



Third International Conference on Health and Biodiversity

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

	Monday 14.09.2026	Tuesday 15.09.2026	Wednesday 16.09.2026	Thursday 17.09.2026
08.00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09.15	<i>Plenary Session 1</i> Welcome – Ireland and UN	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Workshop</i> From Global Plan to Action – Messaging to CBD COP17 and Beyond
10.30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
11.15	<i>Plenary session 2</i> Global outlook – UN, IPBES	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Workshop</i> From Global Plan to Action – Messaging to CBD COP17 and Beyond
12.45	Lunch	Lunch and Side Events	Lunch and Side Events	Lunch and Side Events
14.00	<i>Plenary session 3</i> Global outlook – IGOs and NGOs	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 4. Community Health and Well-being 5. Biodiversity in Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Response	<i>Plenary Session 5</i> Perspectives from Cohab partners, Open discussion



15.30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
16.00	Plenary session 4 Global outlook – IGOs and NGOs, Preview of parallel sessions	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 1. Preventing Pandemics 2. Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition 3. Oceans and Health	<i>Parallel sessions</i> 4. Community Health and Well-being 5. Biodiversity in Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Response	<i>Plenary Session 6</i> Discussion: Galway Declaration on Health and Biodiversity, Closing remarks
17.45	Session close	Session close, <i>Side events</i>	Session close, <i>Side events</i>	Conference close, <i>Side events</i>
19.00	Welcome reception	Cocktail evening	Conference Dinner and entertainment	Refreshments

Side event schedule:

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Lunch 12.45 – 14.00		Healthy Futures for People and Nature: Operationalising the Biodiversity–Health Nexus through Transformative Change	Nature Connections: Working Together to Unlock the Benefits of Nature-based Solutions for Healthy Cities	Understanding Nature’s Contributions to People – Harnessing Ecosystem Service Science for Planetary Health
17.45 – 19.00	Aligning Health Systems, Biodiversity Conservation, and Climate Resilience: Protecting Health and Biodiversity through Nature-Based Solutions	Biodiversity and Health in Impact Assessment	Investments for the Future: Financing Mechanisms for Nature and Health	Where is the Soft Space? A Walking Enquiry through Galway from Lough Atalia to Eyre Square



Please note:

- All times and titles are provisional and subject to change.
- Intending participants are advised to check the conference website at <https://cohabinitiative.org/conference> for updates to this agenda.
- The final detailed agenda will be released on Wednesday 9th September 2026.