REPRESENTATIVE GUIDE
NGO/INDUSTRY

AMWHO

2026 AMWHO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Global Child and Adolescent Health: Protecting the Next Generation in a Time of Crisis

Introduction

NGO representatives serve as spokespersons of non-governmental organizations and industry representatives serve as spokespersons of private companies who play vital roles in the global health arena. Each NGO and industry representative will embody the interests of their organization and work to incorporate the NGO's or industry's ideals into committee resolutions. During committee sessions, NGO and industry representatives will have the opportunity to speak as non-voting delegates and offer their organizations' thoughts on working papers. NGO representatives will be allowed to give out seals of approval to various resolutions and will offer specific resources to resolutions as well, which will add weight to plenary decisions. These resources include volunteers, researchers, doctors, skill guidance, and monetary aid. Industry representatives will have a set amount of money which they can give to committees that create working papers that the industry representatives believe uphold their ideals. Working papers must receive seals of approval from **3 out of 5** of the NGOs represented and receive a certain amount of money from industry representatives to become draft resolutions and move on to plenary. Overall, NGO and industry representatives will be challenged to engage with delegates to ensure your organization's ideologies are represented in resolutions. Through this experience, first hand experience in the world of health policy, humanitarian aid, and the role of private industry in global health will be gained.

DELIVERABLES

Each NGO and industry representative will be expected to submit a position paper on their assigned company or NGO's work pertaining to Global Child & Adolescent Health that will be due **April 10th, 2026 by 11:59 PM** in the Delegate Hub. During the first committee session of the conference, you will use this position paper to complete a brief powerpoint presentation on your organization's stance to deliver to delegates.

The purpose of this task is for representatives to become comfortable with the ideals of your NGO or company in order for you to best represent them during the conference. You will present your finished product to your fellow NGO and industry representatives, allowing all to have common ground on the work each of your organizations will be working towards during the conference. Presentations will also be available for delegates to access during the conference, so a general understanding of the NGOs and companies represented at the conference can be gained even if the company or NGO's specific representative is not in the room. The presentation should include the following information about your organization: the mission, a brief history, the areas they work in, and any relevant work they are doing to rectify prejudice and oppression undermining global health. Once you have completed the presentation, the preferable mode being through Google Slides, please email sharing access to **annamzheng@gmail.com**.

TIPS FOR PRESENTATION DURING THE CONFERENCE

Where should I go to find information? The best source is the organization's official website. Using this source will allow you to gain information from the perspective of the organization, rather than the general public. Other academic sources can be used to gain depth on the work your organization has done as well.

How much information should I include on each slide? Keep the slides simple and simple, too much text is never a good thing. Once you feel like you have completed communicating what you want to say, that's a good place to stop. You will only have a few minutes to present, so be concise.

What information should I add and what should I keep out? Only include information that is relevant to understanding your organization and how it can relate to the conference's theme of Global Child & Adolescent Health.

Click here for an example of what your presentation should look like.

Participating Non-Governmental Organizations

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

The largest private charitable organization in the world, the Foundation works to support scientific research, global health, and local philanthropic efforts. Relating to the conference theme, the Foundation has extensive efforts relating to family planning; maternal, newborn, child nutrition and health; and primary health care. The Foundation's family planning efforts span countries in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, working with local partners to increase access to family planning services and contraceptive products. Its program for maternal, newborn, and child nutrition and health invests in innovations that decrease childbirth risk and mortality, and collaborates with governments to implement interventions that increase access to midwives and skilled health workers. Its work for primary health care functions similarly by investing in local organizations and partnering with governments.

WAR CHILD INTERNATIONAL

War Child is an international NGO that aims to protect and support children affected by conflict in 15 countries, primarily in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa. It provides mental health support, education and child protection, reaching more than 250,000 people affected by conflict in 2024.

Participating Non-Governmental Organizations

War Child's efforts in Gaza in 2024 demonstrate its strategy and impact. To address a population of over 1.9 million people displaced by violence, War Child provided support by delivering basic needs resources to over 120,000 people and providing psychosocial support to more than 58,000 children. Furthermore, they also launched a "micro-learning" channel through Telegram to strengthen community health worker capacity, by teaching them about psychosocial first aid, self-care, and protection skills.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

With its first national organization founded in 1919, Save The Children International is a global NGO that focuses on improving the lives of children worldwide. Organizations have been established in 30 nations, and their efforts have directly supported 41.2 million children in 93 countries worldwide. Save The Children strives for its goals through advocacy, funding, and humanitarian action. Some actions it has implemented in the past are building temporary maternity units in Gaza, delivering cash and livestock feed to remote Mongolia and drugs and blood to remote health clinics in Rwanda, and training community health workers in Sierra Leone to advocate against child marriage. For 2025-2027, its key targets are the root causes of child rights violations that it has identified: Conflict, Climate Crisis, Inequality, and Gender Injustice.

Participating Non-Governmental Organizations

GIRLEFFECT

GirlEffect is an organization that provides resources and advocates to empower girls and women in Africa and Asia. Its work focuses on improving adolescent health, supporting education, and creating opportunities for girls. It implements these goals by working with governments to implement systemic change, creating networks of youth champions, and utilizing digital creators and their content. Reaching more than 108 million people, it has several key projects. In partnership with the Ministry of Health in Tanzania, GirlEffect helped support a 32% increase in HPV vaccine uptake in Malawi. Via a chatbot, they have increased access to sexual health services in Kenya and India.

Participating Industries

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

The Johnson & Johnson Foundation, a charitable organization established by the eponymous company, supports community-led initiatives that empower health workers, particularly nurses and community health workers, and increase access to basic health services. Through its impact investment fund, Impact Ventures, the Foundation funds community-based innovations; an example investment in Viebeg Medical has strengthened supply chains for medical equipment in Africa. The Foundation also partners with governments to further its mission; for example, its partnership with the Ministry of Health in Kenya worked to integrate community health workers into its health system, increasing access to care for remote settlements. In 2010, it implemented a program called “Every Mother, Every Child” aiming to increase life expectancy and quality of life for women and children in the developing world, particularly Bangladesh, China, India, Mexico, Nigeria, and South Africa. It works towards this goal by building a technological notice system for appointment reminders, donating treatment for intestinal worms in children, and investing in peer education programs.

Participating Industries

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION (GAIN)

Launched at the UN in 2002, GAIN works to improve food systems to deliver healthier and more affordable food. Its efforts, particularly its work in large-scale food fortification to produce foods that have more vitamins and minerals, have reached 1.2 billion people globally. The most impactful aspect of GAIN's work is, as previously mentioned, in food fortification, beginning in 2009 when it launched the GAIN Premix Facility. Its work has expanded to increase access to these fortified foods; for example, in 2010, GAIN initiated a program to create a Marketplace for Nutritious Foods in Kenya, Mozambique, and Tanzania, investing in local enterprises to store, process, and distribute food.

PFIZER

A charitable organization founded by pharmaceutical company Pfizer, the Pfizer Foundation uses a community-centered approach to address global health challenges. One of its programs to implement changes is the Global Health Innovation Grants Program, which provides funding to community-based organizations to scale their innovations within their area of impact. For instance, Pfizer Foundation's supports an organization expanding COVID-19 vaccine access in Nigeria through a drone delivery system, addressing the largest population of zero-dose children in Africa.

Participating Industries

GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE

A partnership primarily between UNICEF, the Gates Foundation, the WHO, and the World Bank, Gavi helps to share the cost that countries pay for vaccines, allowing for increased vaccine delivery. Having vaccinated more than 1.2 billion children between 2000 and 2024, its work helps introduce vaccines, strengthen health systems, and promote equitable and sustainable immunization. Its vaccine efforts target 21 infectious diseases, including HPV, malaria, and measles. Its impact reaches countries primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and South/Southeast Asia, helping introduce and fund vaccines to these countries.

We hope this information provides you with greater understanding of your role as an NGO/Industry representative in the 2026 AMWHO International Conference. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Anna Zheng at amzheng@unc.edu.