30 selected participants**, the roundtable will offer an opportunity to hear directly from the Syrian Ministry of Health and key international partners, **share perspectives and experience, and explore practical opportunities for collaboration** in the next phase of Syria's health-system recovery.

We warmly invite you to contribute your perspective to this timely discussion on **Syria's health priorities, partnerships and the way forward**.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/KNV9tE1y58zAWKr47>

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