



## DIALOGUE: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, A KEY PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION IN DISEASE PANDEMIC PREVENTION

The 26th of September of every year has been declared World Environmental Health Day by the International Federation of Environmental Health. The purpose of this day is to recognize the importance of the environment as a major determinant of our health and wellbeing. The theme for this year's celebration is ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, A KEY PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION IN DISEASE PANDEMIC PREVENTION. Water and wastewater is well recognized as one of the natural indicators on the status and health of the environment. Environmental surveillance, through the continuous monitoring and profiling of water and wastewater sources for substances that can serve as indicators or biomarkers of the collective status of environmental health (or stress/disease) is increasingly being used worldwide for detecting and avoiding emerging and unrecognized hazards that may cause health disparities and for guiding forensic investigations of causeeffect linkages involving communities and stressors. This approach is based on the fact that any substance (e.g. infectious agents, illicit drugs, food or environmental toxicants) that may be present in the environment will be washed into the aquatic system, either directly as runoff or via excretion by humans/organisms.

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