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Partnership to propel environmentally sustainable healthcare practices in Australia

The International Hospital Federation (IHF)'s Geneva Sustainability Centre and the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) have teamed up to drive environmental sustainability within Australian hospitals and healthcare delivery settings. This collaboration will focus on the adoption and utilisation of the Sustainability Accelerator Tool (SAT), a digital platform developed by the IHF's Geneva Sustainability Centre in collaboration with Deloitte Switzerland.

Piloted with hospitals across the IHF's global membership, the SAT empowers hospitals and healthcare leaders by providing a digital solution for strategic planning and performance benchmarking, to drive sustainable, low-carbon, equitable, and resilient healthcare systems. Underpinned by a framework of global key performance indicators, the SAT targets three key domains: Environment, Health equity and wellbeing, and Leadership and governance.

With the launch of Australia's National Health and Climate Strategy in December 2023, AHHA recognises the pivotal role of the SAT in achieving the strategy's objectives of health system resilience, decarbonisation, international collaboration, and health policy integration.

'Healthcare systems are impacted by climate change, and hospitals significantly contribute to emissions. SAT offers tailored support to leaders of hospitals and healthcare services, to facilitate implementation of the national strategy.' said AHHA Chief Executive Ms Kylie Woolcock.

Dr Muna Tahlak, IHF President, highlighted the role of the IHF's Geneva Sustainability Centre in supporting healthcare leaders worldwide: 'The IHF established the Geneva Sustainability Centre to equip hospital leaders with the knowledge, skills, and tools to transition to net zero healthcare delivery. The SAT complements our mission by offering a comprehensive solution to assess organisational sustainability maturity and track progress against key performance indicators.'

The cloud-based tool enables executives to report their health service's performance against core indicators and compare it to other healthcare organisations worldwide.

‘The Sustainability Accelerator Tool will help transform the way that the healthcare sector drives its sustainability agenda by leveraging cloud technology to action-orient globally relevant sustainability KPIs.’ said Ms Sara Siegel, Global Head of Healthcare at Deloitte, emphasising the transformative potential of the SAT.

Visit the [Geneva Sustainability Centre website](#) for more information about the Sustainability Accelerator Tool.

SAT is the latest addition to the Geneva Sustainability Centre’s toolbox of resources developed specifically for executives in the healthcare sector. In July 2023, an online learning tool – the Carbon Emissions Learning Lab (CELL) simulator – was launched for executives to understand the impacts and organisational benefits of sustainability-oriented decision-making. A learning programme, as well as free guides and case studies are also available.

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About the Geneva Sustainability Centre:

Powered by the IHF, the Geneva Sustainability Centre was established in 2022 to support hospitals and healthcare services in addressing the sustainability challenges of today and tomorrow. The Geneva Sustainability Centre equips current and future hospital leaders with the information, tools, and skills to drive this sustainable transformation at leadership, management, and institutional levels. The Geneva Sustainability Centre was established with the support of a private donor based in Geneva. This was realized through support from Geneva University Hospitals (HUG), a member of the IHF, and, in particular, from its Director General, Bertrand Levrat.

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About the International Hospital Federation (IHF):

Established in 1929, the IHF is a global not-for-profit, non-governmental membership organization. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the IHF is the global voice of

hospitals and health systems. The IHF provides its members with a platform for knowledge exchange and networking with different actors in the health sector, to improve the standard, quality, and level of service delivery. <https://www.ihf-fih.org/>

About the AHHA:

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) is the independent peak membership body and advocate for the Australian healthcare system and a national voice for universally accessible, high-quality healthcare in Australia.

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