

Third International Conference on Health and Biodiversity

Venue: Galmont Hotel and Spa, Galway City, Ireland. Monday 14th – Thursday 17th September 2026

	Cohab 3 Main conference				Cohab 3 Associated events	
	Monday 14.09.2026	Tuesday 15.09.2026	Wednesday 16.09.2026	Thursday 17.09.2026	Friday 18.09.2026	
8:00	Registration and coffee	Registration and coffee	Registration and coffee	Registration and coffee	Registration and coffee	
8:30						
9:00	Opening Plenary Session 1 Welcome – Ireland and UN	Parallel sessions 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>	Parallel sessions 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>	Parallel sessions 3 <i>Human rights-based approaches</i>	Group 1 Events	
9:30						
10:00						
10:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:00	Plenary session 2 Global outlook – UN, IPBES, EU	Parallel sessions 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>	Parallel sessions 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>	Parallel sessions 3 <i>Human rights-based approaches</i>	Group 2 Events	
11:30						
12:00						
12:30	Lunch and Side events	Lunch and Side events	Excursions to local wildlife and heritage sites	Lunch and Side events	Lunch	
13:00						
13:30	Plenary session 3 Global outlook – IGOs and NGOs	Parallel sessions 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>		Parallel sessions 3 <i>Human rights-based approaches</i>	Group 3 Events	
14:00						
14:30						
15:00	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
15:30						
16:00	Plenary session 4 Preview of parallel sessions	Parallel sessions 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>	Closing Plenary Session 5	Group 4 Events		
16:30						
17:00						
17:30	Day close	Day close	Day close	Conference close	Day close	
18:00	Side events	Side events	Conference dinner	Side events		
18:30	Welcome Reception					
~ 22.30						

Parallel session topics (preliminary):

1. Nutrition and food security
2. Disaster risk reduction, relief and recovery
3. Oceans and health
4. Preventing pandemics
5. Urban community health and well-being;
6. Health priorities for women and youth

Each parallel session will explore the three core themes: discussing the *State of Knowledge* on biodiversity and health linkages associated with their respective topics, exploring opportunities for *Policy Integration and Coherence* between multilateral agreements in the context of that topic, and highlighting key considerations for ensuring a *Human Rights Based Approach* is embedded in associated plans, policies and interventions.

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