

# WHO World Health Assembly 79 (WHA79)

## Promote Health

### Agenda item 15.2 Well-being and health promotion

Documents [A79/5](#) and [EB158/2025/REC/1](#)

### FDI & IADR Statement

FDI with the support of IADR welcome the report on well-being and health promotion and its emphasis on cross-sectoral collaboration.

With nearly 60% of the working-age population employed<sup>1</sup>, workplaces are vital for disease prevention and health promotion. Oral diseases affect 3.7 billion people worldwide<sup>2</sup> and cost about US\$710 billion annually<sup>3</sup>. Integrating oral health into workplace well-being strategies is therefore both a public health and economic imperative.

FDI's new *Oral Health at Work* report, grounded in country experiences, identifies practical pathways to translate policy into action through cross-sectoral collaborations.

We urge Member States to:

- Engage employers and workplaces in integrated health promotion initiatives inclusive of oral health.
- Invest in research and programmes to identify scalable models for health promotion and well-being.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> World Bank Open Data. Available from: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.EMP.TOTL.SP.ZS> [Accessed 25 April 2026].

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization. Oral health. 2025. Available from: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/oral-health> [Accessed 25 April 2026].

<sup>3</sup> World Economic Forum. The Economic Rationale for a Global Commitment to Invest in Oral Health. Geneva: World Economic Forum; 2024.