

**Global Partnerships in Brain Research  
Science Summit at the 77<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly  
26 September 2022, The Experience Room at 55 Hudson Yards, New York City**

In the framework of the [Science Summit at the 77th United Nations General Assembly](#), the European Brain Council and Cohen Veterans Bioscience are pleased to convene a meeting on **Global Partnerships in Brain Research** with leaders in neuroscience, to highlight existing global partnerships and explore collaboration and alignment for the future.

**Background**

Enhancing global collaboration in the domain of research and innovation is key for effectively addressing today's societal challenges and improving the health and well-being of citizens. This is particularly true for brain disorders, including both neurological and mental conditions, which are widespread and highly disabling diseases that are often difficult to treat. It is crucial to explore how global research collaboration can support brain research in a meaningful way, to the benefit of patients across the globe.

Various initiatives aimed at reinforcing global research collaboration, including in the brain research space, have been launched in recent years. The EBC-led Horizon 2020 project establishing a European Brain Research Area (EBRA) aims to reduce fragmentation in brain research and foster synergies through enhanced coordination of brain research efforts at the EU and global level. The Brain Health Nexus, led by Cohen Veterans Bioscience, was formed with the mission to build a new paradigm of international collaboration to unleash science and technology to optimise brain health and prevent brain disease.

In light of this, the forthcoming event – with key players around the table – aims to explore how global research collaboration can support brain research going forward and how best to align existing global efforts. The meeting will enable an exchange of views addressing key questions, including: *What kind of measures should decision-makers take in order to boost research collaboration at the global level? How can synergies between research schemes be reinforced to benefit brain research? What should be the role of academics, foundations, industry and policy stakeholders in linking current brain research initiatives and foster collaboration that goes beyond the large-scale brain initiatives?*

**Programme**

The event will take place on the afternoon of Monday, 26 September, and will combine a roundtable discussion and networking reception, in an effort to encourage concrete discussions for collaboration, knowledge and experience sharing as well as outreach and education of existing collaboration and pathways for collaboration for scientists. The proposed agenda is:

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| <b>12:00-13:00</b> | Welcome Lunch   |
| <b>13:00-13:20</b> | Welcome and Introduction by the organisers  |
| <b>13:20-13:40</b> | Tour de Table   |
| <b>13:40-14:10</b> | The European Brain Research Area: A model for collaboration in brain research - looking towards the future<br><i>Frédéric Destrebecq, European Brain Council</i>  |
| <b>14:10-14:30</b> | Brain capital: emboldening the brain science community<br><i>Harris Eyre, Brain Capital Alliance, OECD Neuroscience-inspired Policy Initiative, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and IMPACT at Deakin University</i><br><br>BD2: Breakthrough Discoveries for thriving with Bipolar Disorder<br><i>Cara Altimus, Senior Director, Center for Strategic Philanthropy, Milken Institute</i> |
| <b>14:30-14:50</b> | Introduction of the Brain Health Nexus<br><i>Inez Jabalpurwala, Executive Leader, Brain Health Nexus</i>  |
| <b>14:50-17:00</b> | Roundtable Discussion<br><i>Moderated by Magali Haas, Cohen Veterans Bioscience and Frédéric Destrebecq, European Brain Council</i>   |
| <b>17:00-19:00</b> | Networking Reception  |

**Confirmed Participants List:**

1. Cara Altimus, Senior Director, Center for Strategic Philanthropy, Milken Institute, USA
2. Michael Berk, Alfred Deakin Professor and Director of IMPACT, Deakin University, Australia
3. Isabel Cerda Marcos, Global Public Affairs, Senior Specialist, Lundbeck, Denmark
4. Renee Davis, Executive Director of Development, Cohen Veterans Bioscience
5. Evelia Deane, Vice President, Partnerships and Alliances, Michael J Fox Foundation, USA
6. Frédéric Destrebecq, Executive Director, European Brain Council, Belgium
7. Harris Eyre, Brain Capital Alliance, OECD Neuroscience-inspired Policy Initiative, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and IMPACT at Deakin University
8. Melissa A. Garcia, Associate Director, Society for Neuroscience, USA
9. Magali Haas, CEO and President, Cohen Veterans Bioscience
10. Peter Hoehn, Executive Vice President, Strategic Marketing, Development & Impact, Cohen Veterans Bioscience; Founding Steering Committee Member, Brain Health Nexus, USA
11. Amadi O. Ihunwo, President, Society for Neuroscientists of Africa, South Africa
12. Inez Jabalpurwala, Executive Leader, Brain Health Nexus, USA
13. Julian Karaguesian, Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal (IRPP), Canada
14. Stephanie Kramer, Head of Communications, Advocacy and Policy, European Brain Council, Belgium
15. Marion Leboyer, Fondation FondaMental, France
16. Husseini Manji, (Former) Global Head, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Science for Minds, Oxford University, Duke University, USA
17. Danish Munir, Founding Partner, GreyMatter Capital, USA
18. Vaibhav Narayan, Executive Vice President, Head of Strategy and Innovation, Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, USA
19. Jo-An Occhipinti, Co-Director, Mental Wealth Initiative, Brain and Mind Centre, University of Sydney, Australia
20. Christopher Pittenger, Elizabeth Mears and House Jameson Professor, Deputy Chair for Translational Research, Yale University, USA
21. Ramesh Raghupathi, Member of IBRO US/Canada Regional Committee, Drexel University, USA
22. Charles Rodenkirch, CEO, Sharper Sense, USA
23. Mohamed Salama, Atlantic Senior Fellow for Equity in Brain Health, Global Brain Health Institute; American University Cairo, Egypt
24. Alyssa Picchini Schaffer, Senior Scientist & Administrative Director - Neuroscience Collaborations, Simons Foundation, USA
25. Daniela Schiller, Associate Editor, Neuroscience, USA
26. Vreni Schoenenberger, Global Head of Public Affairs, Neuroscience, Novartis, Switzerland
27. Madhukar Trivedi, Director, Center for Depression Research and Clinical Care at UT Southwestern Medical Center, USA
28. Shari Wiseman, Chief Editor, Nature Neuroscience, USA
29. Jean Zarate, Senior Editor, Nature Neuroscience, USA
30. Basilis Zikopoulos, Director, Human Systems Neuroscience Laboratory, Boston University, USA