

Sala del Parlamentino (Room of the Small Parliament), INAIL, via IV novembre 144, Rome

PROGRAMME

The event is organised by the National Office Against Racial Discrimination of Italy, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, and with the support of the Minister for Family, Natality and Equal Opportunities of Italy and the Minister of Health of Italy

09:00-10:00 Welcome coffee

10:00-11:00 OPENING STATEMENTS

Moderator: Assunta MORRESI, Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO)

- ▶ Eugenia ROCCELLA, Minister for Family, Birth Rate and Equal Opportunities, Italy
- ▶ Orazio SCHILLACI, Minister of Health, Italy
- ▶ Daniele CANGEMI, Head of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standard Setting Activities, Council of Europe

Introductory remarks

- ▶ Mariella MULARONI, Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, San Marino

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 HEALTH LITERACY TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND COMBAT DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY

The session will highlight how improving health literacy fosters a more inclusive and equitable society. The speakers will discuss how their respective organizations consider these issues.

Moderator: Lee HIBBARD, Human Rights and Biomedicine Division, Council of Europe

- ▶ Mattia PERADOTTO, Director General, National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy
- ▶ Vasiliki KARAOULI, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece
- ▶ Nihat Barış SEBIK, Head of Telehealth and Application Development Department, Ministry of Health, Türkiye
- ▶ Miguel TELO DE ARRIAGA, Director of the Directorate of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Directorate-General of Health, Portugal
- ▶ Pauliina (Lina) NYKÄNEN-RETTAROLI, Senior Technical Lead on Human Rights, WHO

- 12:30-13:00** **CONNECTING POLICY WITH PRACTICE: GAPS IN HEALTH LITERACY AND STAKEHOLDERS' COLLABORATION**
The session will present the key outcomes of reports prepared by Council of Europe experts. It will highlight findings on existing gaps in health literacy efforts and explore how the collaboration between stakeholders could bridge these gaps.
- Moderator: Lorenzo MONTRASIO, National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy*
- ▶ Kristine SØRENSEN, Global Health Literacy Academy, Denmark
 - ▶ Guglielmo BONACCORSI & Chiara LORINI, Associate Professors of Public Health, University of Florence, Italy
- 13:00-13:10** **MORNING SUMMARY**
- ▶ Lorenzo MONTRASIO, National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy
- 13:10-14:30** Lunch
- 14:30-15:30** **CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACHES TO LEVERAGING HEALTH LITERACY AND ENABLING HUMAN RIGHTS**
The session will explore how a cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary approach to health literacy is the most effective strategy to address the complex needs of diverse populations, especially those in vulnerable situations.
- Moderator: Stephan VAN DEN BROUCKE, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium*
- ▶ Giuseppe FELTRIN, National Transplant Centre, Italy
 - ▶ Saskia DE GANI, Careum Center for Health Literacy, Switzerland
 - ▶ Giuseppe PALMISANO, European Committee on Social Rights, Council of Europe
 - ▶ Ana ISLAS RAMOS, Food and Agriculture Organisation
 - ▶ Cristina VAZ DE ALMEIDA, Portuguese Health Literacy Society, Portugal
- Discussion
- 15:30-16:30** **HEALTH LITERACY AND AI-ENABLED HEALTHCARE**
The session will explain how health literacy helps individuals navigate AI-enabled healthcare, ensuring they understand how AI impacts their health decisions, empowering them to make informed choices about their care.
- Moderator: Yu ZHAO, World Health Organisation*
- ▶ Dafna FEINHOLZ, AI for Research, Ethics and Inclusion, UNESCO
 - ▶ Tarja HEPONIEMI, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
 - ▶ Yifan ZHOU, Digital Transformation for Health Lab (DTH-Lab), Canada
 - ▶ Elena PETELOS, European Public Health Association
- Discussion
- 16:30-16:50** Coffee break

- 16:50-17:50** **PATHWAYS TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND COMBAT DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTH**
The session will explore strategies and examples for fostering cross-sector coalitions of stakeholders and developing initiatives to enhance inclusion, reduce discrimination, and advance equity in healthcare and society.
- Moderator: Vincenzo DE ANGELIS, National Blood Center, Italy*
- ▶ Emma COLOMBATTI, CBMIItalia, Italy
 - ▶ Pamela Malvina NOUTCHO SAWA, Maggiore hospital in Bologna, Italy
 - ▶ Giampiero GRIFFO, World Council of Disabled People' International
 - ▶ Jasmina CUNMULAJ, European Public Health Alliance
- Discussion
- 17:50-18:00** **AFTERNOON SUMMARY**
- ▶ Assunta MORRESI, Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO)
- 18:00** Close