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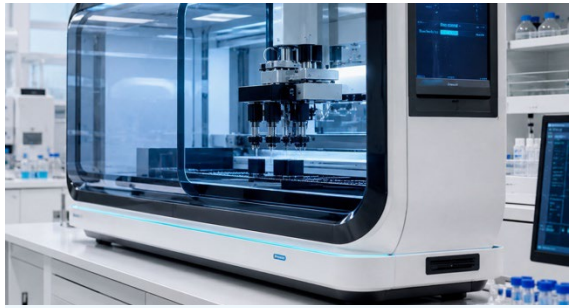


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Key shifts reshaping the frontiers of science for health



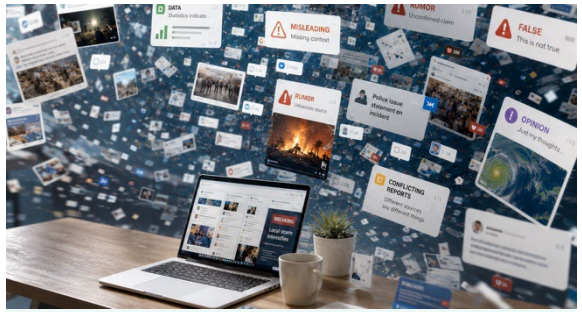
01 The accelerating pace of scientific innovation

Major breakthroughs (gene therapy, 3D printing, synthetic biology, quantum computing, precision medicine) advancing faster than regulation and society can adapt



02 Rise of artificial intelligence

AI can accelerate research, drug development, complex data analysis, but also introduces risks (hidden errors, bias amplification, misleading outputs)



03 Information tsunami and social media

Accurate science increasingly coexists with misinformation and disinformation, eroding trust and making engagement more complex

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A global movement to shape the science that better serves society and advances health for all

- Bringing together **diverse actors and voices**
- Championing a **common purpose, firmly rooted in science** and aligned around five core values

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Core values driving the movement

RESPECT

Recognition and integration of diverse sources of knowledge, lived experience, cultural perspectives and community expertise are critical to advancing science

INTEGRITY

Honesty, transparency and accountability are essential to the trustworthy development and application of science, particularly in emerging technologies

SCIENTIFIC RIGOR

Robust methods, critical inquiry, peer review and continuous learning underpin the generation, dissemination and application of scientific knowledge

ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY

Strong ethical standards ensure that scientific progress advances the public good while respecting dignity, promoting equity and upholding human rights

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Social participation and the active listening of diverse voices, particularly those of people and communities most affected, ensure that science responds to societal needs and benefits all

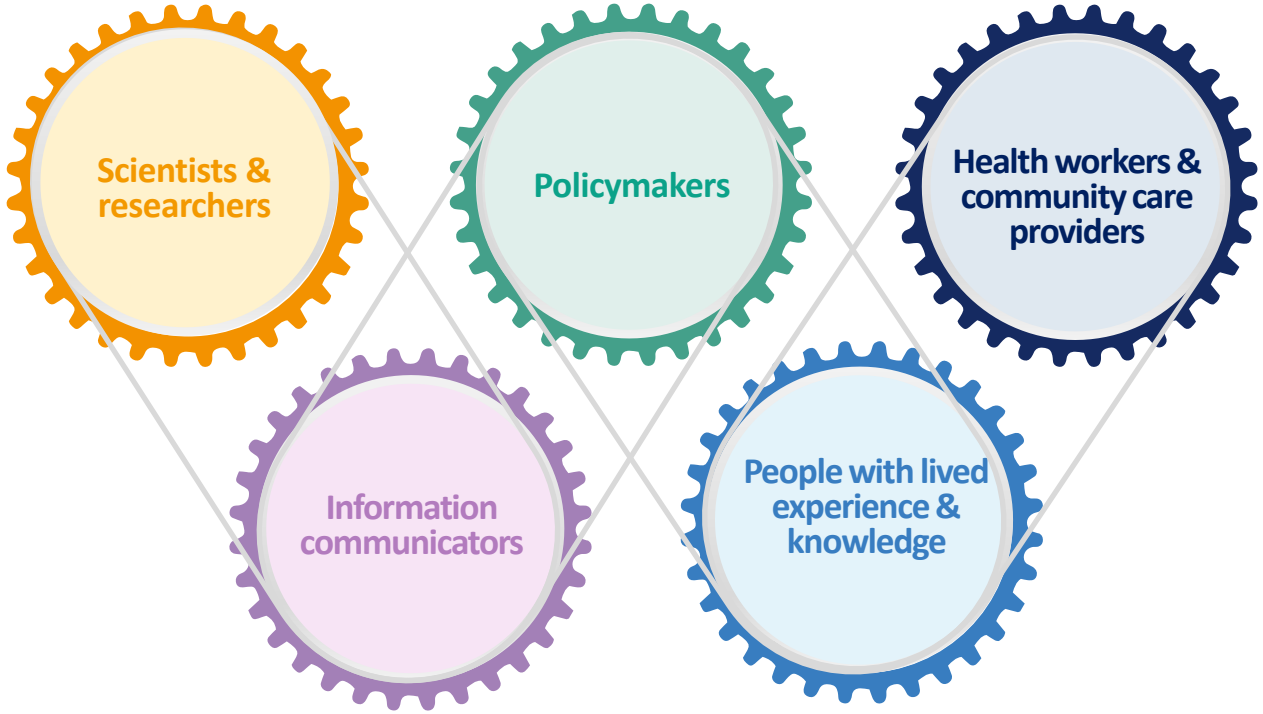
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Who are the potential entities?

Government ministries, regulators, advisors, mayors, parliamentarians, international bodies

Universities, research institutes, labs, health science and research networks, WHO collaborating centers and networks, scientific publishers/journals



Doctors, nurses, community health workers, public health practitioners, traditional and Indigenous healers, faith-based providers and pastoral caregivers, allied health professionals

Journalists, educators, media, influencers, fact-checkers, science communicators

Communities, Indigenous groups, patients, civil society, youth, people with disabilities

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What will the movement do?

- **Affiliate, connect and mobilise entities** aligned with these values, fostering a shared identity
- Provide a **platform for connection and large-scale knowledge sharing** enabling exchange of resources, convening of events, and stronger links across actors
- **Increase the visibility** of concrete activities that are shaping the science of the future
- WHO acts as both a catalyst and a contributor

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Areas of contribution

Entities will have the opportunity to express their contributions across three areas of work:



Science & society

Advancing high-quality, trustworthy science that is co-developed with society and responds to societal needs



Science & policy

Supporting timely, evidence-based decision-making through policies informed by science, data and lived realities



Science & communication

Strengthening public dialogue about science while addressing the harms of misinformation and disinformation

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1 Science & society

- **Advance a high-quality and trustworthy scientific process** built on transparency, integrity and rigor
- **Promote the co-development of science with society**, engaging communities and stakeholders in shaping research priorities and innovation pathways
- **Ensure that scientific advances translate into better health and well-being** for people and communities worldwide, including through the responsible use of new and emerging technologies such as A

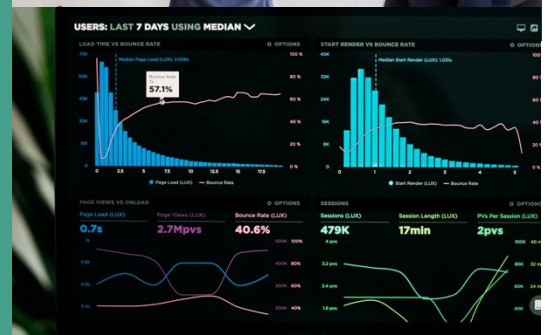
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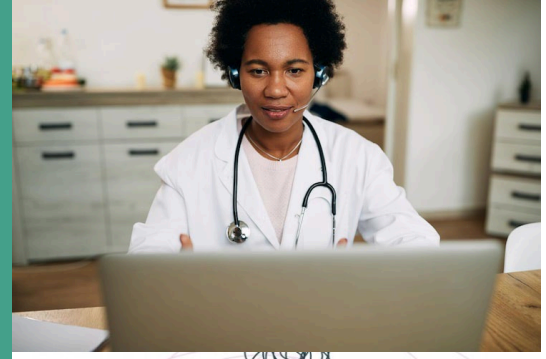


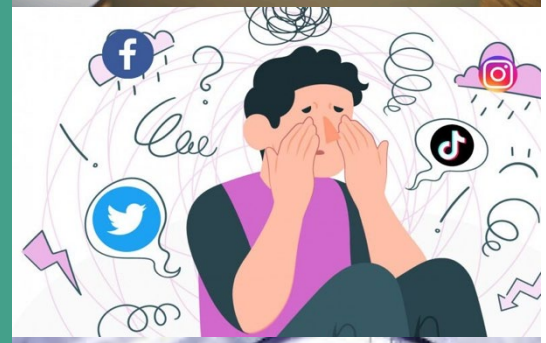
2 Science & policy

- **Strengthen dialogue with policymakers** to support timely, evidence-based decision making
- **Ensure policies are informed by robust data, scientific knowledge and the lived realities of communities,** making policies more relevant, feasible, and effective

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3 Science & communication

- **Improve how health information is developed, shared, and understood** through public dialogue on science
- **Address and prevent harms caused by misinformation and disinformation** so that people can engage confidently and critically with health guidance

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Milestones: advancing the initiative

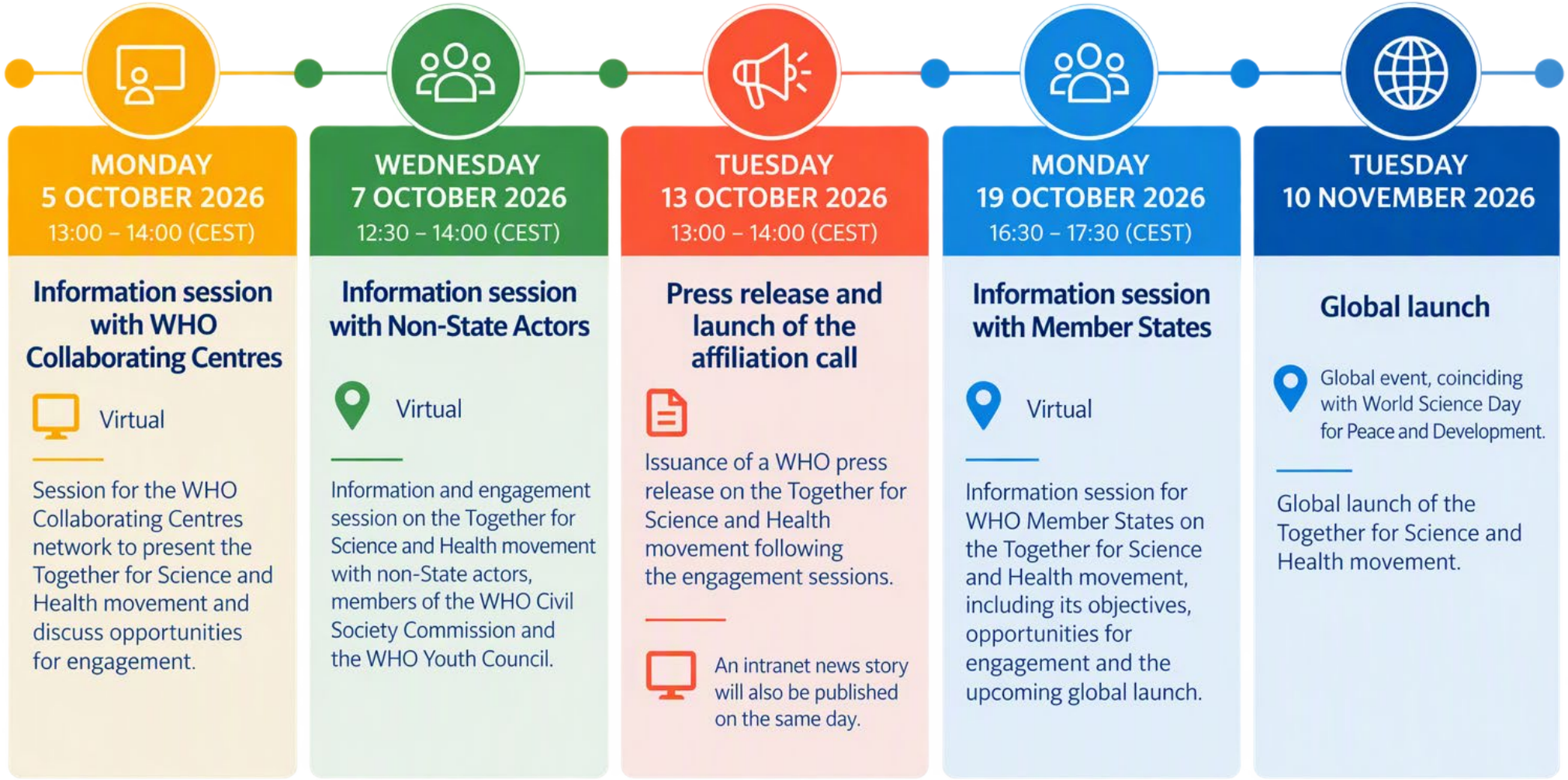


- World Health Day – 7 April
- Session on mis- and dis-information at the Global Forum of WHO CCs
- WHA79 Strategic roundtable on addressing mis- and dis-information

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Engagement timeline



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Launch event: 10 November, Science Day for Peace and Development



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Interested in joining us?

- Entities invited to join – not individuals
- Fill in the **online affiliation form** (QR code). Steps include:
  - Submit core organizational details
  - Confirm adherence to WHO policies
  - Outline your entity's intended contributions
  - Sign the declaration of commitment
- Share within your network to help grow the movement
- Share call for affiliation (published on 13 October)

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Be part of the global launch

- Opportunity to **organize an event or activity** (in-person event, webinar, multi-WHOCC event, podcast, social media campaign, etc.)
- Events and activities can be **featured on the WHO and movement websites** and, where relevant, livestreamed. Recordings may also be made available through the website and later via the platform.
- A **launch package** will be provided, including key messages, communication materials, and guidance to help position the activity as part of the global launch
- If you are interested in organizing an activity, please inform us so that we can **compile and showcase** these during the global launch

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Thank you



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