

Follow the Global Leaders Network for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health on the margins of the 81st United Nations General Assembly.

This year's GLN programme brings together Heads of State and Government, Ministers, development finance institutions, global health partners and other stakeholders who share a common goal, protecting and accelerating progress for women, children and adolescents. Across the week, the conversation moves from technical financing sessions to a Head of State dialogue on austerity and political commitment, closing with a continental push on the Three Zeros agenda. Follow the full programme below.

21 September | PMNCH Annual Accountability Breakfast | 08:00 – 10:00 ET | Harvard Club, New York

GLN will join PMNCH for its 14th Annual Accountability Breakfast, bringing together governments, parliamentarians, civil society, young people and regional bodies under the theme "From Pledges to Progress: Accountability for Financing to Improve Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and Well-being." Discussions will focus on strengthening accountability for financing women's, children's and adolescents' health as pressure on global health financing continues to grow.



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21 September | Financial Diplomacy Series High-Level Ministerial Working Session| 11:00 – 13:00 ET | Harvard Club, New York

The third edition of the Financial Diplomacy Series will take place at the UN General Assembly, following engagements at the World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings and the World Health Assembly earlier this year. Co-convened by GLN, PMNCH, and CGHD/WHEN, the series connects governments with financing institutions, blended finance specialists and women's health technical experts to create tailored financing and implementation pathways for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health. The UNGA session will support countries to move from priority-setting towards financed and executable plans.

**22 September | GLN Heads of State and Government Session | 15:00 – 16:30 ET | UN HQ
Conference Room 4, New York and virtual**

GLN, together with PMNCH, will convene a high-level dialogue on financing women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH) on the sidelines of UNGA81. Bringing together Heads of State and Government, global health leaders, financing institutions, multilateral partners and civil society, the session will examine how countries can protect and sustain investments in WCAH amid the sharp contraction in global health financing. Leaders will share country-led financing solutions and commitments, from domestic resource mobilisation to innovative approaches such as debt-for-health swaps and blended finance, while calling for stronger global solidarity behind national priorities.



The banner features a row of 12 national flags at the top: Denmark, Portugal, Kenya, United States, Romania, Nigeria, Italy, Ghana, Liberia, South Sudan, Spain, and Jamaica. Below the flags, the text reads: 'Global Leaders Network High-Level Side Event at UNGA81', 'Financing for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in a Time of Austerity'. The date and time are '22 September 2026' and '15:00 – 16:30 ET'. The location is 'Online and In-Person' at 'United Nations Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 4', with a note 'Webcast on UN TV'. A QR code is present with the text 'Scan to Register'. At the bottom, there are logos for the 'GLOBAL LEADERS NETWORK' (with the tagline 'We support the Sustainable Development Goals') and 'PMNCH' (with the tagline 'Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health' and 'Hosted by the World Health Organisation').

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23 September | High-Level Ministerial Convening on Women's Gynecological Health in Africa | 07:30 – 09:00 ET | Jay Suites Midtown East, New York

Convened by Pathfinder International alongside GLN and PMNCH, this ministerial breakfast brings together Ministers of Health and Finance to elevate a chronically overlooked area of the women's health agenda. Female genital schistosomiasis, heavy menstrual bleeding and obstetric fistula serve as concrete entry points for integrating gynecological and reproductive health into UHC reform and the wider financing architecture. The meeting aims to secure a joint ministerial statement and identify financing pathways to move the agenda from political commitment to country-led implementation.

23 September | Africa CDC High-Level Heads of State and Government Side Event | 09:00 – 10:00 ET | African Union Office, New York

GLN is proud to support H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of Tanzania and African Union Champion for Maternal and Child Health, as she hosts a dialogue on strengthening political commitment and accelerating action towards the Three Zeros: zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths, zero unsafe deliveries and referrals without skilled care, and zero unvaccinated children, putting the voices and needs of mothers and children at the heart of decisions that shape their future.