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A regional platform to collaboratively address pressing healthcare challenges, exchange insights, and amplify patient voices.

Reflecting on the World Patients Alliance's Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, held in Dubai on November 4 and 5, 2023, the resonance of meaningful discussions and shared commitment lingers. The event served as a transformative two-day gathering, bringing together global leaders, patient advocates, and healthcare stakeholders from diverse corners of the world.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting provided a regional platform for the patient community to converge, share experiences, network and exchange vital information. Delegates from the vast expanse of Asia and Australia engaged in interactive sessions, fostering a collaborative environment that amplified their collective voice and worked towards positive change in healthcare.

In a nod to the evolving landscape of connectivity, the event embraced a hybrid format. Attendees seamlessly participated in person and/or virtually, breaking down geographical barriers and ensuring a diverse and inclusive experience. This approach aligned with WPA’s commitment to fostering collaboration beyond borders.
Event Snap-shot

The Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting transformed into a global nexus of shared insights, transcending physical limitations and embodying the true spirit of international collaboration in healthcare advocacy.

Venue
Holiday Inn
Dubai, UAE

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Countries across the world were represented by diverse participants

Hybrid Event
518 Participants
40 In-person Participants
478 Online Participants

For detailed Program please click [here](https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/wpa-asia-pacific-regional-meeting-2023/meeting-program/)
Our Distinguished Speakers

Andrew Spiegel Esq.
CHAIR WPA, USA

Penney Cowan
SECRETARY WPA, USA

Hussain Jafri
FOUNDING DIRECTOR WPA PAKISTAN

Kimberly Galia
ORACLE, USA

Nicole Sheahan
GLOBAL COLON CANCER ASSOCIATION, USA

Ken Taneda
KYUSHU UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, JAPAN

The event featured an impressive lineup of leaders from national and international patient advocacy and health organizations.
Our Distinguished Speakers

Mondher Letaief
REGIONAL ADVISOR WHO, EMRO

Chandace Henley
BLUE HAT FOUNDATION, USA

Christiane El-Ferzli
CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTER OF LEBANON

Shin Ushiro
KYUSHU UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL JAPAN

Jolanta Bilinska
PATIENT SAFETY FOUNDATION POLAND

Lamya Al-Hazani
SAUDI PATIENT SAFETY CENTER KSA

Regina Kamoga
CHAIN, UGANDA
The day kicked off with the WPA Members Council Meeting, setting the stage for collaboration and empowerment.

An integral part of this meeting was the Advisory Board Elections, where WPA members exercised their right to vote for candidates representing the six WHO regions. The successful candidates, elected by the members, reassured WPA’s commitment to amplifying the voices of patients for global patient safety and affordable, high-quality healthcare in their respective regions.
NEWLY ELECTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Inge Dhamanti
Indonesia
WPRO Region

Mecciya Majrashi
Saudi Arabia
EMRO Region

Evangelina V. Curiel
Mexico
PAHO Region

Janek Kapper
Estonia
EURO Region (2 Years)

Vildana Mujkic
Bosnia and Herzegovina
EURO Region (1 year)

Moe Aung
Kyaw Naing
Myanmar
SEARO Region

Ibrahima Modougou Moubarak
Niger
AFRO Region

Welcoming New Advisory Board Members

We’re thrilled to announce the elected members of our Advisory Board!

For detailed information on newly elected Advisory Board Members, please click here
Link: https://www.worldpatientsalliance.org/advisory-board/
PICTURE GALLERY
Panel Discussions

The informative sessions seamlessly transitioned into engaging panel discussions, featuring luminaries in patient safety and healthcare expertise.

Anas Noufal (Axios, UAE), Ken Taneda (NIPH, Japan), Edmund Lau (The Psoriasis Association of Singapore), Areej Saqr (Dhaman - Health Assurance Hospitals Company, Kuwait), J S Arora (National Thalassemia Welfare Society, India), Mecciya Majrashi (President, Saudi Patient Experience Club, KSA), Inge Dhamanti (Center of Excellence for Patient Safety & Quality, Indonesia), and Regina Kamoga (Community Health and Information Network, Uganda) shared their experiences, adding a real-world perspective to the discourse.
After the panel discussions, the day concluded with Group Discussions led by Hussain Jafri and Regina Kamoga on Healthcare Issues in the Region and the Asia-Pacific Regional Plan. This session provided a collaborative space for attendees to contribute their insights and ideas, shaping the way forward for healthcare in the Asia-Pacific region.
Looking Ahead

The Asia-Pacific Regional meeting provided a fertile ground for forging connections, sharing best practices, and exploring solutions that resonate globally. The impact extends far beyond the two days. The global community returns to their respective regions better equipped and more inspired to advocate for patients. WPA continues to be a beacon of hope and collaboration in patient advocacy, shaping the future of healthcare on a global scale.
POST EVENT SURVEY

How did you attend Regional Meeting?
- Online: 92%
- In-person: 8%

How useful was the Regional Meeting for you?
- Extremely useful: 60%
- Average: 38%
- Not useful: 2%

How would you rate the Meeting Sessions?
- Excellent: 52%
- Very Good: 28%
- Good: 12%
- Average: 3%
- Poor: 3%

How did you hear about the Regional Meeting?
- Email: 70%
- Website: 58%
- Facebook: 50%
- LinkedIn: 36%
- Twitter: 28%
- Other: 16%

How likely do you find yourself to attend WPA future events?
- Definitely Attend: 20%
- Most likely to Attend: 40%
- Less likely to Attend: 40%

How useful did you find the virtual platform provided to attend the meeting?
- Excellent: 52%
- Good: 36%
- Average: 9%
- Other: 3%

Would you recommend WPA Asia Pacific Regional Meeting to others?
- Yes: 100%
- No: 0%
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Our press release distribution included AP News and Nexstar Media Group, accessing their combined 170 million monthly active users in addition to distribution to major news sites, major newswires, targeted journalists and editorial rooms, Bloomberg Terminals, MuckRack, Google News, Google Search, Bing & other major search engines and a social media push.

Press Release

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Read Full Press Release here.
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Thank You for Making it Possible!

WPA extends heartfelt gratitude to sponsors Pfizer and Sanofi at the Silver level and IFPMA at the Patron level for making this impactful event possible.
Stay Informed!

For post-event details, resources, and updates, visit the official World Patients Alliance website.

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