



Ministry of AYUSH



World Health
Organization

2nd WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine 17-19 December 2025, New Delhi, India

*Restoring balance:
The science and practice of health and well-being*

Second WHO Global Summit on TM, 2025

Background:

The 2023 Gandhinagar Summit (with the *Gujarat Declaration*) launched a global movement reaffirming traditional, complementary & integrative medicine (TCIM) for Universal Health Coverage and the SDGs. The 2025 Summit builds on this through inclusive, science-backed collaboration to restore balance for people and the planet.

Focus Areas:

- Implementing the WHO Global Strategy for Traditional Medicine (2025–2034)
- Advancing from evidence → dialogue → action
- Integrating traditional knowledge with innovation (AI, genomics, digital tools)
- Promoting access, regulation, and sustainability
- Strengthening links between health, environment, and agriculture

Second WHO Global Summit on TM, 2025

Date: 17–19 December 2025

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India.

Theme: *Restoring balance for people and planet: The science and practice of health and well-being*

Organizers: WHO & Ministry of Ayush, Government of India

Vision: Restoring well-being and balance through traditional medicine and science

Goal: Deepen evidence-based understanding and integration of traditional medicine to advance health systems, equity, and sustainability

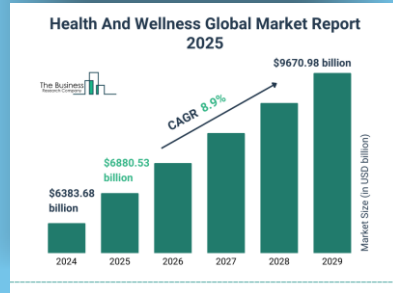
Participation: 500 in-person + 5,000 online from all WHO regions.

Progress since the 1st Global Summit

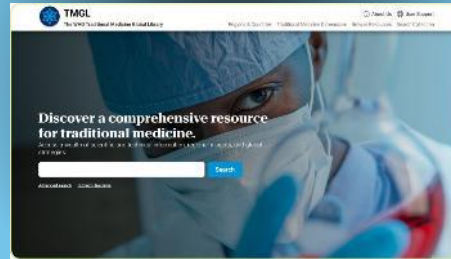
1 st WHO TM Global Summit, 2023* Gujarat Declaration sets priority agenda	WHO TM Global Strategy, 2025 Member-state consensus established	2 nd WHO TM Global Summit, 2025 Scaling up learning, collaboration, and action
Global leadership	WHA78 agrees Global Strategy, including definitions, objectives and principles	High-level political commitments, building on UNGA, WHA, G20, BRICS, AU etc.
Research and evidence	Strategic Objective: Strengthen evidence base	Launch: TM Global Research Priorities Roadmap; WHO Bulletin series on TM Advance: TM research investments, validated innovation pipeline and equitable benefit sharing PM Yog awards
UHC, PHC health systems + data and routine information systems	Strategic Objective: Provide safe and effective TCIM, appropriate regulation	Launch: TM clinical data and research network with ICD-11 including implementation of regulation
	Strategic Objective: Integrate safe and effective TCIM in health systems	Launch: TM Global Library with regional- and country portals with IP and equitable access
Biodiversity and sustainability; Digital health frontiers, including artificial intelligence	Strategic Objective: Strengthen cross-sectoral engagement, including community empowerment	Advance: Healthy ecosystems and TM integration; Indigenous People's knowledge exchange; Launch: AI and TM governance course/ brief
Human rights, equity and ethics	Guiding principles, including ethics, health equity and rights	Advance: Cross-cutting frameworks for TM related ethics, rights, IP, equitable access and benefits

2025 Summit: Platform for major launches

Traditional Medicine Global Investment Case



WHO Traditional Medicine Global Library



Health Heritage Innovations (H2I) Investment Pipeline



Global TM Research Priorities and Roadmap



WHO Bulletin special journal issue on TM



TM systems framework and data network



Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge Exchange



Global Partnership and Multimedia Platform



Draft Agenda for the Summit

Day 1		
•	Ministerial Round Table (forenoon)	SUMMIT INAUGURATION (afternoon)
	Thematic TM visits in Delhi (forenoon)	

Day 2		
Time	Session	Topic
9:00-10:15 am	Plenary 1	Restoring Balance
10:15-10:45 am	Refreshment	
10:45-12:00 pm	Parallel 1.A	TM and the continuum of knowledge on health
	Parallel 1.B	TM knowledge – balancing access and benefits
	Parallel 1.C	TM in rebalancing ecosystems for planetary health
	Parallel 1.D	TCIM – bringing balance to governance, equity, and resources
12:00-12:45 pm	Expo Thematic Experience	
12:45-1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45-2:30 pm	Restoring Balance Practice Session	
2:30-3:45 pm	Plenary 2	Investing in science to drive TM progress
3:45-4:15 pm	Refreshment	
4:15-5:30 pm	Parallel 2.A	Research priorities and roadmap
	Parallel 2.B	Methods of enquiry
	Parallel 2.C	Innovation evaluation criteria/ Innovation pipeline
	Parallel 2.D	Strengthening the TCIM investment case
5:30-6:15 pm	Expo Thematic Experience	
7:00-8:30 pm	Summit Gala Dinner	

Day 3		
9:00-10:15 am	Plenary 3	Re-imagining Health Systems
10:15-10:45 am	Refreshment	10:15-10:45
10:45-12:00 pm	Parallel 3.A	TCIM and Health Systems Integration Global Framework and Country Implementation
	Parallel 3.B	TCIM and quality, efficiency and resilience of health systems. Patient centric approaches
	Parallel 3.C	Regulation, and capacity building, for TCIM products, practices, and workforce
	Parallel 3.D	Integrating TCIM data in national RHI systems with ICD, ICHI standards
12:00-12:45 pm	Expo Thematic Experience	
12:45-1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45-2:15 pm	Restoring Balance Practice Session	
2:15-3:30 pm	Plenary 4:	Equity, Sustainability, and Accountability
3:30-4:00 pm	Refreshment	
4:00-5:15 pm	Parallel 4.A	Knowledge paradigms in Health – TCIM, Indigenous Knowledge, and Biomedicine
	Parallel 4.B	TM / Indigenous / Ancestral knowledge – dimensions of equity and sustainability
	Parallel 4.C	Digital Frontiers: Harnessing AI and Digital Health for the Future of Traditional Medicine
	Parallel 4.D	Building inclusive global movement for TM with equity, voice, participation, accountability
5:15-6:30 pm	Plenary 5	Closing- Summit Commitments: Multistakeholder Action Agenda for the implementation of the Traditional Medicine Strategy

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Innovation Expo

- Innovative, immersive «experience space»
- Interactive journey to explore how TM is essential to the past, present, and future of medical and scientific frontiers
- Participants can test their knowledge and learn new skills, in science and practice, to restore balance.
- Committee has been formed from Indian side for the Expo and there will be a dedicated Ashwagandha corner

2025 Global Summit: Inauguration

Inauguration, Wed 17 Dec, 2PM, Bharat Mandapam 3/F, Multipurpose Hall

- Invited chief guest: Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modiji and Director General, WHO
- Remarks from GoI and WHO, including DG Tedros, Hon Minister Ayush
- Seating: Up to 1,200 + media
- Dynamic introduction of Summit and Expo content, with multimedia highlights and remote video participation from around the world

Field trips, 9-12pm, Wed 17 Dec

- Four parallel field visits for all invited Summit participants, self-selected in advance of Summit
- Locations and programmes in Delhi to be co-designed by Ministry of Ayush and WHO GTMC
- In-person participation; no remote viewing planned



Ministerial Round Table Dialogue-Wed 17 Dec, 05-6:30 PM

Discussion of how to galvanize commitment and progress for TM in line with new Global Strategy aims

Exchange country experiences, lessons, successes;

Strengthen multilateral cooperation on TM

Commitment towards WHO indicators



Invitation Status

Joint Invitation to be sent by WHO

In person: Approx 700 for Summit, 1,200 for inauguration

- **350** Sponsored WHO international invitations (*6 regions x 50 + 50 HQ*). Submit by 17 October, **200** Sponsored GoI invitations.
- *Additional:* Non-sponsored WHO international invitations: 120 (*6 regions x 20*) 30 from Ministry of Ayush.
- 17 Sept: Circular letter to all WHO member-states via missions, with **27 Oct** *deadline for expression of interest to send sponsored government delegation of up to three members*
- **Ongoing:** Sponsored travel arrangements decentralized through WHO regional offices with dedicated focal points; centralized travel planning and registration list through WHO Tunis Centre

Joint Invitation from Hon'ble Minister of Ayush and WHO Regional Director

- **1 Nov:** Co-signed invitation letters from Hon Minister Ayush and WHO Regional Director to be sent to all interested Ministers (MEA guidance sought-32 list of countries have been identified)

Invitations to be extended from Ministry of Ayush

- Ambassadors / missions at Delhi
- Heads of state yet to be identified with the support of MEA.

Invitation Status- Continue..



Virtual participation: Up 5,000 online

- Dedicated Summit microsite to be launched in October with invitation to register online for remote viewing
- Summit and Expo broadcast in December to focus on participatory engagement (chat, quizzes, polls), and live/pre-recorded interventions by remote speakers and events

Countries for bilateral discussions in the sideline of the Summit

Brazil	Bolivia	Cuba	Japan
Colombia	Germany	Netherlands	Sri Lanka
United Kingdom	United States	Mauritius	Indonesia
Malaysia	Philippines	Thailand	Nepal
	Oman	Ghana	



Responsibilities
for the Global
Summit on
Traditional
Medicine 2025

Responsibility Area	Ministry of Ayush (Govt. of India)	WHO
Accommodation	For ministers, high-level officials, and liaison officers	For participants (up to 200 rooms), booked at negotiated rates
Venue booking	Venue booking, suitably equipped offices for WHO, furniture, equipment, services, appropriate infrastructure, and local staff necessary for the work of the Global Summit.	-----
Transportation	For ministers, high-level officials, and liaison officers	Airport-hotel-venue transfers for all participants
Event Management Company	—	Event Management Company (EMC) hired by WHO
Support Staff	—	Hired via EMC: security, ushers, technicians, media, cleaners, etc.
Medical Facilities	On-site first aid; emergency hospital access (treatment not covered)	—



Responsibility Area	Ministry of Ayush (Govt. of India)	WHO
Reception Services	—	Special reception desk at New Delhi airport (domestic and international terminals)
Customs and Equipment	Facilitate duty-free import/export of WHO equipment	—
Security & Protocol	Coordinate with Delhi Police and agencies for ministerial protocol and overall security	—
Participant Coordination	Assign contact person for liaison on transport matters	List of persons attending or participating in the Global Summit will be forwarded by WHO to MoA Manage participant arrivals/departures
Liability for Damages/Accidents	Assumes liability (excluding gross negligence by WHO officials)	—
Reception Services	—	Special reception desk at New Delhi airport (domestic and international terminals)

Progress towards the Summit by WHO and MoA



Expectations from the Ministry of External Affairs



Protocol support &
International Media



Delhi chapters of
Ambassadors



Identification of Heads of
State to be invited



Video call meeting with
Ambassadors of East and
West to push their country
delegation



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