

The 10th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

**Smarter and Healthier Cities
for a Better Future**



September 25 - 27, 2024

EVENT GUIDE



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25-27 September 2024, Seoul, Republic of Korea

1. Overview

Title of event: The 10th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Period: September 25 (Wed) - 27 (Fri), 2024 (3 days)

Venue: Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), Seoul

Host: Seoul Metropolitan Government / AFHC

Attendees (expected): 1,000 people (mayors and delegates from 240 AFHC members, and mayors of sister & friendship cities of Seoul and WHO officials, etc.)

2. Main Schedule (provisional)

Time	Day1 Sep 25 (Wed)	Day2 Sep 26 (Thu)
Morning	Registration	VIP Site Visit and Luncheon
	Opening Ceremony	
	Global Health Leaders' Forum	
Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon	Plenary Session 1	
	WHO/AFHC Awards	
Dinner	Welcome Dinner	

The above schedule is exclusively customized for HoDs.

For the overall program applicable to general participants, please refer to Section 4

3. Registration

Please note that all individuals wishing to participate in the conference must complete the registration process through the official website.

Registration Link: <https://www.afhc2024-seoul.kr/en/regist/guide.asp>

Please register with the appropriate registration category as distributed through a separate "Registration Guide".

4. Programme

1) About the 10th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC)

The 10th Global Conference of AFHC is co-hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and AFHC. It is an important event held every other year among the member cities of AFHC in the Western Pacific Region. As an event for member cities to network, collaborate, and share best practices to protect and promote the health of urban populations, the Conference will invite the world's best health policy cities and others to showcase the 20 years of achievements of AFHC.

2) Theme and Sub-Themes

The Conference will be organized under the theme, "**Smarter and Healthier Cities for a Better Future**", with the following sub-themes to guide the discussions in the Mayors' Forum, plenary and parallel sessions.

Sub-Theme 1: Building a blueprint for smart healthy cities with true connectivity and collaboration

Building a blueprint for a smart and healthy city means recognizing the essential components of people, environment, and systems, and the need to intelligently connect and collaboratively integrate them. This session will be a place to discuss the smart healthy cities that each city envisions. We will look at the values and directions that smart healthy cities should firmly pursue, the concepts and principles that underpin smart healthy cities, and the intelligent connectivity of citizens and cities to promote health.

Sub-Theme 2 : Creating a sustainable and resilient healthy city for the future

Recently, there has been a growing societal demand for cities to cultivate sustainability and resilience in response to health crises. The imperative to create sustainable and resilient urban environments in the context of health disasters has become critical. In this session, we will focus on the urgent need to bring sustainability and resilience to healthy cities. We will explore alternative strategies tailored to respond to the climate crisis, emphasizing the importance of creating sustainable and healthy urban environments. This includes initiatives such as creating a secure food supply and promoting healthy food environments, which are critical components for the future well-being of our cities. We will also explore strategic approaches to building a sustainable, safe and healthy city, with a particular focus on the needs of the next generation.

Sub-Theme 3: Achieving health equity in the city: Our Commitment and Initiatives

Achieving health equity in the city requires organized, systematic, and collaborative efforts among stakeholders. Systematic action to reduce social and economic inequities and effective policy development are essential. This comprehensive approach is critical to promoting balanced development and maintaining a healthy urban environment. The session will explore strategies for improving health equity in the context of a healthy city and discuss approaches to reducing health inequities. Topics of discussion will include inclusive growth for a socially and economically equitable healthy city, efforts to reduce social and economic inequities, and the promotion of age-friendly healthy cities that support healthy aging.

3) Global Health Leaders' Forum

This session, which explores the complexity of urban development, aims to clarify the crucial role of local government authorities and leaders in establishing a sustainable smart health foundation for future cities and to review strategies for building an international cooperation framework among local governments.

The discussion will cover the multifaceted responsibilities, strategic initiatives, and cooperation needed by leaders to successfully navigate the complexities of building a robust environment that supports a smart health city.

The forum's theme will revolve around "Establishing an International Cooperation Framework for Building Sustainable Smart and Healthy Cities." The specific topics for discussion will include the expansion of healthy cities, the intersection of climate crisis and healthy cities, and addressing health equity through case study presentations or short speeches.

This forum will consist of interactive debate sessions with mayors/representatives, lasting 1 to 1.5 hours, where selected participants will present their cases. Details on application/registration and selection methods will be announced on the official website, for further details, please contact the secretariat. At the end of the session, the moderator will summarize the discussion and outline key learning points for all participants to utilize.

4) Keynote Speech

Transitioning to Smart and Sustainable Healthy Cities

Our overarching goal is to cultivate 'Healthy Cities' where well-being is embedded in every facet of urban life. Emphasizing the synergy between health and sustainability, we advocate a transformation to a 'Smart Health City'.

This paradigm shift not only envisions the integration of cutting-edge technologies for health, but also addresses the imperative need for sustainable development. Our focus is on charting a course that not only prioritizes health in policymaking, but also promotes the transition to an urban landscape that is both smart and sustainable.

Through this discourse, we aim to set the agenda for the vital discussions surrounding the imperative transformation to a healthier, smarter and more sustainable urban future.

5) Plenary Session 1

Crafting the roadmap for smart healthy cities

Urban policies and initiatives designed to improve quality of life in a healthy environment for all city residents, irrespective of socio-economic status, have reached their limits due to rapid demographic, social, and environmental changes that vary by city size and characteristics. Therefore, we propose redefining the concept of a healthy city by integrating smart technologies to foster discussions about the vision of the smart health city we aspire to create.

6) Plenary Session 2

Alternatives to address climate and other crises in sustainable healthy cities

Discuss how cities in the Western Pacific region are preparing health-friendly cities for medically underserved populations in the face of health issues caused by climate change, etc

This session primarily addresses the application of the One Health approach at the urban level, emphasizing communication and collaboration across various sectors to achieve better public health outcomes.

It also considers human health within the organic relationships among animals, the environment, and ecosystems, and discusses sustainable development strategies for future health cities that address health threats.

7) Plenary Session 3

Our commitments and efforts to advance health equity

Summarize and highlight the main points of discussion from each session and discuss the development direction, key strategies, and possibilities of future healthy cities.

8) Parallel Sessions

The Conference plans to conduct seven individual sessions on the following topics:

1. Strategies and Challenges for Building Healthy Citizens, Healthy Cities Using Smart Technologies
2. Realizing a Safe and Healthy City, Free from Infectious Diseases
3. Seoul's Policy of Accompanying the Vulnerable, from a Healthy City Perspective
4. How to Develop a HiAP-based Healthy City Multisectoral Cooperation System
5. Food Policies Beneficial for Health and the Environment
6. Age-Friendly Healthy Cities Promoting Healthy Aging
7. Next Generation's Perspective on Healthy City Challenges and Their Roles

We aim to present various approaches to improving city health from different perspectives, comprehensively addressing policies, technology, and cooperation strategies to contribute to building a healthy city.

Program at a Glance for General Participant

- For the schedule pertaining to HoDs, please refer to Section 2, titled 'Main Schedule'.

Time	Day1 Sep 25 (Wed)		Day2 Sep 26 (Thu)			Day3 Sep 27 (Fri)
Morning	Registration		Plenary Session 2			Plenary Session 3 & Closing Ceremony
	Opening Ceremony		Parallel Session 1	Parallel Session 2	Parallel Session 3	
	Global Health Leaders' Forum					
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch			
Afternoon	Plenary Session 1		Parallel Session 4	Parallel Session 5	Parallel Session 6	Site Visits
	WHO/AFHC Awards	General Assembly of KHCP (Members only)	Parallel Session 7			
			WHO Special Session			
		General Assembly of AFHC (Members only)				
Dinner	Welcome Dinner					

5. About Seoul

Seoul is home to Hallyu (Korean Wave) attractions that exquisitely combine two distinct identities; the cutting-edge capital of digital technology and a cultural treasure trove steeped in history and tradition, and Seoul, where gently sloping traditional wooden buildings stand side by side with gleaming skyscrapers that represent the essence of Eastern culture and modern global networks.

More travel information about Seoul can be found at <https://english.visitseoul.net/>.

6. About the Alliance for Healthy Cities

The Alliance for Healthy Cities is an international network aiming at protecting and enhancing the health of city dwellers. The Alliance is a group of cities and other organizations that try to achieve the goal through an approach called “Healthy Cities”. We believe that international cooperation is an effective and efficient tool to achieve the goal. And we promote the interaction of people who are in the front lines of health issues.

The Healthy Cities approach was initiated by the World Health Organization. In order to cope with the adverse effects of an urban environment over health, the WHO has been promoting the approach worldwide.

As an increasing population lives in cities amid global urbanization, we hope that our international network will help make strides in the promotion of health of the people living in cities.

More information about AFHC can be found at <https://alliance-healthycities.com/>

7. Others

If you have any other questions, please contact Seoul GC team info@afhc2024-seoul.kr in charge of organizing Seoul Conference by email.