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**Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors**

**International Hospital Federation | IHF**

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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

The International Hospital Federation (IHF) is the successor to the International Hospital Association, established in 1929. It is an international NGO supported by members from over 100 countries, including national hospital associations, government health ministries and other health institutions. IHF provides its members a platform for exchanging knowledge and strategic experience, as well as opportunities for international collaboration with different actors in the health sector. IHF supports organisations in the promotion and delivery of healthcare and the creation of new national hospital associations, promotes interaction among different health system actors and the sharing of knowledge and experiences, disseminates evidence-based information and helps hospital decision-makers define strategies.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Promotion and delivery of healthcare
- Knowledge sharing, research, training and education of healthcare professionals
- Healthcare advocacy

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

IHF engages in activities with special interest groups such as university hospitals, organises professional networks for senior healthcare executives to enhance knowledge sharing, and organises training and education for healthcare professionals. The organisation collaborates with various UN organisations, the World Bank and the OECD, along with NGOs and other actors to promote policies and best practices. It aims to increase patient safety, promotes healthy workforce, and seeks to equip hospitals with the knowledge and skills to make strategic decisions in order to improve the safety and care of patients.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The General Assembly is the formal decision making body of the IHF and meets annually. The Governing Council is composed of 25 elected members, while the executive committee is overseeing the daily operations. The president of IHF is Dr. Francisco R. Balestrin. The Secretariat is based in Geneva and is made up of four permanent staff, including the CEO Eric de Roodenbeke, as well as six consultants.

**FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

The IHF mainly finances itself through membership fees, retributions for services and activities, grants and donations.

## PUBLICATIONS

Find all IHF publications at: <http://bit.ly/2bf1GF8>

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