



EMPHNET
The Eastern Mediterranean
Public Health Network

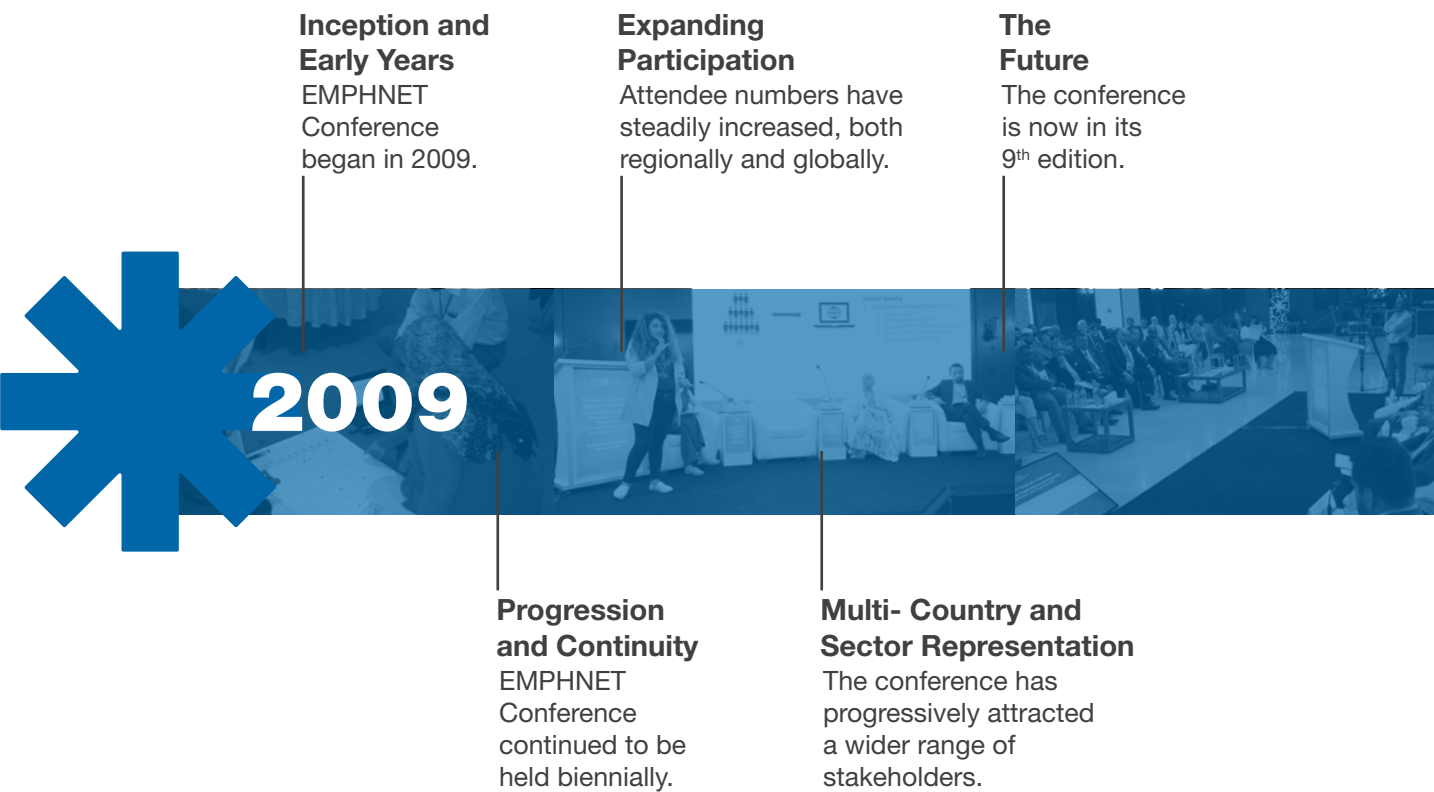
THE EMPHNET REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**PROFILE
2025**

OVERVIEW

The EMPHNET Regional Conference, established in 2009, is a biennial event that serves as a key platform for public health professionals, field epidemiologists, and stakeholders worldwide. Over the years, it has grown in both size and diversity, attracting increasing numbers of participants from the public sector, government, academia, pharmaceutical companies, media, and international organizations. The conference facilitates collaboration and knowledge exchange, addressing emerging global health challenges and strengthening regional and international health security. Now in its 9th edition, the event continues to play a pivotal role in advancing public health initiatives and promoting multi-sectoral partnerships.

EMPHNET REGIONAL CONFERENCE: EVOLUTION AND GROWTH



HOW THE CONFERENCE WORKS

The EMPHNET Conference is built on collaboration, rigorous processes, and continuous learning. It is structured through interconnected committees and processes that ensure both operational efficiency and scientific quality.

KEY COAMPONENTS OF THE EMPHNET CONFERENCE MECHANISM

-  **Organizing Committee Oversight**
Manages logistics, coordination, and strategic direction for a regional public health platform.
-  **Scientific Committee Leadership**
Leads abstract review and program design aligned with regional health priorities.
-  **Abstract Evaluation Process**
 - Open regional call for abstracts
 - Double-blind peer review by public health experts
 - Scoring based on relevance, quality, and regional health impact
 - Final selection reflecting scientific merit and practical value
-  **Matrix of Tasks and Responsibilities**
Defines clear roles, timelines, and partner contributions for seamless coordination.
-  **Conference Program Development**
Balances keynote talks, technical sessions, and field epidemiology showcases.
-  **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Mechanism**
Tracks processes, collects feedback, and documents lessons for regional learning.
-  **Lessons Learned Documentation**
Captures operational and technical insights to guide future EMPHNET events.
-  **Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination**
Engages ministries, networks, and partners throughout planning and delivery.
-  **Abstract Book and Conference Proceedings**
Publishes abstracts and outcomes, highlighting recommendations for regional health priorities.
-  **Post-Conference Follow-Up and Reporting**
Ensures reporting, dissemination, and action planning for regional priorities.

PROFILES OF PARTICIPATING LEADERS AND EXPERTS

The EMPHNET regional conference is a diverse gathering of public health decision-makers, academic scholars, international partners, and emerging professionals interested in regional and global health advancement.



THE EMPHNET CONFERENCE: IN NUMBERS

The strength of the EMPHNET Regional Conferences lies in the diverse, multidisciplinary structure of their program which featured pre-conference workshops, thematic roundtables, oral and poster abstract presentations, and strategic side meetings. This varied program has consistently attracted a broad spectrum of participants, including early-career field epidemiologists to high-level decision-makers and international public health leaders. Beyond offering a space for scientific exchange, the conferences have fostered valuable networking opportunities, connecting regional public health professionals with global health actors, and enabling collaborations that extend well beyond the conference time and place.

8 conferences

800+ abstracts presented

2000+ Participants

40+ Roundtable discussions

40+ Pre-conference workshops

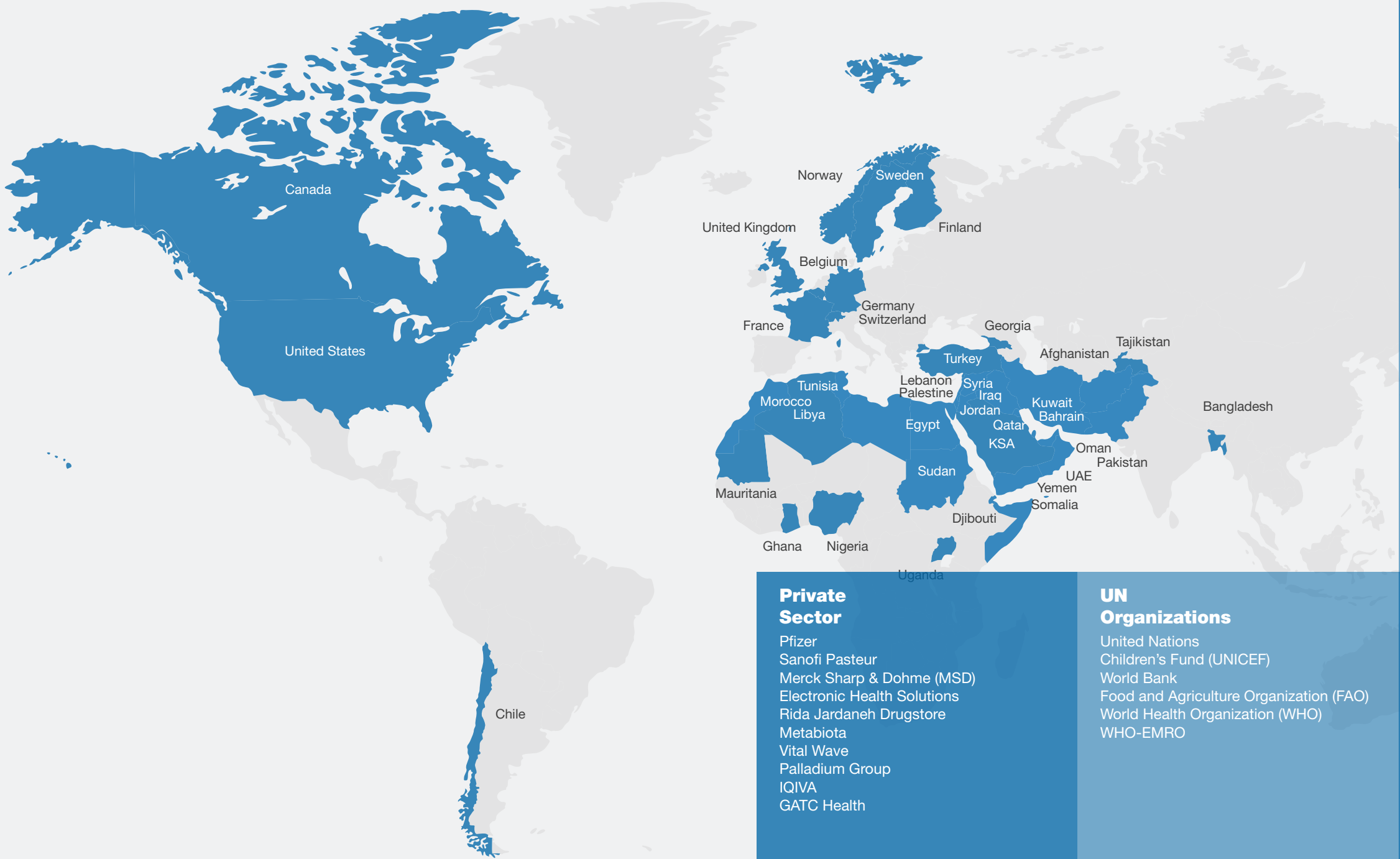
AREAS OF FOCUS

- Technology and Innovation in Public Health
 - Innovation and Integration in **Disease Surveillance and Information Systems**
- Biorisk Management in the Region’s Volatile Context
- Implementation Science in Public Health
- Routine Immunization in Challenging Contexts
- Field Epidemiology to Advance Emergency Interventions
- Public-private Engagement
- Health **Workforce Development**
- Community-based Initiatives in Emergency Settings
- Prioritizing **Non-Communicable Diseases** in the Region
- Multi-sector Coordination, Collaboration and Partnerships
- Public Health **Emergency Management**
- One Health** to Tackle Climate Change, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Interconnected Threats
- Boosting **Research Quality** in the Region
- Health systems strengthening for the future



GLOBAL FOOTPRINT: COUNTRIES JOINING THE EMPHNET CONFERENCE

The conference brought together a diverse mix of participants from various sectors and countries, spanning all professional levels, creating rich opportunities for broadened networking and knowledge exchange.



International Entities CDC IDRC US Department of State US Department of Defense ECDC WFP Norwegian Institute of Public Health The Robert Koch Institute Africa CDC Taskforce for Global Health GLIDE Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance IFRC IMC Project Hope
Universities Ain Shams University American University of Beirut Birmingham University Cairo University Emory University Georgetown University Imperial College London Jordan University of Science and Technology King Abdulaziz University Mutha University Qatar University University of Antwerp University of Jordan University of Nebraska University of Petra Yale School of Public Health Georgetown University George Washington University
Ministries of Health Ministry of Public Health-Afghanistan Ministry of Health-Jordan Ministry of Health-Morocco Ministry of Health-Tunisia Ministry of Health and Population-Egypt Federal Ministry of Health-Sudan Ministry of Health-Somalia Ministry of Public Health and Population-Yemen Ministry of Health Oman Ministry of Health-Saudi Arabia Ministry of Health-Iraq Ministry of Health-Pakistan
Private Sector Pfizer Sanofi Pasteur Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) Electronic Health Solutions Rida Jardaneh Drugstore Metabiota Vital Wave Palladium Group IQIVA GATC Health
UN Organizations United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) World Bank Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) World Health Organization (WHO) WHO-EMRO

MEDIA COVERAGE/VISIBILITY OF THE EMPHNET REGIONAL CONFERENCE



ONLINE PRESS

*The EMPHNET
Regional
Conference
received
extensive media
coverage,
with various
media entities
highlighting the
event, its key
themes, and
outcomes.*



**REGIONAL TV
NETWORKS**



**LOCAL NEWS
AGENCIES**



**INDUSTRY
SPECIFIC OUTLETS**



PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED

EMPHNET's conferences have contributed to the global public health discourse through published proceedings, including:



Exclusive, high-level dialogues documented.



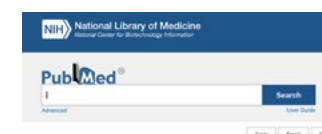
Topic-specific regional experiences published.



30+ citations of proceedings in regional and international public health publications.

Topics in Focus published:

- **One Health**
- **Regional Research Output and Quality**
- **Regional Public Health Networking**
- **Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) in Public Health Systems**
- **Tobacco Use**



[Monitoring and Combating Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Through Surveillance and Taxation](#)



[Learning From COVID-19: What Would It Take to Be Better Prepared in the Eastern Mediterranean Region?](#)



[Toward Public Health Resilience in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Findings From the Seventh Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network Regional Conference](#)

[Innovative Approaches to Improve Public Health Practice in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Findings From the Sixth Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network Regional Conference](#)

[The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network: A Resource for Improving Public Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

[Highlights and conclusions from the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network \(EMPHNET\) Conference 2011](#)



[Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal](#)

[Supporting Public Health Research Capacity, Quality, and Productivity in a Diverse Region](#)

[Strengthening the One Health Approach in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

COLLABORATIONS AND PATRONAGES

The EMPHNET Regional Conference continues to serve as a unifying platform in the region, thanks to its strategic partnerships and prestigious patronages that enhance its value, amplify its reach, and solidify its position as an influential gathering for public health advancement.

Elevating the Conference’s Reach and Strategic Collaborations: Jointly Held Conference

2009

Location

Amman, Jordan

Title and Theme

Mental Health

Collaborating Entity

TEPHINET

Strategic Reach

Establishing a strong foundation for global field epidemiology collaboration.

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2016

Location

Marrakech, Morocco

Title and Theme

Regional Contributions to Global Health Development

Collaborating Entity

MEDIPIET

Strategic Reach

Strengthening Mediterranean regional linkages in applied epidemiology.

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These collaborations enhanced visibility, diversified participation, and enriched the technical agenda

Elevating the Conference’s Strategic Endorsements: Official and Institutional Patronage

Patronage:
Official

1st Conference

Location: Amman, Jordan

Focus: Mental Health

2009

Patronage:
Official

2nd Conference

Location: Sharm Sheikh, Egypt

Focus: FETP Action on All Disease Fronts

2011

Patronage:
Official

3rd Conference

Location: Marrakech, Morocco

Focus: Public Health Surveillance in the 21st Century

2013

Patronage:
Official

4th Conference

Location: Aqaba, Jordan

Focus: Challenges and Opportunities in the Regional Context

2015

Patronage:
HRH Princess
Muna Al Hussein

6th Conference

Location: Amman, Jordan

Focus: Innovative Approaches in the Regional Context

2018

Patronage:
Official

5th Conference

Location: Marrakech, Morocco

Focus: Regional Contributions to Global Health Development

2016

Patronage:
HRH Princess
Muna Al Hussein

7th Conference

Location: Amman, Jordan

Focus: Public Health Resilience

2021

Patronage:
HRH Princess
Muna Al Hussein

8th Conference

Location: Amman, Jordan

Focus: Public Health Preparedness and Response

2024

High-level patronage, signaling credibility to regional and global stakeholders, has contributed to positioning the conference as a premier public health event in the region.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER HEALTH.



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