

# IHP News 898: UNGA81 Mid-Week Summary

*Global Health Policies & Governance | Full Newsletter Breakdown & 30 Key Reads*

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## PART 1: COMPREHENSIVE NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

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### Introduction & Context (~0.5 Page)

IHP News 898 (Part One: 23 September 2026) is a special mid-week edition of the weekly *International Health Policies* newsletter, produced by the Health Policy Unit at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. Edited by Kristof Decoster, this issue is specifically compiled to capture the intense surge of global health diplomacy, high-level side events, policy briefs, and multilateral reports emerging during the opening of the **81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA81)** High-Level Week in New York.

The General Debate opened under the overarching theme '*Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all*', setting a stark backdrop of severe fiscal constraints, geopolitical fragmentation, and institutional recalibration. Decoster notes that due to the sheer volume of developments during UNGA week, editorial commentary is reserved for the upcoming Friday issue. The compilation highlights a overarching transition in global health from an era of growth-based expansion to one of domestic accountability, strategic consolidation, and sovereign health leadership.

### Section-by-Section Summary (~5.5 Pages)

#### 1. Read of the (1st Part of the) Week

The featured lead read for this issue is Habib Benzian's Substack piece, '**The End of the UHC Financing Consensus**'. Benzian argues that global health's long-standing 'temporal bargain'—the assumption that continuous economic growth and development assistance would automatically expand fiscal space for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)—has fundamentally broken down. Drawing on data from the World Bank report *Investing in Health: Pathways for a Fiscal Pivot*, the analysis stresses that health systems must move away from expecting expansion funded by 'more' and adapt to fiscal discipline funded by 'less'.

#### 2. UNGA 81: General News, Reports, ...

UNGA81 proceedings are overshadowed by looming leadership transitions, structural financing deficits, and stagnant progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over 1,500 economists signed an open letter urging world leaders to join the International Panel on Inequality to combat extreme wealth disparities. With UN Secretary-General António Guterres stepping down in December, member states are contemplating the election of the 10th Secretary-General amid a \$4 trillion annual SDG financing gap. Official Development Assistance (ODA) dropped by a record 23% in 2025. Meanwhile, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed warned that the UN development system faces an 'existential threat' due to a projected 21% revenue decline by 2027. In response to global fragmentation, leaders from Brazil, Portugal, Kenya, and Canada launched the '**Partners for Multilateralism**' (P4M) platform.

### 3. Run-up to the UN High-Level Meeting on PPPR (25 September)

Ahead of Friday's UN High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPPR), the landmark **NUS–Lancet PRIME Commission** published a whole-of-society framework distinguishing routine 'pandemic preparedness' from equitable 'pandemic readiness'. Based on evidence across 20 countries, the Commission outlines 10 actionable recommendations and six core building blocks. Modeling demonstrates that allocating vaccines by population size rather than purchasing power saves an estimated 2.7 million additional lives during a severe flu pandemic. Concurrently, civil society organizations critique the draft UN political declaration on PPPR for weak binding commitments, while DNDi released a report detailing Member States' obligations under Article 9.5 to mandate public access conditions on publicly funded R&D.

### 4. PABS Negotiations: Wrap-up of the Latest Round

The 8th meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG8) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement wrapped up in Geneva on 18 September with minimal progress on the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) system. Analysis by *Geneva Health Files* highlights deep geopolitical rifts over digital sequence information (DSI), closed-door drafting sessions, and growing skepticism regarding the May 2027 adoption deadline. Tensions over pathogen sovereignty were underscored by Namibia's decision to reject bilateral US data-sharing demands, leading Washington to announce a phase-out of PEPFAR HIV funding to Namibia after 2027.

### 5. More on PPPR

The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) secured a \$240 million funding commitment from Ethiopia, Norway, and the United Kingdom to support its CEPI 3.0 strategic plan, aimed at accelerating response timelines against emerging biothreats and prototype pathogens.

### 6. Ebola Emergency DRC

The 17th Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues to expand into underprepared health zones in Ituri province, even as vaccine trials deploying 20,000 Ervebo doses commence. Africa CDC and UNAIDS warned that Ebola-related disruptions threaten routine HIV care. In a two-part investigation for *Health Policy Watch*, Mukesh Kapila delivers a scathing critique of international aid coordination, exposing a lack of central tracking, conflicting financial appeals exceeding \$3 billion, and an 'epidemic' of 16 uncoordinated strategic initiatives operating under conflicting legal mandates.

### 7. Run-up to the World Health Summit in Berlin

Ahead of the World Health Summit, the WHS Academic Alliance published a declaration in *The Lancet* calling for health to be protected as a fundamental human right and bridge for peace during global conflicts. Simultaneously, European health leaders writing in *Nature Health* argued that as the US retreats from multilateral governance, Europe must step forward with unified political leadership and equitable LMIC partnerships.

### 8. WHO DG Race

With nominations closing on 24 September for the upcoming WHO Director-General election, four candidates are actively campaigning. Belgian nominee Hans Kluge emphasizes deeper China-Europe collaboration in AI and primary care. Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin presents a finance-driven platform, proposing that WHO tap multilateral development banks (MDBs) and external capital. Meanwhile, civil society groups are urging Spain to nominate climate health expert Dr. María Neira.

## 9. Global Health Reform

Marking one year since its launch, the **Accra Reset** independent expert panel released *A Sovereign Future for Health*, outlining 10 core recommendations to enforce country health sovereignty. The panel proposes establishing National Health Plans with single budgets and consolidating major global funds (Gavi, Global Fund, GFF, Pandemic Fund, Unitaid). Meanwhile, UN80 discussions regarding UNAIDS have shifted away from an immediate sunset toward integrating its core functions into a smaller hosted hub.

## 10. Post-2030 Brainstorm & the Future of Development Cooperation

Looking beyond the 2030 SDG target, a new Brookings volume stresses that natural ecological systems represent the non-negotiable precondition for all economic activity. Reports from CGD and IDOS call for a 'politics of cooperation and perseverance', warning against rollbacks in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), climate-health integration, and universal immunization.

## 11. More on Global Health Governance & Financing/Funding

To cushion historically sharp aid declines, Coefficient Giving launched the \$165 million **Health Aid Transition Fund** to assist LMICs during donor transitions. A WHO/P4H study demonstrates that Sub-Saharan Africa's domestic institutional capital available for UHC is roughly \$250 billion—far lower than headline \$2 trillion estimates. Results for Development (R4D) calls for country-led technical support platforms, while Botswana President Duma Boko urged the World Bank to launch a second Malaria Booster Programme.

## 12. Global Tax Justice

Six Nobel Laureates in Economics published an open letter endorsing California's Proposition 40—a proposed 5% wealth tax on billionaires—to directly offset severe federal Medicaid funding cuts.

## 13. Trump 2.0, US Global Health Strategy & Bilateral Health Agreements

US federal officials are drafting an executive order to create an external review panel with veto power over National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants. Analyses from CGD note that while PEPFAR retained bipartisan support due to robust outcome metrics, other US foreign aid programs lacking clear metrics face extreme vulnerability.

## 14. PHC (Primary Health Care)

Delegates at the 2nd International Primary Health Care Conference adopted **The Arusha Call for Action**, committing African nations to finance, deliver, and sustain Primary Health Care as the foundation of national health sovereignty.

## 15. SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights)

Nearly 60 anti-abortion organizations launched the Global Coalition for Women's Health at UNGA to support the Geneva Consensus Declaration. Concurrently, a multi-country study in *Reproductive Health* identified four operational innovations—including essential service designation, digital telemedicine, and task-shifting—that sustained SRHR services during pandemic disruptions.

## 16. Child Health

A commentary in the *New England Journal of Medicine* frames child trafficking as a major structural determinant of health, urging the medical community to leverage the Epstein Files Transparency Act (#EFTA) to pursue perpetrator accountability.

## 17. Human Resources for Health

The WHO released its *National Health Workforce Accounts 2026* report, revealing that while global health worker density has risen 52% since 2006, critical regional imbalances remain. Nearly 1 in 4 doctors globally (and 1 in 3 in HICs) is over 55 and nearing retirement, driving a projected global deficit of 11.1 million health workers by 2030.

## 18. NCDs & Urban Health

An NCD Alliance policy brief details five strategic roles for private philanthropy to address the chronic underfunding of Non-Communicable Diseases. In urban health, *The Lancet Public Health* highlights that C40 cities are reducing per-capita emissions five times faster than national governments.

## 19. Mental Health

A *Nature World View* article argues that climate-driven displacement and destruction of cultural identity constitute a severe mental health crisis, calling for formal metrics to quantify non-economic loss and damage.

## 20. Planetary Health

At New York Climate Week, leaders framed climate change as an immediate national security threat. The *Planetary Health Check 2026* confirmed that seven of nine planetary boundaries are breached, following ocean acidification transgressions. Research led by the University of Melbourne indicates that climate inequalities will persist in tropical regions long after net-zero is reached, while UNEP warned that overshooting 1.5°C will require massive carbon removal investments.

## 21. Conflict/War & Health

IRC President David Miliband argued in *Foreign Policy* that the SDGs are failing because they were designed for peaceful states and ignored 'forever wars'. With 98 nations entangled in externalized conflicts, armed violence has delayed global SDG progress by 18 years.

## 22. Access to Medicines, Vaccines & Other Health Technologies

PAHO negotiated a bulk procurement agreement with Gilead Sciences enabling 14 Latin American nations to purchase injectable HIV PrEP (lenacapavir) at reduced prices via regional revolving funds. Gilead also expanded royalty-free voluntary licenses for investigational once-yearly lenacapavir formulations.

## 23. AI & Health

Amid a \$6 billion funding gap, the Global Fund is deploying handheld AI-powered digital X-ray tools and portable ultrasound scanners to rapidly diagnose tuberculosis and monitor maternal health in LMICs.

## 24. Lancet Collection – New Roadmap Integrates Arts into Global Health

Launched during UNGA, the *Jameel Arts & Health Lab–Lancet Global Collection* published a research roadmap advocating for the systematic integration of music, dance, and visual arts across clinical care, prevention, and public health systems.

## 25. Miscellaneous

Commentaries in the *BMJ* frame Afghanistan's restrictions on female education as a catastrophic public health emergency. Analysis in *Global Policy* warns that aid austerity is driving 'Humanitarian Extractivism 2.0', creating data deserts and excluding vulnerable populations from digital aid governance.

## PART 2: 30 KEY READS OF THE WEEK

**Selection Criteria:** Curated from all 25 newsletter subsections (1–2 reads per topic). Prioritizes editorially highlighted articles ('must-read', 'important read', lead articles, and top subsection entries). Includes first author, publication/journal, direct URL link, and an ultra-short 1-sentence summary.

| # | Article Title & Source URL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Author & Journal                                                         | Key Takeaway (1 Sentence)                                                                                                          |
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| 1 | <b>The End of the UHC Financing Consensus</b><br><a href="https://substack.com">https://substack.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Habib Benzian</b><br><i>Substack</i><br>[Lead Read]                   | Argues that global health can no longer assume growth-funded expansion and must adopt fiscal discipline under present constraints. |
| 2 | <b>Global leaders urged to join initiative to fight extreme inequality</b><br><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/2026/sep/18/global-leaders-urged-to-join-initiative-to-fight-extreme-inequality">https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/2026/sep/18/global-leaders-urged-to-join-initiative-to-fight-extreme-inequality</a> | <b>Guardian Report</b><br><i>The Guardian</i><br>[UNGA 81]               | Over 1,500 economists call on world leaders at UNGA81 to back the International Panel on Inequality.                               |
| 3 | <b>UN's sprawling development system faces 'existential threat'</b><br><a href="https://www.devex.com/news/exclusive-un-s-sprawling-development-system-faces-existential-threat-113218">https://www.devex.com/news/exclusive-un-s-sprawling-development-system-faces-existential-threat-113218</a>                                        | <b>Devex Exclusive</b><br><i>Devex</i><br>[UNGA 81]                      | Details UN town hall warnings regarding declining development revenues and structural resistance to UN80 reforms.                  |
| 4 | <b>The NUS–Lancet PRIME Commission: transforming pandemic readiness for equity</b><br><a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)01146-3/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)01146-3/fulltext</a>                                                               | <b>Sara Calderón-Larrañaga et al.</b><br><i>The Lancet</i><br>[PPPR HLM] | Sets out a 10-recommendation blueprint distinguishing whole-of-society pandemic readiness from routine preparedness.               |
| 5 | <b>Implementing article 9.5 of the WHO pandemic agreement</b><br><a href="https://dndi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/DNDi-Article-9.5-Policy-Report-2026.pdf">https://dndi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/DNDi-Article-9.5-Policy-Report-2026.pdf</a>                                                                                    | <b>DNDi Policy Team</b><br><i>DNDi</i><br>[PPPR HLM]                     | Outlines Member States' binding obligations to enforce equitable access conditions on publicly funded R&D.                         |
| 6 | <b>Sovereign Control Over Pathogen Information: The Design Crux of PABS</b><br><a href="https://newsletter.genevahealthfiles.com/">https://newsletter.genevahealthfiles.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Priti Patnaik</b><br><i>Geneva Health Files</i><br>[PABS Round]       | Examines deep political divergences, closed-door talks, and governance hurdles in the PABS negotiations.                           |
| 7 | <b>US plans to stop HIV support for Namibia over data sharing demands</b><br><a href="https://www.bmj.com/content/394/bmj-2026-100932">https://www.bmj.com/content/394/bmj-2026-100932</a>                                                                                                                                                | <b>Fifa Rahman et al.</b><br><i>BMJ</i><br>[PABS Round]                  | Reports on Namibia's rejection of US bilateral data demands and its linkage to broader PABS sovereignty positions.                 |

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| 8  | <b>Ethiopia, Norway and UK commit US\$240 million to CEPI's global plan</b><br><a href="https://cepi.net/ethiopia-norway-and-uk-commit-us240-million-on-cepis-global-plan-tackle-epidemic-and-pandemic-threats">https://cepi.net/ethiopia-norway-and-uk-commit-us240-million-on-cepis-global-plan-tackle-epidemic-and-pandemic-threats</a> | <b>CEPI Announcement</b><br><i>CEPI</i><br>[More PPPR]                              | Pledges \$240 million in new funding for the CEPI 3.0 pandemic preparedness strategic plan.                                 |
| 9  | <b>DRC's Ebola Outbreak: The Vast Mobilisation That Doesn't Measure Itself</b><br><a href="https://healthpolicy-watch.net/drcs-ebola-outbreak-the-vast-mobilisation-that-doesnt-measure-itself-part-ii/">https://healthpolicy-watch.net/drcs-ebola-outbreak-the-vast-mobilisation-that-doesnt-measure-itself-part-ii/</a>                  | <b>Mukesh Kapila</b><br><i>Health Policy Watch</i><br>[Ebola DRC]                   | Exposes critical tracking deficiencies, overlapping financial appeals, and coordination chaos in DRC's Ebola response.      |
| 10 | <b>Ebola Is Only the Beginning: Congo's Warning for the Global Health System</b><br><a href="https://www.foreignaffairs.com/democratic-republic-congo/ebola-only-beginning">https://www.foreignaffairs.com/democratic-republic-congo/ebola-only-beginning</a>                                                                              | <b>S. Psaki</b><br><i>Foreign Affairs</i><br>[Ebola DRC]                            | Proposes five strategic steps to strengthen biosurveillance and emergency response capabilities following the DRC outbreak. |
| 11 | <b>2026 World Health Summit Declaration: health and peace in a world in turmoil</b><br><a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)01760-5/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)01760-5/fulltext</a>                                                               | <b>WHS Academic Alliance</b><br><i>The Lancet</i><br>[WHS Berlin]                   | Calls on global academic institutions to protect health as a fundamental human right and bridge for peace.                  |
| 12 | <b>Ex-Banker Eyeing Top WHO Job Says Agency Can Tap Outside Money</b><br><a href="https://www.swissinfo.ch/en/g/ex-banker-eyeing-top-who-job-says-agency-can-tap-outside-money/92090066">https://www.swissinfo.ch/en/g/ex-banker-eyeing-top-who-job-says-agency-can-tap-outside-money/92090066</a>                                         | <b>Bloomberg Report</b><br><i>Bloomberg / Swissinfo</i><br>[WHO DG Race]            | Indonesian Health Minister Sadikin advocates leveraging development banks and external capital to fund WHO priorities.      |
| 13 | <b>WHO's Next DG Should Be A Medical Doctor, Public Health Leader &amp; Expert</b><br><a href="https://newsletter.genevahealthfiles.com/">https://newsletter.genevahealthfiles.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>S. Murgasampillay</b><br><i>Geneva Health Files</i><br>[WHO DG Race]             | Outlines the essential technical, operational, and political requirements for leading WHO through global health shifts.     |
| 14 | <b>A Sovereign Future for Health: Country priorities. Collective capability.</b><br><a href="https://www.devex.com/news/one-year-after-accra-reset-launch-panel-lays-out-next-steps-113345">https://www.devex.com/news/one-year-after-accra-reset-launch-panel-lays-out-next-steps-113345</a>                                              | <b>Accra Reset Panel</b><br><i>Accra Reset / Devex</i><br>[GH Reform]               | Recommends ten major global health reforms to enforce national sovereignty and consolidate major health funds.              |
| 15 | <b>Who is really shaping global health reform?</b><br><a href="https://journals.plos.org/globalpublichealth/article?id=10.1371/journal.pgph.0007342">https://journals.plos.org/globalpublichealth/article?id=10.1371/journal.pgph.0007342</a>                                                                                              | <b>F. Alpeza &amp; A. Rahman</b><br><i>PLOS Global Public Health</i><br>[GH Reform] | Urges reformers to account for the internal logic and agency of Global Health Organisations in reform processes.            |

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| 16 | <b>Nature, People, and Sustainable Development</b><br><a href="https://www.brookings.edu/articles/nature-people-sustainable-development/">https://www.brookings.edu/articles/nature-people-sustainable-development/</a>                                                                                                                           | <b>H. Kharas et al. (Eds.)</b><br><i>Brookings Institution</i><br>[Post-2030]        | Positions ecological integrity as the essential precondition for all post-2030 sustainable development goals.       |
| 17 | <b>From billions to balance sheets: where will money for health actually come from</b><br><a href="https://p4h.world/en/from-billions-to-balance-sheets-where-will-the-money-for-health-actually-not-come-from-part-2a/">https://p4h.world/en/from-billions-to-balance-sheets-where-will-the-money-for-health-actually-not-come-from-part-2a/</a> | <b>K. Chalkidou et al.</b><br><i>P4H Network / WHO</i><br>[Financing]                | Demonstrates that accessible African institutional capital for UHC is far smaller than headline figures suggest.    |
| 18 | <b>Strengthening country-led health systems through technical support platforms</b><br><a href="https://r4d.org/blog/strengthening-country-led-health-systems-through-technical-support-partnerships-and-platforms/">https://r4d.org/blog/strengthening-country-led-health-systems-through-technical-support-partnerships-and-platforms/</a>      | <b>C. Cashin et al.</b><br><i>Results for Development</i><br>[Financing]             | Proposes demand-driven technical platforms to support LMIC governments implementing National Health Compacts.       |
| 19 | <b>Economics Nobel Laureates Support letter for Proposition 40</b><br><a href="https://gabriel-zucman.eu/files/prop40letter.pdf">https://gabriel-zucman.eu/files/prop40letter.pdf</a>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>D. Acemoglu, P. Krugman et al.</b><br><i>Open Letter / Zucman</i><br>[Global Tax] | Six Nobel economists endorse a 5% wealth tax on California billionaires to offset federal Medicaid cuts.            |
| 20 | <b>White House Moves to Take Control of N.I.H. Grants</b><br><a href="https://www.nytimes.com">https://www.nytimes.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>NYT Staff</b><br><i>The New York Times</i><br>[Trump / US]                        | Reveals executive order plans to establish an external committee with veto power over NIH research awards.          |
| 21 | <b>The Arusha Call for Action: Primary Health Care Transformation</b><br><a href="https://africacdc.org/news-item/the-arusha-call-for-action-primary-health-care-transformation/">https://africacdc.org/news-item/the-arusha-call-for-action-primary-health-care-transformation/</a>                                                              | <b>Conference Delegates</b><br><i>Africa CDC</i><br>[PHC]                            | Establishes a continental commitment across Africa to finance and sustain Primary Health Care.                      |
| 22 | <b>Anti-abortion groups launch coalition on Geneva Consensus Declaration</b><br><a href="https://www.devex.com/news/anti-abortion-groups-launch-coalition-on-geneva-consensus-declaration-113344">https://www.devex.com/news/anti-abortion-groups-launch-coalition-on-geneva-consensus-declaration-113344</a>                                     | <b>Devex Staff</b><br><i>Devex</i><br>[SRHR]                                         | Reports on a 60-organization anti-abortion coalition formed to advocate against an international right to abortion. |
| 23 | <b>The Epstein Files Transparency Act and the Health of Trafficked Children</b><br><a href="https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2605483">https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2605483</a>                                                                                                                                            | <b>N. Peoples et al.</b><br><i>NEJM</i><br>[Child Health]                            | Identifies child trafficking as a structural determinant of health requiring clinical and legal action.             |

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| 24 | <b>One in four doctors nearing retirement age as WHO warns of shortage</b><br><a href="https://www.who.int/news/item/18-09-2026-one-in-four-doctors-nearing-retirement-age-as-who-warns-of-global-health-workforce-gap">https://www.who.int/news/item/18-09-2026-one-in-four-doctors-nearing-retirement-age-as-who-warns-of-global-health-workforce-gap</a>                               | <b>WHO Press</b><br><i>WHO</i><br>[Workforce]                         | Warns that 25% of doctors worldwide are approaching retirement amid a projected 11.1M worker shortage by 2030.         |
| 25 | <b>Meeting the moment: NCD funding in a changing world</b><br><a href="https://ncdalliance.org/resources/meeting-the-moment-ncd-funding-in-a-changing-world-the-role-of-private-philanthropy-in">https://ncdalliance.org/resources/meeting-the-moment-ncd-funding-in-a-changing-world-the-role-of-private-philanthropy-in</a>                                                             | <b>NCD Alliance</b><br><i>NCD Alliance Brief</i><br>[NCD & Urban]     | Outlines actionable pathways for private philanthropies to address the chronic underfunding of NCDs.                   |
| 26 | <b>Losing your way of life to climate change matters – and we must measure it</b><br><a href="https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-026-02928-0">https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-026-02928-0</a>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>M. Kumar</b><br><i>Nature</i><br>[Mental Health]                   | Calls for formal measurement frameworks to assess non-economic climate losses and mental health impacts.               |
| 27 | <b>Planetary Health Check 2026 finds mounting pressures across Earth's systems</b><br><a href="https://www.pik-potsdam.de/en/news/latest-news/planetary-health-check-2026-finds-mounting-pressure-across-earth-2019s-life-support-systems">https://www.pik-potsdam.de/en/news/latest-news/planetary-health-check-2026-finds-mounting-pressure-across-earth-2019s-life-support-systems</a> | <b>PIK Potsdam</b><br><i>PIK Report</i><br>[Planetary]                | Reports that seven of nine planetary boundaries are breached, following ocean acidification transgressions.            |
| 28 | <b>It's Time to Update the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals</b><br><a href="https://foreignpolicy.com/2026/09/21/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-conflict-aid/">https://foreignpolicy.com/2026/09/21/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-conflict-aid/</a>                                                                                              | <b>David Miliband</b><br><i>Foreign Policy</i><br>[Conflict]          | Argues that SDGs must be structurally updated to account for 'forever wars' and humanitarian crises in fragile states. |
| 29 | <b>PAHO, Gilead deal expands lenacapavir access for 14 countries</b><br><a href="https://www.devex.com/news/paho-gilead-deal-expands-lenacapavir-access-for-14-countries-113341">https://www.devex.com/news/paho-gilead-deal-expands-lenacapavir-access-for-14-countries-113341</a>                                                                                                       | <b>Devex Staff</b><br><i>Devex</i><br>[Access Meds]                   | Announces a bulk purchasing deal enabling 14 Latin American countries to procure injectable HIV PrEP.                  |
| 30 | <b>Global fund utilises AI to tackle malaria, TB, and HIV amid aid cuts</b><br><a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/global-fund-ai-tackle-malaria-tb-and-hiv-aid-cuts/">https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/global-fund-ai-tackle-malaria-tb-and-hiv-aid-cuts/</a>                                                            | <b>Telegraph Staff</b><br><i>The Daily Telegraph</i><br>[AI & Health] | Explains how AI portable scanners and digital X-rays are mitigating a \$6B Global Fund budget shortfall.               |