



PROGRAMME

# ETHICS MATTERS IN OUTBREAKS

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Wednesday, 16 May, 17:30-19:00  
Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la paix

In health emergencies, time and resources are often limited and quick decisions are needed to respond to the rapidly unfolding and changing course of events. This can lead to ethical dilemmas as experienced in the outbreaks of Zika and Ebola.

How can different stakeholders incorporate ethics during the public health response to infectious disease outbreaks? How can these actors prepare for the ethical questions and dilemmas they may face?

This panel discussion will explore the various dimensions of an outbreak response, how ethics can provide the moral compass for making decisions under pressure, and how recent large-scale outbreaks changed the face of how organisations work with affected communities in the field.

## WELCOME

Michaela **Told**, Deputy Director, Global Health Centre,  
the Graduate Institute

## OPENING REMARKS

Abha **Saxena**, Coordinator, Global Health Ethics,  
World Health Organization

## INTRODUCTION TO THE WHO'S ETHICS PLATFORM

Jaimie **Guerra**, Communications Officer, World Health  
Organization

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Samia **Hurst**, Professor of Bioethics, University of Geneva

Anais **Legand**, Technical Officer, High Threat Pathogens,  
World Health Organization

Esperanza **Martinez**, Head of Health, International  
Committee of the Red Cross

Abha **Saxena**, Coordinator, Global Health Ethics,  
World Health Organization

Micaela **Serafini**, Medical Director, Médecins Sans  
Frontières

Moderator:

Michaela **Told**, Deputy Director, Global Health Centre,  
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The WHO Ethics Platform provides the principles governing decision-making during infectious disease outbreaks, how to employ them, and how ethics can be integrated in all aspects of the outbreak response. It contains several ethics resources which can be used in the day-to-day work, whether one is public health official responsible for managing the next infectious disease outbreak in a country or district, or a frontline worker responsible for contact tracing. Read more <https://extranet.who.int/ethics/>

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