

# CI ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2026 | Where Science Meets Experience

Advocating for sustainable services across the lifespan

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

**6.00** Registration & Welcome Reception (until 7.00pm) at MAI, Brussels

**DAY 1**

**THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER**

**8.30** Registration/ Coffee / Exhibition

**9.30** Welcome: Leo De Raeve, Chair, CIICA & Founding Members

Shelly Chadha, WHO, Welcome from Geneva

Rob Beenders, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Social Fraud & Equal Opportunities in Belgium:  
Ear and Hearing Care

**10.15** SLIDO: Who are you?

**10.30** Coffee/ exhibition and chat

**11.00** Advocacy In a Changing Global Context

**12.15** CIICA Collaborations – the network's impact

**12.30** Lunch and Exhibition : activities and discussions

**13.30** CIICA: Where Science Meets Experience: From Research to Real Life

**14.45** Coffee and Exhibition and Chat

**15.15** Round Table: Parents' Voices, CI in LMIC

**16.40** SLIDO discussion and quiz

**17.00** CLOSE

**19.00** Networking Dinner



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**DAY 2**

**FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

**9.00** SLIDO: Good morning

**9.10** Parents as Advocates: Challenges and Success

**10.30** Young adults: Active For Change

**11.00** Coffee and Exhibition and Chat

**11.30** Adults: Advocating for Lifelong CI Services – Addressing our Issues

**12.45** Lunch and Exhibition: activities and discussions

**13.45** Round Table: Delivering Services Differently

**15.00** Coffee and Exhibition and Chat

**15:30** Advocacy: Looking to the Future

**16.15** Summary: Future collaborations

**16.45** CLOSE: Leo De Raeve

