

World Dementia Council
Leading the Global Action Against Dementia

From Science to Health System Implementation

WDC Roundtable at the 1st Cognitive Neurology Conference
In partnership with Alzheimer's Association

Taj Taal Kutir, Kolkata – 15 November
17:00–18:30 IST

Event Summary

Earlier in the day, the conference programme will have explored the state of the science on diagnostics and treatments: from advances in biomarkers and blood-based testing, to emerging disease-modifying therapies, and the early lessons being learned from real-world use. Building on that scientific foundation, this roundtable will focus on what it takes to move from research progress to system-wide implementation.

The discussion will consider the practical challenges of delivering timely diagnosis, equitable access to treatment, and integrated brain health approaches within health systems. It will draw on perspectives from both high-resource and low-resource settings, recognising that implementation pathways vary across regions and institutions, and that solutions must be adapted to local infrastructure, workforce capacity, and public health priorities.

Context

The World Dementia Council has convened two virtual dialogues this year with leaders in India alongside international experts: one focused on brain health and prevention, and one on diagnostics and treatments. Each brought together clinicians, researchers, policymakers, and advocates to share experience and consider how advances can translate into practical benefit. Further information on these discussions is available here:
https://www.worlddementiacouncil.org/india

Publications arising from them can be found in *Alzheimer's & Dementia*:
https://www.worlddementiacouncil.org/our-work/publications

This roundtable is the third event in the series. It is designed to continue the exchange of perspectives, encourage collaboration, and deepen the conversation on what is required to move from scientific progress to delivery in real-world health systems. A discussion piece reflecting the insights from this workshop will be published in *Alzheimer's & Dementia* in the new year, focusing on the challenges of health system implementation.



Agenda

17:00–17:05 (5 minutes)
Welcome

- *Lenny Shallcross*, Executive Director, World Dementia Council
- *Professor Suvarna Alladi*, Professor of Neurology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)

17:05–17:25 (20 minutes)
Opening Remarks: The Challenge of Implementation in Prevention, Diagnostics and Treatments
(5 minutes each)

- *Opening speakers TBC*

17:25–18:20 (55 minutes)
Roundtable Discussion
Moderated by:

- *Dr Maria Carrillo*, Chief Science Officer, Alzheimer's Association
  Discussion focus: translating scientific progress into health system practice; opportunities for global collaboration.

18:20–18:30 (10 minutes)
Closing Reflections

- *Lenny Shallcross*, Executive Director, World Dementia Council
- *Professor Suvarna Alladi*, Professor of Neurology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)