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Preparing for the Network Meeting Global Health Café: Orientation and Tips for Showcasing Foundations with

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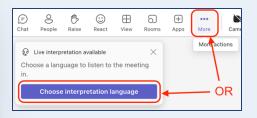
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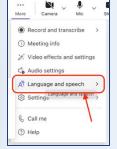
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Introduction to the Global Health Café

<u>Purpose:</u> The Global Health Café is designed to create **meaningful networking opportunities** during the conference. It provides country teams with engaging ways to showcase their work

Format: Attendees rotate through interactive small-group conversations.

Goal: To spark dialogue, cross-learning, and stronger collaborative ties.

Purpose of the Café



What to Avoid

Static country Foundation presentations, One-way communication

- •Reading from a script or poster without engaging the audience.
- •Giving a lecture-style explanation with no questions or dialogue.
- Lack of movement, interactivity, or storytelling



What to Embrace

Global Health Café Approach

- Create visual, interactive environments that draw people in.
- Build real connections, exchange experiences, and identify collaboration opportunities.
- Foster problem-solving and mutual aid, not just highlight successes.

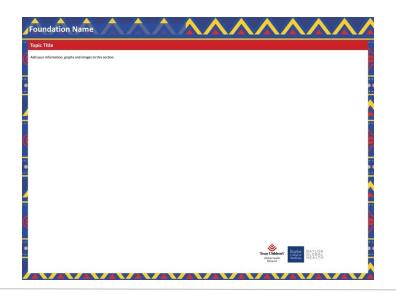
Event Format

- Date/Time: November 4, 2025 · 18:00–20:00
- Buffet dinner setting to encourage informal conversation.
- Participants rotate in groups of ~10 every 15 minutes, maximizing exposure.
- Each rotation is guided by discussion prompts on innovation, challenges, and partnerships.

Country Booth Setup

- Each country team has a booth made of 4 poster display boards (|_ _|).
- Seating can be flexible: one large circle, or smaller clusters by topic.

 Booths can reflect foundation culture and identity with decorations, symbols, and local imagery.





Creating a Booth Atmosphere

Cultural identity

Colors, artwork, fabrics, symbols, artifacts

Health Focus

- Display health priorities
- Signature programs
- Infographics or visuals showing program impact

Story Telling

- Unique successes and challenges
- Staff and Community Voices
- Video, Quotes, Photos

Engaging Setup

- Seating arrangement that encourages dialogue
- Comment boards or sticky notes
- Interactive tools

Items beyond posters (e.g., props, handouts, interactive tools) are optional, but recommended to inspire creativity and engagement

Interactive Elements for Impact

- Use videos or short simulations to showcase impact (You will need to bring a laptop).
- Hands-on tools or demonstrations spark curiosity.
- Storytelling corners where staff share real-life experiences.
- Sticky notes or comment boards where visitors can leave ideas and contact info.

Poster Content Suggestions

Each poster should communicate:

- Health priorities and current challenges.
- Featured programs and results.
- Collaborative opportunities for cross-country learning.
- Photos, facts, and highlights that make your foundation memorable.
- Consistency is supported through the Global Health Café Poster Template.

Scan for the Global Health Café Poster Template



Engagement & Facilitation

Rotating Conversations

- Attendees rotate every 15 minutes, ensuring equal visibility for each booth.
- Rotations encourage cross-pollination of ideas and broad engagement.
- Facilitators should use guiding questions to deepen discussions and draw lessons applicable across contexts.

Engagement & Facilitation

Role of Facilitators

- Each foundation designates one representative to lead.
- Facilitators ensure conversations are focused, inclusive, and recorded.
- Key insights gathered will feed into post-event reflections and strengthen network-wide knowledge-sharing.

Conversation Prompts

Sample prompts to use:

- "Here's an innovative solution we've used when resources were limited"
- "We're exploring new collaboration opportunities—here's what we're looking for"
- "Here are lessons we've learned from local successes that others might adapt."
- "We're facing a challenge and welcome ideas from others who've tackled similar issues."

These ensure conversations are solution-focused and aligned with the conference theme.

Poster Template Guidance

- Standardized poster size: 122x91 cm (provided template).
- Suggested topic titles for posters:
 - Health priorities
 - Featured programs
 - Unique successes and challenges
 - Opportunities for collaboration
- Include space for photos and "future collaboration opportunities."
- Consistent branding across all booths promotes professionalism.
- Include Contact & Follow-Up Info

What to Bring

- Handouts with contact info, services, or research.
- Cultural/program artifacts to personalize your booth.
- Visual displays like banners or brochures.
- Sticky notes and pens for participant feedback.
- Locally printed posters following the template.

Professional Booth Presentation

Suggested Guidance Informed by External References

- Flyers, brochures, and/or branded giveaways help extend your presence.
- Keep design clean and easy to scan in 3–5 seconds.
- Ensure the booth reflects your foundation's identity while aligning with the NWM 2025 theme.
- Consider culturally relevant tokens that connect to your foundation's story.
- Provide interactive takeaways, such as a handout or QR codes linking to resources.

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Engaging Attendees

- Booth staff should be approachable and proactive.
- Avoid waiting passively; invite people into the space.
- Ask engaging questions: "What health challenge resonates most with you?"
- Engagement is about listening as much as sharing.

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Creating Movement & Curiosity

- Booths should invite exploration through visuals, movement, and tactile displays.
- Use interactive setups to spark curiosity, e.g., demonstration stations.
- A dynamic environment naturally promotes participation and dialogue.

Strengthening Brand Recognition

- Consistently display your foundation's name, logo, and mission.
- Leverage event branding: use NWM 2025 logos in materials.
- Include social media handles
- Visibility on booth, posters, and handouts boosts recognition long after the event.

Anonymous. 15 marketing benefits to event booth sponsorships. [Report]. 2020. 18 p.

Storytelling & Balance

- Don't just highlight achievements, also share challenges faced.
- Authentic stories resonate more deeply with peers.
- Storytelling humanizes your booth, builds empathy, and invites collaboration.

Pre-Event Preparation

Pre-Show Planning

- Define your primary goals: dialogue, visibility, collaboration opportunities.
- Avoid trying to do too much. Focus on 1–2 key takeaways per visitor.
- Prepare booth literature, visuals, and key staff in advance.

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Pre-Event Preparation

Staff Preparation

- All booth staff should know:
 - Foundation goals and key programs.
 - The Café's purpose and flow.
 - How to capture visitor insights (notes, contact info).
- A pre-event team briefing ensures consistency and confidence.

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If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

African Proverb



