

23 - 27 October 2023: HOS Leadership Delegation @ IHF World Hospital Congress Lisbon 2023



The HOS Leadership Delegation and Dr Muna Tahlak, President, IHF.

In October 2023, the HOS Leadership Delegation took part in a business trip to Lisbon to attend best practice visits and the 46th IHF World Hospital Congress (WHC) organised by the International Hospital Federation (IHF).

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About the World Hospital Congress (WHC): The 46th IHF WHC was co-hosted by the IHF and a consortium of Portuguese healthcare organisations on 25 - 27 October 2023 at the Lisbon Congress Centre in Portugal with pre-congress activities on the 23rd and 24th. Its themes include digital innovation, leadership, sustainability and workforce wellbeing.



Picture taken outside ACSS with the host (Vanessa Riberio, Head of Planning and Innovation, ACSS) and team.

HOS Leadership Visit @ Admission of the Health System (ACSS)

The session at the ACSS provided an overview of the Portuguese Health System and focused on the following topics - Mental Health Policy, Population Health and Integrated Care Strategies, as well as its Environmental Sustainability Strategies.



About the Administration of the Health System (ACSS): The ACSS falls under the indirect administration of the Serviço Nacional de Saúde (National Health Service), and is the central management of financial, human, equipment, and facility resources.



Engaging discussion between the HOS Leadership Delegation and Sonia Roschnik, Executive Director, GSC and Ryan Crowder, Programme Lead, Strategic Initiatives, GSC.

HOS Leadership Engagement with the Geneva Sustainability Centre (GSC)

During the 46th World Hospital Congress, the Geneva Sustainability Centre (GSC) officially launched the Sustainability Accelerator Tool (SAT) which aids in assessing and tracking hospital sustainable related indicators and the Carbon Emissions Learning Lab Tool (CELL) which gets one kickstarted into action through a simulation. At the sides of the congress, the delegation had a fruitful discussion with Sonia Roschnik (Executive Director, GSC) and Ryan Crowder (Programme Lead, Strategic Initiatives, GSC) on the tools.



Established in 2022, the GSC supports hospitals and healthcare services to address the environmental sustainability challenges of today and tomorrow. GSC supports IHF members by raising awareness, promoting action and doing capacity building. This includes a learning programme for hospital executives and implementation teams (masterclasses and study tours), the Carbon Emissions Learning Lab (CELL), Sustainability at the IHF World Hospital Congress, the GSC Sustainability Accelerator Tool (SAT), as well as Strategic alliances and partnerships.



The HOS Leadership Delegation and Dr Muna Tahlak, President, IHF, in conversation.

HOS Leadership Engagement with the IHF President

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