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PHDC'25 AT A GLANCE
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PREFACE

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the third edition of the Global Congress on Population, Health and Human Development (PHDC'25). This congress serves as a global platform where knowledge, policy, and innovation converge to chart a more resilient and equitable future—guided by the conviction that empowering people is the foundation of progress and opportunity for all.

The themes of PHDC'25—ranging from universal health coverage, global health issues, and population dynamics to migration, youth empowerment, education, AI, innovation, and the care economy—reflect the interconnected challenges of our time. At the same time, they spotlight opportunities to design policies that safeguard dignity, equality, and resilience

Building on the success of PHDC'24, the last edition achieved significant milestones, including:

- **Convening over 1,100 global** leaders, policymakers, experts, and practitioners for cross-sectoral dialogue.
- **Engaging more than 38,000 participants** onsite and online, reinforcing the congress's truly global reach.
- **Showcasing innovative solutions** and national experiences in advancing health, education, and human capital.
- **Launching collaborative initiatives** and networks that continue to shape regional and global agendas.

PHDC24 outcomes laid the foundation for this year's gathering, most notably:

- **A renewed commitment to investing** in people as the engine of sustainable development.
- **Clear policy recommendations to integrate** health, education, and social protection into national strategies.
- **Partnerships aimed at translating** vision into measurable impact worldwide.

As we build on these achievements, this third edition comes at a decisive moment in history. Egypt is honored to host a dialogue that marks a qualitative shift in approach—embracing a more inclusive, human-centered vision that prioritizes empowerment, progress, and opportunity. PHDC'25 is not only a platform for knowledge exchange but also a catalyst for actionable policies rooted in equity, innovation, and community partnership.

By reaffirming the critical importance of investing in human capital—through education, health, dignity, and social protection—PHDC'25 seeks to lay stronger foundations for resilient, inclusive societies ready to embrace a just and sustainable future. We welcome you to Cairo to explore pathways, forge new partnerships, and harness collective action for a brighter tomorrow.



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Following the success of PHDC24, the congress returns for its third edition as the region's leading platform for advancing population, health, and development through a human-centered lens.

This year's congress is built on three interconnected pillars—each one flowing into the next:

- **Empowering People:** building resilient societies where individuals are equipped to shape their own futures.
- **Advancing Progress:** ensuring growth that is inclusive, equitable, and shared.
- **Unlocking Opportunities:** transforming development gains into universal rights and collective security.

A HUMAN-CENTERED VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT

At its core, PHDC'25 places people at the center of population, health, and human development policies. It calls for:

- A vision grounded in social justice and equal opportunity.
- Investment in the potential of individuals and communities.
- Innovative thinking and practical policies to meet today's demographic, social, and economic shifts.

Development is not measured by growth indicators alone, but by every person's ability to live with health, dignity, and fair opportunity. Through dialogue and knowledge exchange across key themes, PHDC'25 becomes more than a congress—it is a collaborative space where diverse voices converge around a shared vision: a future that is inclusive, just, and resilient.



PHDC 2025 OBJECTIVES

1 Advance

sustainable human development by investing in lifelong learning, digital skills, and equitable access to education and employment.

2 Promote

health and social equity by expanding universal health coverage, integrating social determinants of health, and protecting vulnerable groups.

3 Empower

people across generations by fostering active engagement, supporting healthy and productive ageing, and unlocking their potential for development.

4 Respond

to global challenges by addressing migration, environmental change, and population vulnerabilities with innovative, knowledge-driven solutions aligned with global transformations.

5 Foster

identity and cohesion by leveraging culture and sports as catalysts for belonging, resilience, and civic participation.

PHDC 2025 MAIN THEMES

NAVIGATING GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES THROUGH THE LENS OF SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

- **Linking health to** education, housing, and economic stability.
- **Advancing equity-driven**, multisector strategies for better outcomes.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING FOR EMPOWERMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS

- **Preparing all generations** for a changing labor market.
- **Promoting mobility**, resilience, and social inclusion through learning.

LONGEVITY AND HEALTHY AGING: INVESTING ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE

- **Promoting well-being and inclusion** across all life stages.
- **Leveraging innovations** and policies for ageing populations.

ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE: EQUITY, ACCESS, AND QUALITY

- **Ensuring affordable**, high-quality health services for all.
- **Strengthening systems** through financing, workforce, and governance.

YOUTH, JOBS, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: PREPARING FOR A CHANGING WORLD

- **Equipping youth** with skills, health, and opportunities for the future.
- **Empowering them as agents** of change in digital and demographic shifts.

MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND POPULATION VULNERABILITY

- **Tackling climate**, migration, and displacement challenges.
- **Building resilience** with sustainable, inclusive solutions.

CARE ECONOMY: A CATALYST FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WELL-BEING

- **Valuing and redistributing** care work to empower women.
- **Driving social well-being** and inclusive economic growth.

CULTURE, SPORTS, AND IDENTITY: ENGINES FOR COHESION AND CAPITAL

- **Harnessing culture and sports** to foster unity and pride.
- **Driving youth empowerment**, peacebuilding, and economic vitality.

THE FUTURE IS INTELLIGENT: AI, BIG DATA, AND INNOVATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Driving transformation** in health, education, and protection.
- **Ensuring ethical, inclusive**, and future-ready digital innovation.

SOCIAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

- **Expanding universal access** to security, services, and fair opportunities.
- **Reducing poverty and inequality** through inclusive protection systems

POPULATION DYNAMICS: TRENDS, TRANSITIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Addressing fertility**, ageing, migration, and urbanization shifts.
- **Turning demographic challenges** into inclusive growth opportunities.



PHDC'25 IN THE KNOW

When and Where

Four days from the 12 to the 15 of November 2025 At the St. Regis Convention Center, The New Administrative Capital, Cairo - Egypt.

Who Will Attend

- Ministers, politicians
- Civil society representatives
- Non-governmental organizations
- Investors, private sector
- Entrepreneurs
- Researchers, academia and domain specialists
- Media and influencers

Expected Outcomes

- Gain deeper understanding of global and regional population, health, and human development trends.
- Identify actionable links between population, health, and sustainable development.
- Foster collaboration to address population and health challenges.
- Scale up best practices and experiences in population health and human development.
- Develop actionable roadmaps for capitalizing on opportunities and addressing challenges.
- Advocate for integrating and prioritizing population programs in sustainable development.
- Activate social responsibility towards population and health issues.
- Strengthen capacity of stakeholders to implement human development initiatives.
- Identify innovative solutions and technologies for education, health, and social welfare.



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