

CI ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2026 | Where Science Meets Experience

Advocating for sustainable services across the lifespan

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

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

DAY 1

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

8.30 Registration, coffee and 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

Graeme Clark, Welcome from Melbourne

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, exhibition, activities and discussions

13.30 CIICA: Where Science Meets Experience: From research to real life

14.45 Coffee, 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: The power of parent/professional relationships

10.30 Young adults: Into independence

11.00 Coffee, exhibition and chat

11.30 Adults: Advocating for lifelong CI services – addressing our issues

12.45 Lunch, exhibition, activities and discussions

13.45 Round table: Delivering services differently

15.00 Coffee, exhibition and chat

15:30 Advocacy: The power of a network

16.15 Summary: Future collaborations

16.45 Close: Leo De Raeve

