

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	Registration and coffee, Side events	Registration and coffee, Side events	Registration and coffee, Side events	Registration and coffee	
8:30						
9:00	Opening Plenary Session 1 Welcome – Ireland and UN	Parallel sessions Pillar 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>	Parallel sessions Pillar 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>	Parallel sessions Pillar 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 Pillar 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>	Parallel sessions Pillar 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>	Parallel sessions Pillar 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 Pillar 1 <i>State of knowledge</i>		Excursions to local wildlife and heritage sites	Parallel sessions Pillar 3 <i>Human rights-based approaches</i>	Group 3 Events
14:00						
14:30						
15:00						
15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break		Excursions to local wildlife and heritage sites	Coffee break	Coffee break
16:00	Plenary session 4 Preview of parallel sessions	Parallel sessions Pillar 2 <i>Policy integration and coherence</i>			Closing Plenary Session 5	Group 4 Events
16:30						
17:00						
17:30	Session close, Side events	Session close, Side events	Session close, Side events	Conference close, Side events	Day close	
18:00						
18:30	Welcome Reception		Conference dinner			
~ 22.30						

Notes:

Six parallel sessions are envisioned for the conference, focusing on a key thematic area related to the interlinkages between health and biodiversity. The preliminary themes are as follows: ¹

1. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition
2. Oceans and Health
3. Preventing Pandemics
4. Urban Community Health and Well-being;
5. Health Equity for Women and Youth
6. Disaster Risk Reduction, Relief and Recovery

Each of these parallel session will focus on three core pillars:

- 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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¹ Titles are subject to change; final titles and session content will be announced in June 2026.