

# **A call to action: the second *Lancet* Commission on adolescent health and wellbeing**

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<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Distinguished speakers</b>
Welcome and opening remarks (15 minutes)	<p><i>Event moderators:</i> <b>Femi Oke and Dr Prerna Banati, Lancet Commissioner</b></p> <p>Speakers:  <b>Dr Richard Horton, Editor in Chief of The Lancet</b></p> <p><b>Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization</b></p> <p><b>Ms Andrea Studer, CEO of Fondation Botnar</b></p>
Video presentation (4 minutes)	A call to action: the second Lancet Commission on adolescent health and wellbeing
Lightening TED talk: Presentation of Commission Findings (12 minutes)	<p><b>Dr Sarah Baird, Lancet Commission Co-Chair, George Washington University</b></p> <p><b>Dr Shakira Choonara, Lancet Youth Commissioner</b></p>
Video presentation (3 minutes)	<b>Dr Felipe Paullier, UN ASG Youth Affairs, UN Secretary General's Office</b>
Round table Youth segment: Meaningful engagement (20 minutes)	<p><i>Special Moderator:</i> <b>Dr. David Imbago, Lancet Youth Commissioner, CIFF</b></p> <p>Speakers:  <b>Ms Luo Li, Lancet Youth Commissioner</b></p> <p><b>Ms Nikita Godke, Youth Advocate</b></p> <p><b>Ms Surabhi Dogra, Lancet Youth Commissioner</b></p> <p><b>Ms Tina Mensa Kwao, Lancet Youth Commissioner</b></p>

High Level panel: Priority actions for Adolescent Health and wellbeing (20 minutes)	<p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>HE Dr Austin Demby, Minister of Health Sierra Leone</b></p> <p><b>Dr Mebratu Massebo Cherinet, Ministry of Health Chief of Staff Ethiopia</b></p> <p><b>Dr Olivia Wigzell Director General of The Public Health Agency of Sweden</b></p> <p><b>Rt Honourable Helen Clark, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and PMNCH Board Chair</b></p>
Video presentation (4 minutes)	Gender And Adolescence: Global Evidence – Participatory Research in Lebanon
Invited reactions and interventions (15 mins)	<p><b>Dr. Yasmin Haque, UNICEF Director of Health</b></p> <p><b>Ms Jen Kidwell-Drake, Director and Women’s Health lead at Gates Ventures – Exemplars for Global Health</b></p> <p><b>Ms Marionka Pohl, Save the Children Global Head of Health Policy and Advocacy</b></p> <p><b>Dr. MariCarmen Calle, Executive Secretary, ORAS-CONHU and IAAH President-elect</b></p> <p><b>Dr Flavia Bustreo, Lancet Commission Chair on Gender Based violence and Maltreatment of young people</b></p>
Closing and thanks (5 minutes)	<p><b>Dr Bruce Aylward, WHO Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Life Course.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Sabine Kleinert, Deputy Editor, The Lancet</b></p>

***Refreshments will follow the event***