



CanWaCH
Canadian Partnership for
Women and Children's Health



Healthy World Conference:

Dialogues on Health, Gender & Climate Resilience

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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About this guide

Welcome to the official participant guide for the Healthy World Conference! This guide has been thoughtfully compiled to provide participants with all the essential details and information needed to make the most out of their conference experience. From the conference schedule, session details and information about the venue, to transportation options and local attractions, this guide is your resource for everything related to the event. CanWaCH is excited to have all participants join us, and we hope this guide enhances the conference experience!

Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among many First Nations. We honour the land as a site of Indigenous history, and we recognize the enduring presence of the Kanien'kehá:ka people on this land. We acknowledge the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, the Anishinaabeg, and the Abenaki peoples, on whose traditional territories we are gathered today. We pay respects to all Indigenous people in Montréal, past, present and future, and are grateful for their ongoing and vibrant contributions to this land.



Message from CanWaCH

When the CanWaCH team began planning the Healthy World Conference, we knew we had to answer one question above all: Why? Why this topic? Why this format? Why bring people together at all? The answers boil down to a combination of urgency and opportunity.

These conversations are urgent because the situation is dire. Women and girls, in all their diversity, will continue to be disproportionately affected by the consequences of the climate crisis. For those in vulnerable communities, the reality is even more grim. They face barriers and discrimination in accessing reproductive and maternal health resources, education and decision-making processes, while rising temperatures threaten to put hundreds of millions more women and girls at risk of poverty and food insecurity.

But here's the thing — it isn't enough to tackle these challenges separately. Unpacking the interconnected nature of climate, health and gender equality is fundamental for advancing the health, well-being and empowerment of women and girls worldwide.

Through this flagship event, we will bring together key actors and thought leaders to critically examine how climate, health and gender transformative actions can be more effectively integrated into our work. We will treat this topic, and all the underlying conversations therein, with the urgency they deserve.

Central to our vision is the spirit of dialogue. In choosing the format of this event, we expect (even hope) to generate more questions than answers. We invite you to engage fully, to raise questions, share insights, and participate actively in group

discussions. There is no question too small and no idea too 'out there' for this forum.

Our measure of success lies as much in the depth of our conversations as in the diversity of voices represented. Each participant will bring their unique knowledge and experiences, some from the front lines of the climate crisis, others looking from the outside in. Taken together, these wide-ranging perspectives will not only enrich our collective understanding, but offer new pathways to partnership.

That's where the idea of opportunity comes in. As the climate crisis forces the breakdown of silos between development and humanitarian action, we have an opportunity to help shape what that looks like. We have an opportunity to come together as a community — one that transcends sectors, borders and politics — to decide where we go from here.

The same applies for us at CanWaCH. Through these dialogues, we hope to figure out where we can be the most helpful. What do you need from us? How can we best support you in your work? If you have ideas, we want to hear them.

Likewise, we want to be a part of the larger process. We hope to continue this dialogue and the work it represents long after the banners come down. The challenges are vast, but so are the opportunities, and we can't wait to tackle all of it together.

Sincerely,



Julia Anderson
CEO

CODE OF CONDUCT



The Healthy World Conference is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity or religion. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated.

Whether engaging in person or via the My Glue app, conference participants are expected to conduct themselves professionally and appropriately. The use of offensive language and behaviour will not be tolerated. Participants should respect the privacy and confidentiality of all conference participants to ensure their safety and well-being.

Participants are encouraged to report harassment to conference organizers. Conference organizers will be available at the registration desk during programming hours and seen throughout the venue wearing purple badges titled “**STAFF**” attached to their lanyard.

Participants can also reach out to info@CanWaCH.ca to report any incidents.

During conference sessions with speakers, participants are expected to behave professionally and respectfully. Participants are asked to arrive on time for their sessions, keep cellular phones and electronic devices on silent or in vibrate mode and avoid side conversations or distractions to enable an engaging listening experience.



Venue information

Hotel Omni Mont-Royal

1050 Sherbrooke Street W.

Montréal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2R6

Registration and access

Participants must be registered to attend the conference. Registered participants attending in person are asked to check in on both Day 1 and Day 2 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the registration table to receive their name badge. The registration table will be located on the first floor in the **Foyer** outside of **Salon Des Saisons A+B** and **Salon Printemps**.

Conference team and contact information

The conference is proudly organized by CanWaCH and ConnectSeven Group. Conference staff and organizers will be located throughout the event spaces and will be identified by purple badges titled “**STAFF**” attached to their lanyards.

Participants requiring assistance at any time during the event can reach out to conference staff member Tina LaRochelle or Lynn Chitty at the conference registration desk, or any conference staff and organizer wearing a purple badge titled “**STAFF**”.

Participants are invited to direct any questions before the conference and following the close of each day to info@CanWaCH.ca.

My Glue app

Conference details including program and timing, important resource documents, speaker information and venue location can be found by signing up for the **My Glue App**. The app also offers conference participants the opportunity to connect with one another before and during the conference. Conference participants are encouraged to download the app ahead of the conference.

TO ACCESS THE APP ON A MOBILE DEVICE, please follow the instructions below on how to download the app, sign up for an account, and access the event details on your **mobile device**. If you already have a My Glue account, you'll be prompted to login with your email address and password.

DOWNLOAD THE MY GLUE APP from your app store or by scanning the QR codes below :

For **iPhone** users: [click here](#)



For **Android** users: [click here](#)



Simultaneous interpretation

Conference participants are encouraged to speak in the official language(s) of their choice at all times during the conference.

Audio simultaneous translation (French/English) will be available during all sessions at the Conference. Participants who require simultaneous interpretation

SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT using the email you registered for the conference with. **This is very important as your ticket and registration will be linked with that email.**

CREATE A PROFILE by following the prompts on the screen. An account will allow you to connect with fellow participants attending the conference. Once you've created your profile, check your email to verify your email address. You will be redirected to the Home page of the My Glue app when you have completed the sign up process. If you are not redirected to the My Glue app, please return to the app and login with your profile details.

TO ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

- a. Select the calendar icon at the bottom to go to the Events page
- b. Click "**My Registered**" at the top of your screen to be shown the events you have registered for, including the conference
- c. Select "**Healthy World Conference**"
- d. Click the icon into the top right hand corner to view program details, venue location and more.
- e. To view your registration details and to access your ticket, select "**My Access Pass**"

can pick up headsets on the **first floor in the Foyer**. The headsets can be used in any of the programming rooms. To ensure no loss of equipment, participants must sign out the headset by providing a piece of identification, which will be kept until the headset is returned. **Participants must return the headsets at the end of each day.**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday May 14 Conference Day 1

8:00 - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION <i>Foyer</i>
9:00 - 10:30 AM	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND REMARKS <i>Saisons A&B</i>
10:30 - 11:00 AM	BREAK - 30 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	CLIMATE CROSSROADS: MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP, LEARNING & SOLIDARITY <i>Salon Printemps</i>
12:30 - 1:30 PM	LUNCH - 60 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
1:30 - 3:00 PM	SPOTLIGHT ON THE GLOBAL HUNGER CRISIS <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS & MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH <i>Salon Printemps</i>
	EFFECTIVELY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN HEALTH PROGRAMMING <i>Salon Été</i>
3:00 - 3:30 PM	BREAK - 30 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
3:30 - 5:00 PM	ADVANCING DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE, HEALTH AND GENDER IN INCREASINGLY VOLATILE TIMES <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	THE BUSINESS OF PARTNERSHIPS <i>Salon Printemps</i>
	RESILIENCE: AN INTERSECTIONAL LENS <i>Salon Été</i>
5:00 - 7:00 PM	EVENING RECEPTION <i>Foyer & Atrium</i>

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday May 15 Conference Day 2

8:00 - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION <i>Foyer</i>
9:00 - 10:30 AM	CLIMATE AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	ONE HEALTH TODAY <i>Salon Printemps</i>
	INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY: IMPLICATIONS FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET <i>Salon Éte</i>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	BREAK - 15 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	LOSS, DAMAGE AND RESILIENCE: YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH EQUITY <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	RIDING THE WAVE: A WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING CLIMATE ACTION INTO YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGY <i>Salon Printemps</i>
	ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATIONS ON INTERSECTIONALITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH <i>Salon Éte</i>
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH - 60 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
1:15- 2:45 PM	GENDER RESPONSIVE CLIMATE FINANCING: IMPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH <i>Saisons A&B</i>
	MEASURING IMPACT & (RE)DESIGNING RESEARCH <i>Salon Printemps</i>
	BECOMING A PLANETARY HEALTH LEADER: CO-DESIGNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION & IMPACT THROUGH YOUR ORGANIZATION <i>Salon Éte</i>
2:45 - 3:00 PM	BREAK - 15 MINUTES <i>Foyer</i>
3:00 - 4:00 PM	PLENARY & CLOSING REMARKS: INTERGENERATIONAL ACTION ON CLIMATE, HEALTH AND RIGHTS <i>Saisons A&B</i>

Conference emcees



JULIA ANDERSON, CEO, CanWaCH

Julia is the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children’s Health (CanWaCH). With a background in international development, non-profits and civil society, and a steadfast commitment to a world where women, children and their communities can thrive, Julia is driven by a firm belief in the power of collaboration.

At CanWaCH’s helm, Julia passionately advocates for bold, innovative, even disruptive approaches to advance the health and rights of women and girls worldwide. She connects with stakeholders and decision makers at every level, forming new and unexpected partnerships, harnessing the strongest data, and sharing fresh ideas to co-create transformative solutions to global health issues.

Julia earned her Master of Arts degree in Canadian and Indigenous Studies from Trent University, along with an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor Law School.

As a visionary leader, she embodies the spirit and values of CanWaCH — shaping a future where every woman and child can realize their right to thrive in full health.



ONOME AKO, Chief Executive Director, Action Against Hunger Canada

Onome Ako is the CEO of Action Against Hunger Canada, a global organization that combats hunger and its underlying causes. She brings her passion for community-led approaches to address one of the most basic human rights—the right to food—through fighting hunger and malnutrition.

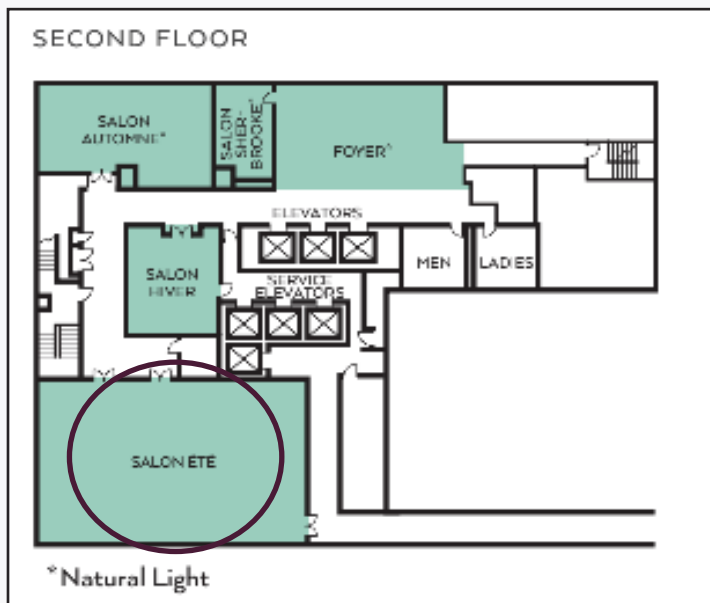
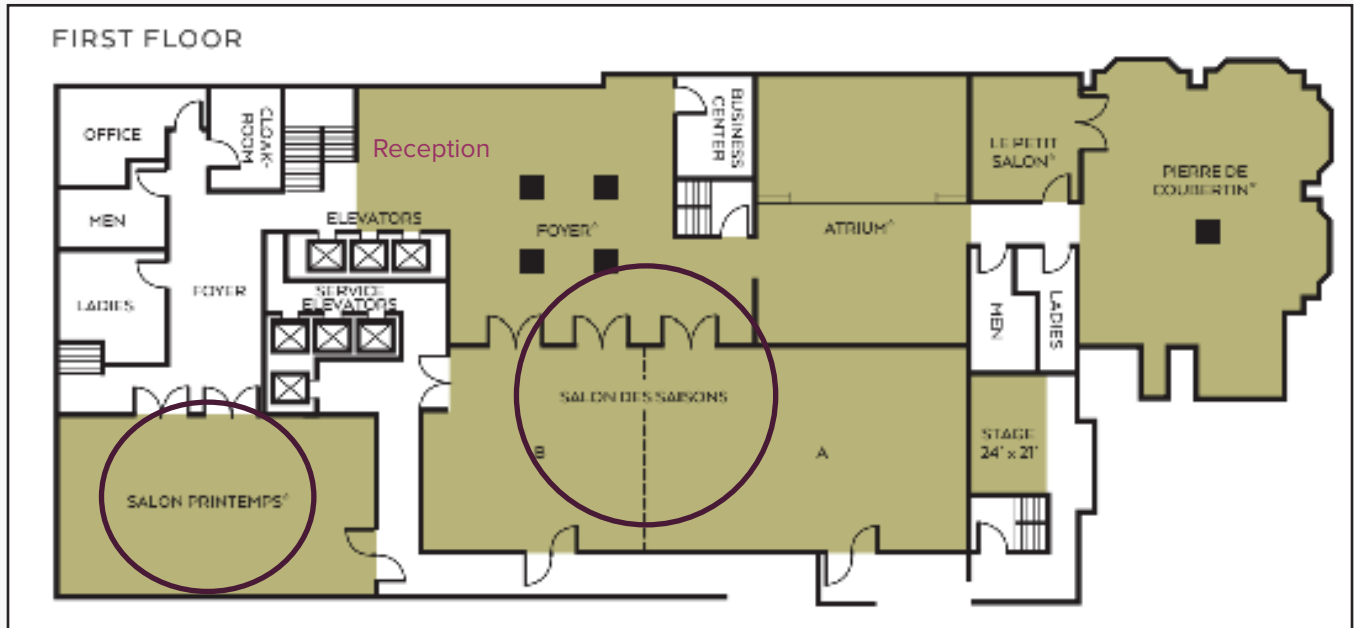
Ako holds several degrees including a B.A. in English from Obafemi Awolowo University Nigeria, an M.A. in International Affairs and Diplomacy from Ahmadu Bello University Nigeria, and an M.Sc. in Management of NGOs and Social Policy from the London School of Economics. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children’s Health (CanWaCH) and member of the advisory committee for the Centennial College International Development program.

Her achievements have garnered recognition, including receiving the 2021 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award, World Vision Canada’s prestigious “Voice of the Children” Award in 2022, and most recently the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award for her impact in Social Change. Ako’s dedication and accomplishments continue to inspire and engage future leaders.

Onome is also a Mom to an 8-year-old, and published author of a leadership book collaborative titled, “Embracing Ambition,” and children’s book, “My name is Cherished.”

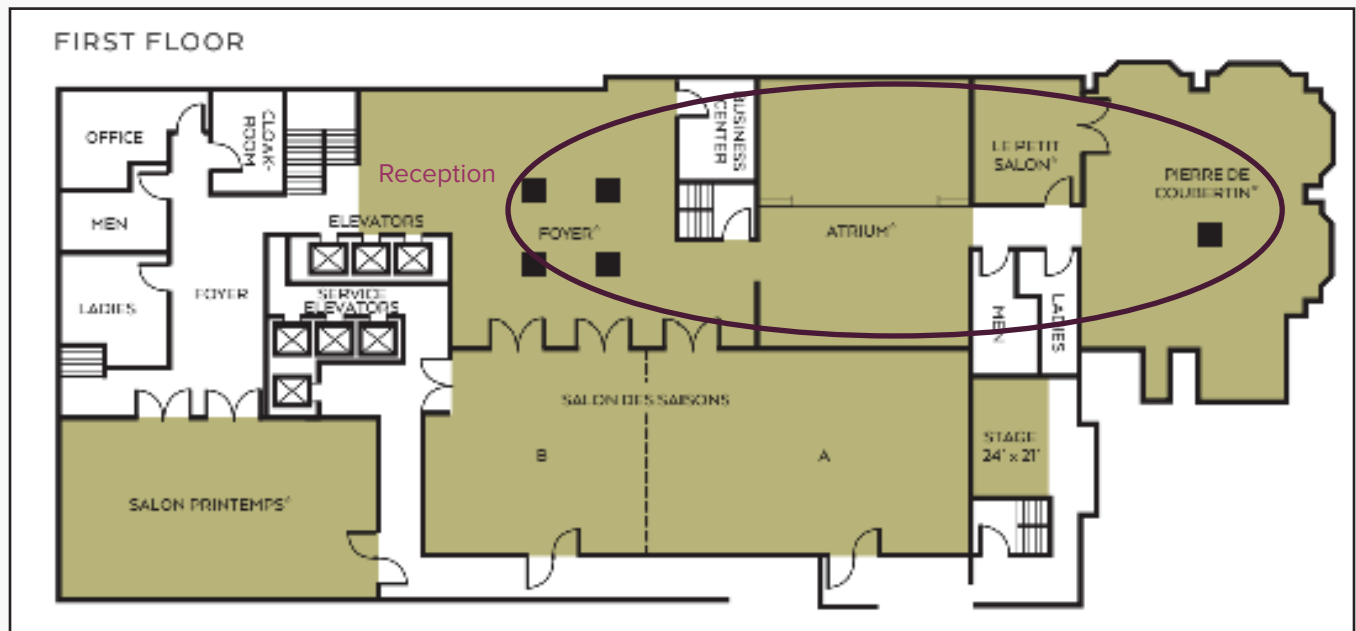
Programming

Programming takes place on the first floor of the hotel in the **Salon Des Saisons A+B** and **Salon Printemps**, as well as on the second floor in the **Salon Été**. View the conference program on pages 8 to 9 of the Participant Guide.



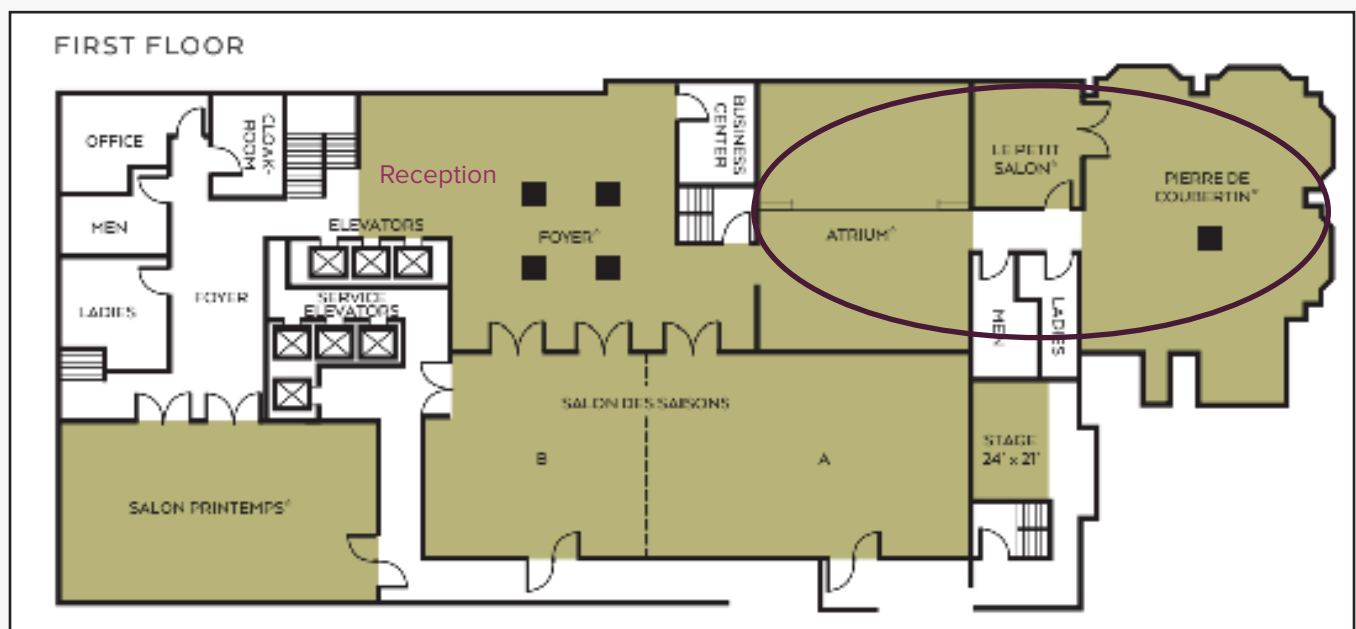
Evening reception

The evening reception on May 14th will take place throughout the first floor in the **Foyer, Atrium, and Pierre De Coubertin** room.



Meals

Meals will be served in the **first floor Atrium**, with tables set up in the **Pierre De Coubertin** room for dining.





Networking opportunities

EVENING RECEPTION

Conference participants are invited to attend an evening reception following the first day of programming on Tuesday, May 14th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The reception will be held on the first floor in the **Foyer, Atrium, and Pierre De Coubertin room**.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Participants will have an opportunity to engage further with our conference partners and representatives from Global Affairs Canada in between conference sessions. You're invited to visit the **Foyer** to ask questions, connect, explore potential collaborations and dive deeper into the topics you're interested in.

CANWACH PHOTO STATION

Capture your experience at the conference by visiting the photo station close in the **Foyer**. The station is marked by a CanWaCH banner and a small sign. Group photos, selfies and photos with your new connections are all welcome.

FILM SCREENING AND APOLLINE TRAORE Q&A: MAY 13 AT 6 P.M.

Participants are invited to attend the screening of the acclaimed film "Sira", hosted by WaterAid Canada. "Sira" is a poignant portrayal of the challenges in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso and delves into themes of mass displacement, gender-based violence, sexual violence and the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and girls, particularly concerning access to water. A Q&A with the film's director Apolline Traore will follow the screening. It takes place in the **Foyer** of the Omni Hotel. Doors open at 5 p.m. [Click here](#) to register!

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Be sure to use the hashtag **#HealthyWorldConference** and tag [@CanWaCH](#) to join the conversation! Connect with fellow conference participants by joining our [LinkedIn event](#).

Accessibility

Access for people with limited mobility is available throughout the venue. A ramp is located at the entrance of the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal. Access to the first floor from the lobby is possible by ramp and elevator. Access from the first floor to the second floor is available by elevator.

All washrooms on the first floor are wheelchair accessible and a gender-inclusive washroom is available in the **Atrium** on the first floor.

Participants requiring assistance at any time during the conference should reach out to conference staff member Tina LaRoche at the conference registration desk or any conference staff and organizer wearing a purple badge titled “**STAFF**”.

Dining

A hot lunch buffet will be provided on each conference day and served on the first floor in the **Atrium**, with tables set up in the **Pierre De Coubertin** room for dining. Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the conference and snacks will be available during breaks.

Care has been taken to ensure that meals and snacks accommodate the dietary needs of all participants.

The Hotel Omni Mont-Royal offers 3 additional dining options for a cost.

- Breakfast is available at [Le Petit Opus](#)
- Dinner and Snack Bar are available at [Alice Bar](#)
- Room Service is available for guests of the hotel

What to bring

While participants are welcome to bring items that help them make the most of their conference experience, CanWaCH is encouraging participants to:

- Use the My Glue app to view all conference documents on a mobile device or bring a laptop or tablet to view downloaded documents and avoid paper copies.
- Make use of a digital business card app to share contact information with participants. The My Glue app has a business card feature that makes it easy to share contact information with fellow conference participants.
- Bring a reusable water bottle. Glass is more environmentally friendly and bottles can be refilled as often as needed in the plenary and breakout rooms. We encourage the recycling of plastic water bottles.
- Notebook and pens

Accessibility aids for participants who require them are fully permitted and encouraged.

Internet and Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available in the lobby and for any guests staying at the hotel. Access credentials will be provided upon hotel check-in and posted at the registration desk.

Lost and found

Lost and found articles should be reported/handed to a member of the Conference staff or brought to the registration table located outside **Salon Des Saisons A+B** and **Salon Printemps** on the first floor of the hotel during the conference. Any items not picked up or returned after the conference will be given to the Hotel’s front desk.

What does being green mean to CanWaCH

For CanWaCH, “green” is not just a buzzword; it encompasses a comprehensive approach to sustainability that permeates all aspects of our organization. It means actively seeking out opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint and implementing waste reduction strategies. Being green also involves engaging with our community and stakeholders to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire positive change. We strive to lead by example, demonstrating that it is possible to operate successfully while also prioritizing environmental responsibility.

Avoiding food waste

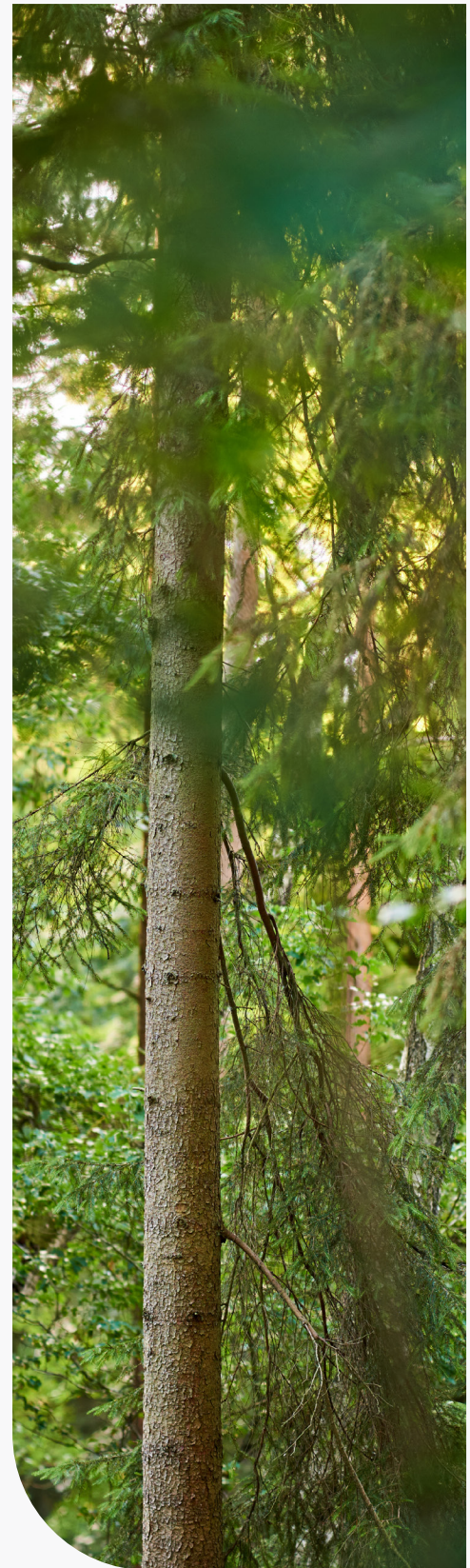
The Hotel Omni Mont-Royal is committed to helping the local community and, as part of their Say Goodnight to Hunger program, the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal Montréal partners with [Moisson Montréal](#) to collect the unused conference food and distribute it to community organizations in need.

Participants are welcome to take any leftover food with them, however, the Omni Mont-Royal does not provide to-go containers and food must be taken before it is removed from the buffet tables.

Documentation

CanWaCH supports a trend towards paperless conferences and events. Where possible, please download the documents you will need and bring a tablet, laptop or cell phone with you to consult them. Important conference documents will also be available in the **My Glue App**.

Documents and signage used during the conference will be printed on recycled paper and recycled appropriately following the conference. Video screens will be used in lieu of posters to display relevant information throughout the conference.



Conference accommodation

A room block has been secured at Hotel Omni Mont-Royal for guests attending the Healthy World Conference. We are excited to offer discounted rates starting at \$289.00 (excluding taxes) per night. Book now to secure the special rate and accommodations. All bookings made after April 12, 2024 will be subject to availability. Reservations can be made by visiting this [booking link](#).



Transportation from the airport

Transportation to and from Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport to the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal is possible by taxi and public transportation. Participants can refer to the [Tourism Montréal](#) website for additional options.

- **Taxi** fares to and from the airport to the conference venue have a fixed rate of approximately \$46.80 CAD, flat fee, one way.
- [Public transportation](#) can be accessed via the Express bus 747 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport/downtown.
- For driving directions, please consult the information on the [conference venue's website](#).

Air travel

Air Canada and WestJet have provided discount codes for those traveling to Montréal, Quebec for the CanWaCH Healthy World Conference. These discount codes offer discounts from 2% to 10% off your flights!

WESTJET:

- Book online at [westjet.com](#) and enter the code: **3XOF1ZP** in the Promotion Code Box.
- Travel Period: May 6 - May 22, 2024.
- The booking is to be made to the following city: Montréal, QC.
- For travel within Canada: 5% off Econo and 10% off EconoFlex and Premium fares.
- For International travel: 2% off Econo, 5% off EconoFlex and 10% off Premium base fares.
- No discount will apply to Basic or Business class bookings.

AIR CANADA:

- Book online at [aircanada.com](#) and enter the code **PYHJURY1** in the Promotion Code Box.
- Travel period: May 6 - May 22, 2024.
- The booking is to be made to the following city: Montréal, QC.
- Travel is valid Monday through Sunday.
- For North America: 5% discount applies on standard fares, 10% discount on flex fares & higher.
- For international travel: 10% discount on standard fares and higher.
- The discount is applied to the fare at the time that the travel ticket with Air Canada is purchased. The discount and the fare are subject to all applicable taxes and surcharges.
- Only bookings made to the designated convention city are eligible for the discount. Bookings originating in the convention city are not eligible.

Parking

Parking is available near the conference venue at Superior Parking located at [2055 Metcalfe Street](#).

- Self-parking is valid from 6 a.m. to midnight everyday, with prices starting at \$20.00
- Valet parking is offered through the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal and is accessible 24hr. Price is \$47.00 per 24hr.

**Rates may change without notice, rates are shown in \$CA.*

When in Montréal

[Tourism Montréal](#) is proud to welcome conference participants to beautiful Montréal. Their website hosts a wealth of useful information about how to make the most of your time in the city.

The conference venue is situated in [Mount Royal](#). Located in the middle of the city and overlooking Montréal, Mount Royal offers visitors a lush urban escape. It is a popular destination for offering stunning panoramic views of the city skyline and the St. Lawrence River from its lookout points. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or an active adventure, Mount Royal is a must-visit destination in Montréal.

Tourist information

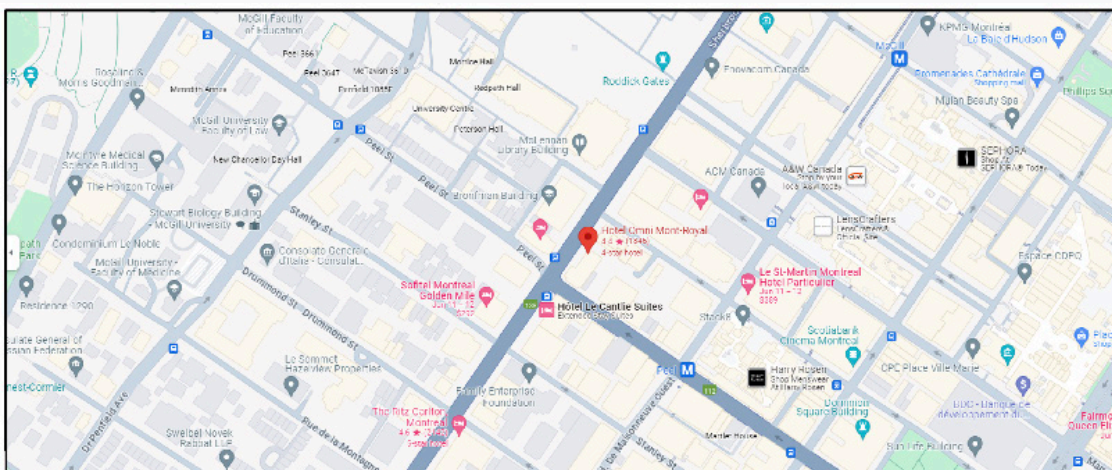
The Hotel Omni Mont-Royal provides tourist information on points of interest, entertainment and dining options and other activities in Montréal and surrounding areas. Visit the hotel website for suggested [activities, itineraries and attractions](#).

[Tourisme Québec](#) is located just a short walk from the Hotel at the Centre Infotouriste at 1255 Peel Street (corner of Sainte-Catherine Street) and offers tourist information for Montréal and the entire province.

[Tourism Montréal's](#) Tourist Welcome Office can be found in Old Montréal at 174 Notre-Dame Street East, Metro Champ-de Mars.

Montréal is a very large city with heavy traffic. We encourage participants to walk and/or use public transportation when visiting the city. Montréal's public transportation system is very reliable and a convenient way to reach most shopping, entertainment and business areas. If taking a vehicle is necessary, we encourage participants to ride-share with others to minimize the CO2 emissions per person.

Click on the map below to search for points of interest close to the conference venue.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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