



## XXIII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics

The triennial **FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics** is the largest and most comprehensive global academic event in gynaecology, obstetrics and other topics in women's health and rights. For its XXIII World Congress, **FIGO** will be in the Asia-Pacific region and partner with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in beautiful, vibrant Sydney, Australia.

From 24 to 29 October 2021, the **FIGO World Congress** will bring together obstetricians, gynaecologists, midwives, nurses, other specialists and researchers, alongside policy and decision makers, NGOs, patients and advocates. Global leaders will unite to exchange knowledge, build alliances and propose concrete solutions to challenges in women's health and rights.

The scientific programme will span across 10 comprehensive tracks focusing on the most pressing issues in gynaecology and obstetrics:

- Clinical Obstetrics
- General Gynaecology
- Gynaecological Oncology
- Maternal Foetal Health
- Operative Gynaecology
- Urogynaecology
- Reproductive Medicine
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Women's Health Issues and Policy
- Special Topics

The topics of obesity, climate change, infections and the C-section epidemic will also be given particular focus.

As the foremost global women's health meeting, the **FIGO World Congress** will attract as many as 7,000 delegates from around the world. Delegates will be representative of **FIGO's** 132 national member societies and representatives of many other nationalities and allied professions. As the meeting place of the Western Pacific, Sydney provides a vibrant and cosmopolitan location to gather colleagues from across the globe. The Congress will be held at Sydney International Convention Centre, an outstanding venue located in the heart of the business district, on the shores of magnificent Sydney Harbour.

## About the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)

**FIGO** is a global NGO working to improve the health and well-being of women and newborns worldwide. Founded in 1954, we are the only organisation bringing together professional societies of obstetricians and gynaecologists in research, advocacy and clinical best practice across 132 countries.

**FIGO** is committed to a world where every woman, wherever she lives, achieves active participation in her own health and rights, and the highest possible standards of physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health. **FIGO's** strength comes from our world-renowned experts, whose knowledge and experience in all aspects of women's health and rights help shape best practice and innovation.

**FIGO** pursues its vision through global programme activities, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. We also build capacities of national member societies from low-resource countries through strengthening leadership, good practice and promotion of policy dialogues.

**FIGO** advocates on a global stage, especially in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pertaining to reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and non-communicable diseases (SDG3). We also work to raise the status of women and enable their reproductive and sexual rights, including addressing FGM and gender-based violence (SDG5).

The challenges are huge, and therefore collaboration is essential. **FIGO** is committed to strengthening partnerships with other professions and sectors (SDG17). We are in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and consultative status with the United Nations (UN), helping to shape public policy at global, regional and national levels.

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