

## **GHS2026 Conference Workshops**

***Day One - Tuesday 9 2026, 1:45pm-6pm (4 Hour Workshop)  
Room 304***

### **Governance, Power and Accountability: A Political Economy Approach to Global Health Security**

#### **Aim and Objectives:**

Good governance is essential for the achievement of global health security. While it is well understood that systems are governance form the foundations for the establishment and implementation of policies, institutions, programmes and plans required to achieve health security for all, it is less clear what we mean by *good governance*.

The aim of this workshop is to equip participants with the concepts, frameworks, and practical tools to map power dynamics within governance systems and identify accountability gaps. More specifically, it will enable participants to:

- Understand why power and accountability matter for global health security
- Recognise visible, hidden, and invisible forms of power
- Apply political economy mapping tools to concrete actors to analyse how they accrue and deploy power, who benefits, and who is harmed or excluded.
- Identify existing accountability mechanisms, major gaps, and propose meaningful accountability reforms.

More specifically, the workshop will equip participants with some political science theories, mental models, conceptual frameworks and selected 'power and accountability mapping tools' to assess health security approaches, policies and programmes through a political and political economy lens, and to consider the challenge of melding social and political action with technical, scientific and evidence-based approaches to improving health security outcomes.

In order to illustrate some of these points, the workshop will use food systems governance and good security are a case study.

#### **Target audience:**

This workshop is targeted at public health researchers and practitioners, as well as civil society representatives. But it is open to all delegates.

Proposed geographical or population focus

The workshop will focus on governance structures and systems at the global and national levels. But it will not be specific to any one region.