

# Agenda

## DAY 1 - Friday

10 April 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

08:30 - 10:00 Session 1: Antimicrobial Resistance

**HALL A**

Chair: Ahmad Subhi

08:30 - 08:50 Two-year outcomes of the GCC Expert Hub in IPC and AMR

Majid Al Shamrani

08:50 - 09:10 TBC

TBC

09:10 - 09:30 AMR in One Health partnerships

Jomana F. Musmar

09:30 - 09:50 Antimicrobial Resistance in the GCC: Regional Trends, Clinical Impact, and Stewardship Responses: How the GCC Is Shaping a Regional Model

Jameela Alsalmam

09:50 - 10:00 Panel Discussion



Opening Ceremony

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

**HALL A - Infection Control**

10:45 - 12:15 Session 2: Infection Prevention and Control

**HALL B - Antimicrobial Stewardship**

Chairs: Joseph Tannous & Huda Al Hosani

10:45 - 11:05 Routine Use of Next Generation Sequencing for Multidrug-resistant Organisms in Infection Prevention and Control

Andreas Voss

Chairs: Daud Salem Jawhar & Ayman Chikhis

10:45 - 11:05 Antifungal Resistant Fungi in a One-Health Context: Global Challenges and Perspectives

Rajeev Soman

11:05 - 11:25 Infection control for Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriales: facts and controversies

Souha S. Kanj

11:05 - 11:25 TBC

Jehad Abdalla

11:25 - 11:45 Leadership in IPC: Safety Culture and Human Factors

Majid Al Shamrani

11:25 - 11:45 De-escalation of antibiotics: When, How and Why it fails?

Ahmad Subhi

11:45 - 12:05 How animal wisdom can inform human practices in infection prevention

Elias Tannous

11:45 - 12:05 TBC

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12:05 - 12:15 Panel Discussion

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12:15 - 12:45 Industry Symposium 1

12:15 - 12:45 Industry Symposium 2

12:45 - 14:00 Friday Prayer & Lunch Break

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14:00 - 15:30 Session 3: Infection Prevention and Control

14:30 - 16:00 Session 5: Antimicrobial Stewardship

Chair: Fatima Saeed AL Memari

14:00 - 14:20 Prevention of Surgical Site Infections: Challenging current WHO guidelines

Andreas Widmer

Chair: Fatima Saeed AL Memari

14:30 - 14:50 Infectious Diseases in a Warming World: New Pathogens, New Patterns, New Risks

Jameela Alsalmam

14:20 - 14:40 If it works, why aren't we doing it? The psychology and politics of IPC implementation

Souha S. Kanj

14:50 - 15:10 Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence: A Journey Toward Best-in-Class Stewardship

Rania El Lababidi

14:40 - 15:00 Fungal versus bacterial outbreaks: are they really different?

Martin Kiernan

15:10 - 15:30 TBC

TBC

15:00 - 15:20 TBC

Joseph Tannous

15:30 - 15:50 TBC

TBC

15:20 - 15:30 Panel Discussion

15:50 - 16:00 Panel Discussion

End of Day 1



# Agenda

## DAY 2 - Saturday

11 April 2026

08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 10:00	Session 6: Antimicrobial Resistance	
	Chairs: Nehad Shirawi & Adnan AlAtoom	
08:30 - 08:50	Bacterial Resistance...the undeclared pandemic	Ashraf ElHoufi / WHO Speaker
08:50 - 09:10	TBC	Rajeev Soman
09:10 - 09:30	Impact of Handhygiene and Environmental cleaning on the emergence of antimicrobial resistance	Andreas Widmer
09:30 - 09:50	Vaccines as a Weapon Against Antibiotic/Antimicrobial Resistance	Jomana F. Musmar
09:50 - 10:00	Panel Discussion	
10:00 - 10:30	Industry Symposium 3	
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45- 12:30	Session 7: Antimicrobial Stewardship	
	Chair: Ahmed Al Hammadi	
10:45 - 11:05	Diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship in the clinical Microbiology laboratory	Adnan AlAtoom
11:05 - 11:25	TBC	Layla Al-Dabal
11:25 - 11:55	TBC	Ahmed Al Hammadi
11:55 - 12:15	TBC	TBC
12:15 - 12:30	Panel Discussion	
12:30 - 13:00	Industry Symposium 4	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 16:00	Session 8: Infection Prevention and Control	
	Chair: TBC	
14:00 - 14:20	TBC	Abeer Rajeh Khalil
14:20 - 14:40	Chlorine vs. 'modern' disinfectants	Martin Kiernan
14:40 - 15:00	The End of IPC	Andreas Voss
15:00 - 15:05	Q&A	
15:05 - 16:00	Oral Presentations	
16:00 - 16:30	Closing Ceremony	
	End of Day 2	

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## Workshops

DAY 2 - Saturday

11 April 2026

### Workshop

10:45 - 12:45

Water Infection Control Risk Assessment (WICRA) Workshop

Ajish Thankachan

### Workshop

08:30 -10:30

WHONET Workshop

Pramod Chhabrani