

# ONE HEALTH SUMMIT

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LYON, 5 – 7 APRIL 2026

Better health for all life and the planet

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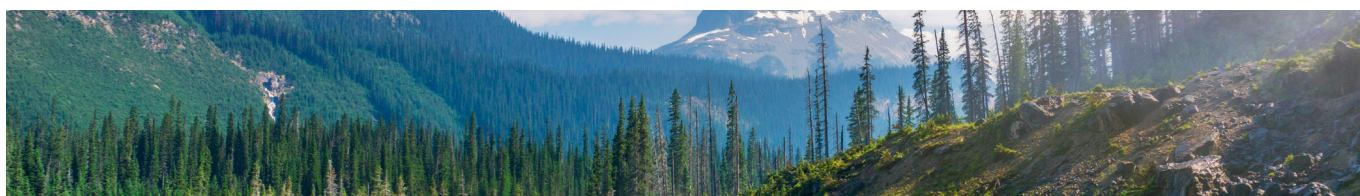


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*We need to lean into these urgent challenges as we have done with the One Planet summits for the last nine years. France stands firmly by its intention to build effective multilateralism to protect our global public goods. We will work with all stakeholders to do so, including heads of international and regional organizations, representatives of the scientific and academic community, the private sector, civil society, young people, local government bodies, development banks and philanthropic actors.*

*This Summit will be first and foremost a summit of action. We will take action with the One Health approach as our guiding principle. With a simple idea: protecting health and nature must be addressed together. As we know from the COVID-19 pandemic, our health depends on protecting the living world.*

*Only on this condition will we be able to understand, predict, control and thereby prevent numerous diseases, infectious and non-communicable, and protect our societies from the political, economic and social impacts of these shared challenges. We will take action with clear objectives.*

*First of all, investing in prevention. Science is categorical: it is approximately a hundred times less expensive to invest in prevention than to handle the repercussions of a health emergency. We need to strengthen our prevention systems by leveraging science, research and education for all. We also need to find new cooperation solutions – as we did during the COVID-19 pandemic – by means of coordinated international action, innovative public-private partnerships and involvement of all players prepared to engage to take concrete action.*

*The time for action has come. With all willing parties, France will uphold the Lyon Commitments for Health for all Life and the Planet to protect and preserve future generations and our planet.*

*This is how, together, we will make the Lyon Summit a success.*



**Emmanuel Macron**

President of the French Republic



# L'APPROCHE ONE HEALTH

## WHY HOLD THE ONE HEALTH SUMMIT?

Human health, animal health and planetary health are all interconnected.

### A global public good interacting with numerous factors

The One Health approach is designed to **sustainably balance and optimize the interdependent and inextricably linked health of humans, animals, plants and ecosystems.**

Recent health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic have driven home the importance of **coordinated responses based on science, prevention, knowledge sharing** and international cooperation.

They have also shown that these solutions need to factor in the impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and pollution.

We need to **shift now to a systemic, integrated and unifying approach to health** to protect our societies from the inordinate political, economic and social impacts of these threats.

### Better prevention for a better response

The One Health approach should become **our guiding principle** for policymaking based on validated, independent scientific data. The systematic inclusion of all aspects of health should be automatic.

This is the only way that we can understand, **predict, control and prevent many diseases – infectious and non-communicable alike.**

### An investment, not a cost

Our holistic vision is guided by the **needs of the populations and all system components and community contexts**, in a spirit of openness, fairness and dialogue.

**The One Health approach leads the way:** interdisciplinarity drives dialogue between different disciplines, aligns sectors and builds bridges across fields of knowledge **for a better understanding of life and our planet for all.**

Now included in international scientific and political discussions, the **One Health approach is a powerful tool for public health** and a driver for development in support of many of the Sustainable Development Goals (ODD).







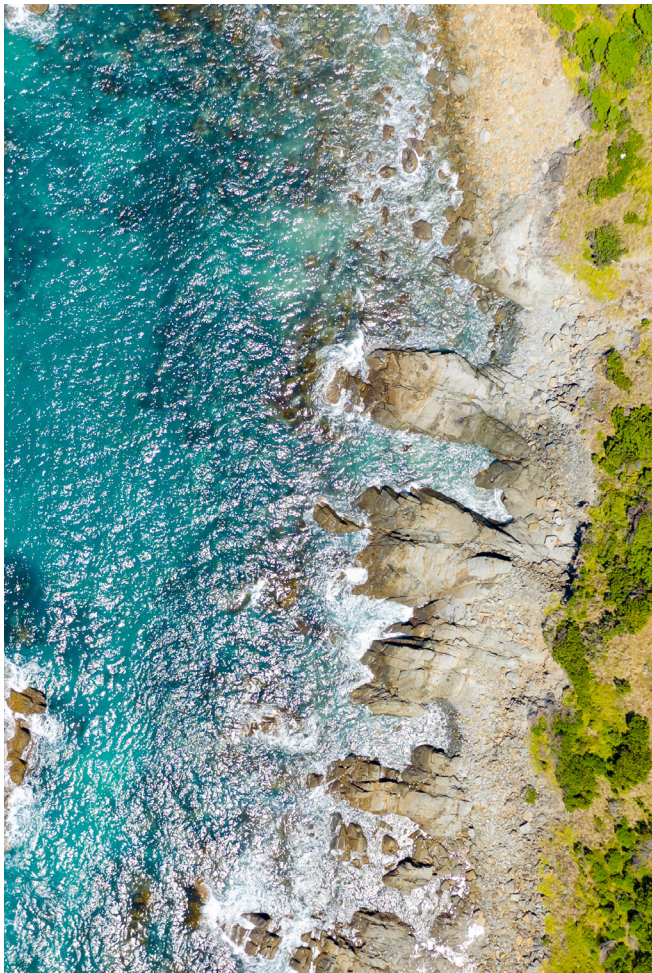
# FRENCH COMMITMENT FOR EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM

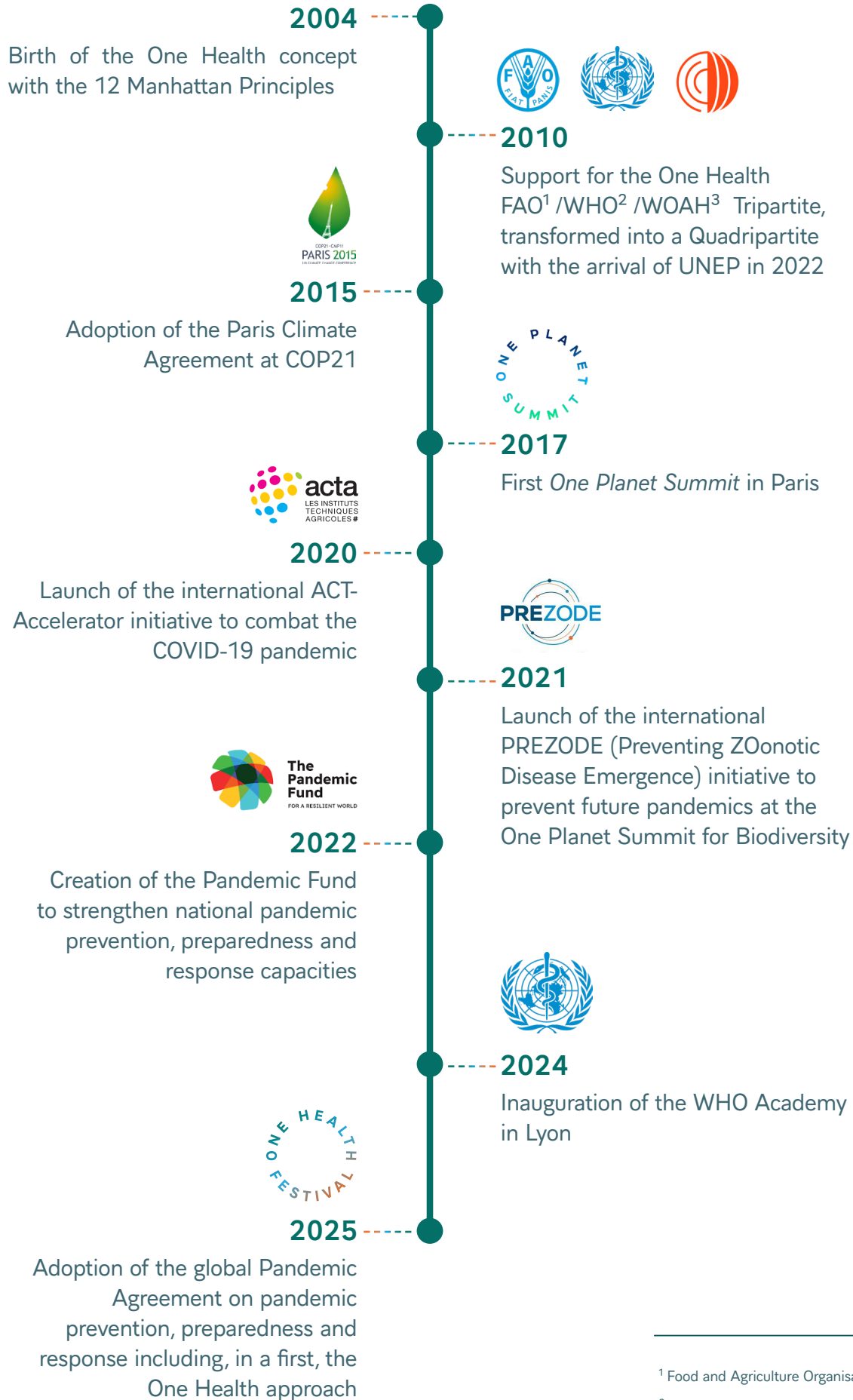


France has long been actively engaged in support of global health, animal health, food security and the environment.

France's commitment on the international stage can also be seen from the **Pandemic Agreement** negotiations, during which France worked for the inclusion of the One Health approach – a first in international law – and the **future treaty to end plastic pollution**.

The One Health Summit, the ninth of the One Planet Summits, is feeding into the **French Presidency of the G7** in 2026.





<sup>1</sup> Food and Agriculture Organisation

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization

<sup>3</sup> World Organisation for Animal Health

# SAVE THE DATE! ONE HEALTH SUMMIT IN LYON FROM 5 TO 7 APRIL 2026

At the initiative of the President of the French Republic, France is hosting the One Health Summit to mark World Health Day.

## A Summit of action and solutions

In a first, the One Health Summit will bring together Heads of State and Government from around the world, heads of international and regional organizations, members of parliament, representatives of the scientific and academic community, the private sector, civil society, local government bodies, public development banks, philanthropic actors and young people to step up the implementation of the One Health approach.».

## Summit objectives

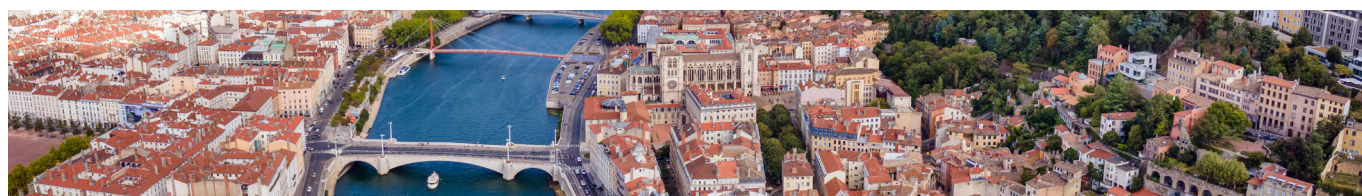
- Develop **international and interdisciplinary dialogue** on global health issues by means of actions such as the launch of cooperation and research programmes
- **Reshape the global institutional framework** with the development of a common One Health culture
- Involve all willing **public and private stakeholders** in concrete actions
- Consolidate **solutions to improve health and surveillance systems** to guard against the health, food security and environmental risks affecting our people

## Fundamental principles

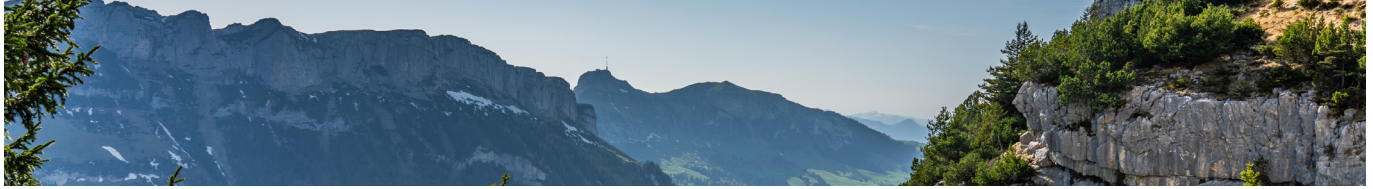
- Importance of **science, research and innovation**
- Promotion of **proactive multilateralism and international partnerships**
- Key role of **public-private partnerships**
- **Inclusive participation** of civil society, local government bodies and young people

Work will focus on four areas covering the main factors involved in infectious and non-communicable diseases:

- Zoonotic reservoirs (transmission between animals and humans) and vectors (mosquitoes, etc.)
- Antimicrobial resistance (drug inefficacy in treating infections)
- Sustainable food systems (agriculture, nutrition, etc.)
- Exposure to pollution (air, water, soil, plastics, etc.)







# ONE HEALTH SUMMIT PROGRAMME



Session de haut-niveau  
High-level session



Sessions thématiques  
Thematic Sessions



Colloque scientifique  
Scientific Symposium



Partenaire  
Partner Event

## 06 APRIL 2026

**10:00 - 18:00**  
**AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE**

Colloque scientifique.  
*Science Symposium.*

**14:00 - 17:30**  
**ZONE RHÔNE 3**

Ensemble pour One Health dans les territoires.  
*Together for One Health at the Local Level.*

**14:00 - 16:30**  
**AUDITORIUM PASTEUR**

Les philanthropies engagées pour One Health et la santé des enfants.  
*Philanthropies for One Health, One Health for Children.*

**15:00 - 18:00**  
**ZONE RHÔNE 1**

La jeunesse interpelle le monde. Une seule planète, une seule santé.  
*One Planet, One Health: Youth taking Action.*

## 05 - 07 APRIL 2026

**10:00 - 18:00**  
**PARC DE LA TÊTE D'OR**  
**ALLÉE DE LA CEINTURE**

Village des Découvertes One Health.  
Ouvert au grand public.  
*One Health Discovery Village – Open to everyone.*

Les horaires et séquences sont soumis à changement  
*Timings and schedule may change*

## 07 APRIL 2026

**08:45 - 09:15**  
**AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE**

Ouverture des sessions thématiques.  
*Opening of thematic sessions.*

**15:30 - 19:15**  
**AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE**

Session de haut-niveau.  
*High-level session.*

**09:30 - 11:15**  
**AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE**

Systèmes alimentaires durables.  
*Sustainable food systems.*

**11:30 - 13:30**  
**AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE**

Expositions aux pollutions.  
*Exposure to pollutions.*

**09:30 - 11:15**  
**AUDITORIUM PASTEUR**

Réservoirs zoonotiques et vecteurs de maladies infectieuses.  
*Zoonotic reservoirs and vectors.*

**11:30 - 13:30**  
**AUDITORIUM PASTEUR**

Résistances antimicrobiennes.  
*Antimicrobial resistance.*

**09:30 - 12:30**  
**ZONE RHÔNE 2**

Financer l'agenda Une Seule Santé : les banques de développement s'engagent.  
*Financing the One Health Agenda: Public Development Banks in Action.*

**09:30 - 12:30**  
**ZONE RHÔNE 3**

One Health et société civile : engagés dans les transitions.  
*One Health and Civil Society: Catalysts for Change.*

**10:00 - 18:00**  
**FORUM 4**

Forum économique One health  
*One Health Economic Forum*



# HIGH-LEVEL SESSION

7 APRIL | 15:30 – 19:15  
AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE

World leaders will announce concrete international commitments to sustainably guard against the health, food and environmental risks that we face.

- Introduction « Better safe than sorry »
- Panel n°1 – Scientific knowledge for innovation and action: building One Health cooperation for a healthy and prosperous future
- Panel n°2 – Surveillance, detection and prediction: gaining the upper hand over emerging health risks
- Panel n°3 – Expanding One Health coverage: changing our ways of life for sustainable health
- Conclusion « One Health, One Planet »

The high-level session will be livestreamed on :

- In French:

<https://www.youtube.com/elysee>  
(introduction and conclusion)

<https://www.youtube.com/@francediplomatie>  
(panels)

- In English :

<https://www.youtube.com/@OnePlanetSummit>

## THEMATIC SESSIONS

Four sessions will cover the Summit's main themes:



### THEMATIC SESSION ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

7 APRIL | 09:30 – 11:15 | AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE

#### One Health: A driver for transition to sustainable food systems

The One Health approach in agriculture and food systems promotes agricultural practices beneficial for life, the climate and nature.

Action throughout the food chain makes for a more effective response to the risks of all forms of malnutrition.

This thematic session will showcase examples of concrete, innovative initiatives and solutions to promote the One Health approach as a pathway for food system transition.



### Thematic session on zoonotic reservoirs and vectors

7 APRIL | 09:30 – 11:15 | AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

#### From vectors to zoonoses: One Health to predict, control and reduce infectious risks

The (re)emergence and spread of infectious diseases reflect the deep-rooted interconnections between human health, animal health and the state of ecosystems.

Vector-borne diseases such as dengue and chikungunya fever, transmitted by mosquitoes, show that this threat is spreading to new regions.

In addition, some diseases, such as avian influenza, now know no limits and can affect both animals and humans.

The purpose of this session is to use a combination of scientific, institutional, operational and community approaches to predict future emergences and protect populations, livestock and ecosystems. This calls for collective engagement from local level to international level.



## Thematic session on exposure to pollution

7 APRIL | 11:30 – 13:30 | AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE

### For an environment supportive of the three areas of health

In a world of increasing pollutants, silo approaches are revealing their limitations. The systemic One Health approach provides a concrete solution to tackle the health impacts of environmental and ecosystem degradation.

This session will study concrete solutions to reduce exposure at source and strengthen the resilience of health systems to growing environmental pressures. It will serve as a platform to present groundbreaking work such as the treaty to end plastic pollution.

Politicians, scientists and private sector players will address the need to tackle the many and varied impacts of pollution on human, animal and environmental health.



## Thematic session on tackling antimicrobial resistance

7 APRIL | 11:30 – 13:30 | AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

### Act today to prepare for tomorrow: Stepping up the One Health response to antimicrobial resistance

Significant progress has been made with antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance, especially with the development of global surveillance systems to track AMR and the use of antimicrobials in all sectors. Yet, more work is needed to scale up integrated surveillance for rapid and comprehensive resistance monitoring.

This session takes forward the renewed international political commitment decided at the High-Level Meeting on antimicrobial resistance organized by the UN General Assembly President in 2024. It will focus on the strategic implications of AMR, recognized as one of the major threats to public health in our century and a key pillar of One Health implementation.

# SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

6 APRIL | 10:30 – 18:30  
AUDITORIUM LUMIÈRE

This event organized by the French Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Space in liaison with ANSES, CIRAD, French experts in the One Health interagency working group (Agralife, CBSD and APRES) and international experts will be attended by participants from the world over. Panellists will include leading international One Health specialists, who will chair the debates alongside researchers and policymakers. Together, they will explore the inextricable links between human, animal and environmental health.

The Scientific Symposium will focus on four key Summit themes and address cross-cutting scientific questions such as the role of human and social sciences, data analysis and the scientific bases needed for transformative change. The event will also spotlight the conditions for effective interaction between science and public policy to scale up the impact of One Health approaches.

**This symposium, an unprecedented meeting of all disciplines and sectors, will bring together stakeholders from all walks of life to identify priority areas for research and innovation and co-develop innovative scientific solutions capable of addressing complex future health challenges.**

## EXPERTS INVITED::

**Patrick Allard**, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

**Eric Cardinale**, Scientific Director, French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES)

**Megan Deeney**, Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Science

**Carlos Goncalo Das Neves**, Chief Scientist, European Food Safety Authority

**Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief**, Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet

**Thierry Lefrançois**, Advisor to the CEO, French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)

**Wanda Markotter**, Professor, University of Pretoria, co-chair of OHHLEP

**Magda Robalo**, Global Managing Director, Women in Global Health, formerly High Commissioner for COVID-19 & former Minister of Health, Guinea-Bissau

**Emma Ross**, Director Global Health Programme, Chatham House

**Andra Winkler**, Co-Chair Lancet One Health Commission





# SEVEN PARTNER EVENTS FOR AN INCLUSIVE, UNIFYING SUMMIT

## ONE HEALTH DISCOVERY VILLAGE:

5 & 6 APRIL | 10:00 – 18:00  
PARC DE LA TÊTE D'OR

The One Health Discovery Village will be open to the general public, young and old alike, at the Parc de la Tête d'Or in Lyon from 5 April to 6 April 2026. It will inform the public of the tangible benefits of the One Health approach based on the well-established interdependence between human health, animal health and ecosystem health.

The event's standing attraction, The Chain of Superpowers, will be a giant educational egg hunt in the park. This interactive trail will offer participants a fun way to easily understand the connections between the three pillars of the One Health approach. Children who complete the trail will receive a prize.

The Village will feature some 20 stands run by public institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society players in addition to a stage programme. Games, participatory workshops, collaborative murals, talks and activities will extend over the two days with the shared goal to trigger a One Health mentality, raise awareness of global health challenges and encourage collective engagement in support of sustainable health.

The Village is organized by Expertise France in close liaison with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and with the support of Lyon City Council.



## TOGETHER FOR ONE HEALTH AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

6 APRIL | 14:00 – 17:30 | RHÔNE 3

This event, coordinated by the WHO Academy with a multitude of players, will provide a strategic discussion and action arena for mayors and local leaders.

It will showcase innovative initiatives by local government bodies worldwide to identify best practices, develop shared priorities and find concrete solutions to build local communities' integrated health and resilience approaches.

Many local government bodies continue to contend with fragmented governance, institutional silos, a lack of operational tools and limited access to suitable training. Local capacity building is key to turning the One Health approach into concrete, sustainable actions.

## PHILANTHROPIC ACTORS FOR ONE HEALTH AND ONE HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

6 APRIL | 14:00 – 16:30 | AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

Organized by the Paris Peace Forum, this session will examine the strategic role of philanthropy in advancing the One Health agenda, while exploring how the wellbeing of children and mothers is at the core of One Health.

It will highlight action by philanthropists to rise to the major One Health challenges and maternal, newborn and child health as an entry point for One Health action.

Representatives of foundations, international organizations and international solidarity players will share perspectives on how philanthropy can take action, support innovation and scale impact.

### ONE PLANET, ONE HEALTH: YOUTH TAKING ACTION

6 APRIL | 15:00 – 18:00 | RHÔNE 1

This event, coordinated by the French Research Institute for Development (IRD) with its partners, will bring together a hundred young adults aged 18 to 35 from five different continents. Researchers, entrepreneurs, and actors from the non-profit sector and world of innovation will present their initiatives and visions to rise to One Health challenges.

On the programme: active discussions, a roundtable to explore more sustainable ways of life moderated by RFI journalist Anne-Cécile Bras, and collective advocacy. This international meeting will focus on developing a common voice for young people based on concrete recommendations to respond to health, environmental and social crises.

## ONE HEALTH ECONOMIC FORUM

7 APRIL | 10:00 – 18:00 | FORUM 4

Organized by the French Healthcare Association, the One Health Economic Forum will convene French and international business leaders, scientific experts and public representatives working on implementing the One Health approach.

High-level roundtables will focus on the strategic role of the private sector, business investment and the public-private partnership dynamic central to solutions to protect human, animal and environmental health.

A forum for exhibiting companies to network and forge synergies will build on these discussions. A B2B platform will be available for Summit guests to meet businesses offering concrete One Health solutions.



**FINANCING THE ONE HEALTH  
AGENDA: PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT  
BANKS IN ACTION**

**7 APRIL | 09:30 – 12:30 | RHÔNE 2**

In an environment of multiple crises, investment in integrated preventive approaches such as the One Health approach is a strategic imperative. With international health funding tight, if not at risk from certain players, improving the alignment between national priorities and long-term financing is more critical than ever.

Organized by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group, the global Finance in Common network and the Coalition for Social Investment, this event will focus on building public development bank capacities to support nationally defined One Health strategies with coordinated, structured and sustainable investment.

**ONE HEALTH AND CIVIL SOCIETY:  
CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE**

**7 APRIL | 09:30 – 12:30 | RHÔNE 3**

Hosted by the One Sustainable Health for All Foundation, this session will promote civil society action key to the operationalization of the One Health approach.

A constructive cross-cutting debate will focus on civil society's active engagement in monitoring delivery on the One Health approach and ensuring that funds reach their targets. Civil society is committed to turning high-level commitments into tangible actions on the ground.

One Health implementation is a team endeavour: rooted in cultural diversity, informed by local and indigenous knowledge, and sustained by inclusive governance and responsible investment.





ONE HEALTH  
FESTIVAL



# ONE HEALTH FESTIVAL

16 MARCH – 15 MAY 2026

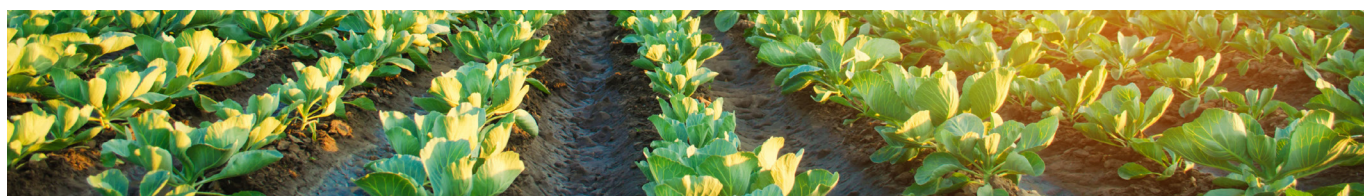
A unique event in France and worldwide

The One Health Festival features over 170 events in 127 cities in 42 countries from 16 March to 15 May 2026 to celebrate initiatives by all players committed to delivering on the One Health approach.

These outreach projects, awarded the One Health label, are raising awareness of the interdependencies between human, animal and environmental health.

Curated from an inclusive call for proposals, the festival's events illustrate the benefits of the One Health approach and present concrete, sustainable solutions to fight infectious and non-communicable diseases.

Find the full programme at: <https://oneplanetsummit.fr/one-health-festival-307>.



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