ONE HEALTH FORUM

Operationalizing One Health: From Science to Practice

Wednesday, November 18, 2026; 10:30am to 5:00pm PCT

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The UBC Centre for Disease Control, in partnership with the BC Centre for Disease Control and Pacific Public Health Foundation, is hosting the 2026 One Health Forum to bring together environmental, animal, and human health practitioners, researchers, policymakers, Indigenous leaders, and community partners to advance coordinated, inclusive, and internationally connected One Health approaches to health preparedness.

10:30 AM **Welcome, opening remarks**

Dr. Naveed Janjua, *Director, UBC Centre for Disease Control*

Welcome from Musqueam

Dr. Federica Di Palma, *Chief Health Genomics Officer and Vice President of Research, Laboratory Services and BCCDC, Provincial Health Services Authority*

11:05 AM **Andes hantavirus outbreak response in Canada: Local to global perspective implications for human health, preparedness, and One Health practice**

Canada's Response to the Hantavirus Andes Event: Federal Reflections
Dr. Kerry Robinson, *Director General, Centre for Foodborne, Environmental & Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Public Health Agency of Canada*

Provincial Response to Hantavirus Andes
Dr. Bonnie Henry, *Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, British Columbia*

Caring for People Exposed to Hantavirus Andes: The Island Health Experience
Dr. Réka Gustafson, *Vice President, Population & Public Health. Addiction Medicine & Substance Use and Mental Health & Substance Use; Chief Medical Health Officer, Island Health*

11:50 AM **Nature as a Health Asset: Making the Case for Upstream Prevention (and Beyond)**

Julian Blanc, *Head of Biodiversity and Land, United Nations Environment Programme*

12:00 PM **Lunch**



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12:45 PM **The Role of Veterinary Services in Addressing One Health Challenges, and the Animal-Human-Environment Interface**

Dr. Maria Mesplet, *Regional One Health Coordinator, Regional Representation for the Americas, World Organization for Animal Health*

1:15 PM **One Health Beyond Zoonoses: A Wider Animal Health Perspective**

Dr. Dominique Charron, *Visiting Scholar in One Health, University of Guelph*

1:45 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **Reimagining One Health Through Indigenous Knowledges, Relationships and Responsibilities**

Dr. Brittany Bingham, *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia*

2:30 PM **Operationalizing One Health Through Community-Centred AI and Data Science**

Dr. Jude Kong, *Professor, Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Modelling Lab (AIMMLab), Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto*

3:00 PM **Break**

3:15 PM **Remarks from Pacific Public Health Foundation and Introduction of Panel**

Shellina Lakhdhir, *Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Public Health Foundation*

3:30 PM **Panel Discussion - Beyond the Buzzwords: Putting One Health / Nuts a Maht into Practice**

Dr. Maulik Baxi, *Medical Health Officer – Medical Director, Fraser Health Authority*

Dr. Theresa Burns, *Chief Veterinarian, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, British Columbia*

Dr. Lawrence Goodridge, *Canada Research Chair and Director, Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety, University of Guelph*

Dr. Beth Lipton, *State Public Health Veterinarian, Washington State Department of Health*

Trevor Smith, *Senior Program Manager, Biological & Chemical Security, CBRN Cross-Cutting Issues, Weapons Threat Reduction Program, Global Affairs Canada*

Dr. Shannon Waters, *Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Planetary & Water Health, Ministry of Health, British Columbia*

Moderator

Dr. Jennifer Vines, *Medical Director, Communicable Disease Prevention & Response, BC Centre for Disease Control*

4:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Naveed Janjua, *Director, UBC Centre for Disease Control*



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