

# KIDNEY HEALTH FOR ALL

PREPARING FOR  
THE UNEXPECTED,  
SUPPORTING  
THE VULNERABLE!



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# Scientific editorial

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<https://www.worldkidneyday.org/resource-library/wkd-2023-scientific-editorial/>

## Kidney health for all: preparedness for the unexpected in supporting the vulnerable OPEN

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The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction defines a disaster as "a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society at any scale due to hazardous events interacting with conditions of exposure, vulnerability and capacity, leading to one or more of the following: human, material, economic and environmental losses and impacts."<sup>1</sup> The global incidence of natural disasters is increasing, with the rate of disasters growing by at least 10-fold in one report from 1960 to 2020,<sup>2</sup> with attendant increases in mortality, injuries, diseases, and disabilities. In 2021, natural disasters affected 101.8 million people worldwide, accounted for over 10,000 deaths, and caused approximately USD\$252 billion in economic losses.<sup>3</sup> In the same vein, at the end of 2021, 89.3 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced from their homes because of conflicts, violence, or fear of persecution and human rights violations, totaling more than twice the 42.7 million individuals displaced a decade ago and the most since the World War II.<sup>4</sup> Disasters

disproportionately affect those living in developing nations or low-income communities. The United Nations explains that the loss of capital assets and infrastructure such as schools can cause the poor to fall into "poverty traps," which are multigenerational setbacks that can be very difficult to escape.<sup>5</sup> Disasters also mostly harm groups that experience intersectional social disadvantages such as a low socioeconomic status and ethnic/racial discrimination.<sup>6</sup> Governments have a responsibility to uplift these groups during disaster response and recovery to ensure that existing inequalities are not exacerbated. With such a scale of impact on the community, there is a clear need to better plan and prepare for disasters of all scales in an attempt to minimize the effects that disruption to daily life brings to health and well-being.

**Types of natural disasters and other unexpected events**

Natural disasters come in many forms, so it is important to understand the basics of common

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# ISN Global Kidney Care Podcast

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WKD Steering committee members (Dina Abd El-Latif, Li-Li Hsiao, Ulasi Ifeoma, and Dr. Ali Abu-Alfa, from the ISN Renal Disaster Preparedness Working Group) took part in an ISN Global Kidney Care Podcast to promote the 2023 campaign and discuss the 2023 theme. The podcast is accessible [here](https://gkcbvisn.buzzsprout.com/854974/12260490-season-3-episode-3-world-kidney-day-a-discussion-on-preparing-for-the-unexpected).




# WKD webinar

- Two IFKF-WKA/ISN Webinar was held (for different world time zone)

## World Kidney Day 2023: Preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable!

- To mark the day, the World Kidney Day Joint Steering Committee is hosting two official webinars highlighting the different aspects of the 2023 theme.
- The webinar will be followed by a live chat with speakers as a unique and interactive opportunity to bring the World Kidney Day community together.
- 4 speakers, 2 chairs and welcome from ISN and IFKF presidents
- Hosted on ISN academy and recording will be available on WKD's YouTube Channel



**ISN | ACADEMY** WEBINAR

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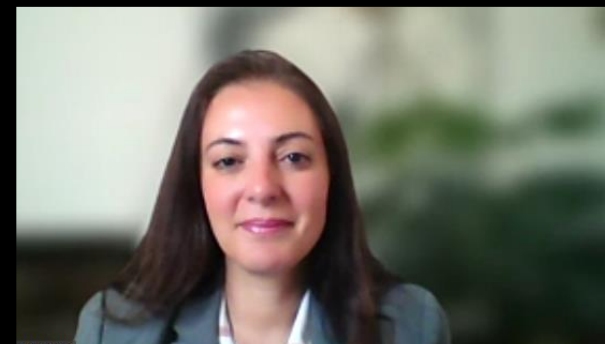
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# WKD at World Congress of Nephrology 2023



## Kidney Health for All: Preparedness for the Unexpected in Supporting the Vulnerable. WKD Session

Friday, 31 March, 2023 - 15:45 - 16:45

 [Full session details](#)

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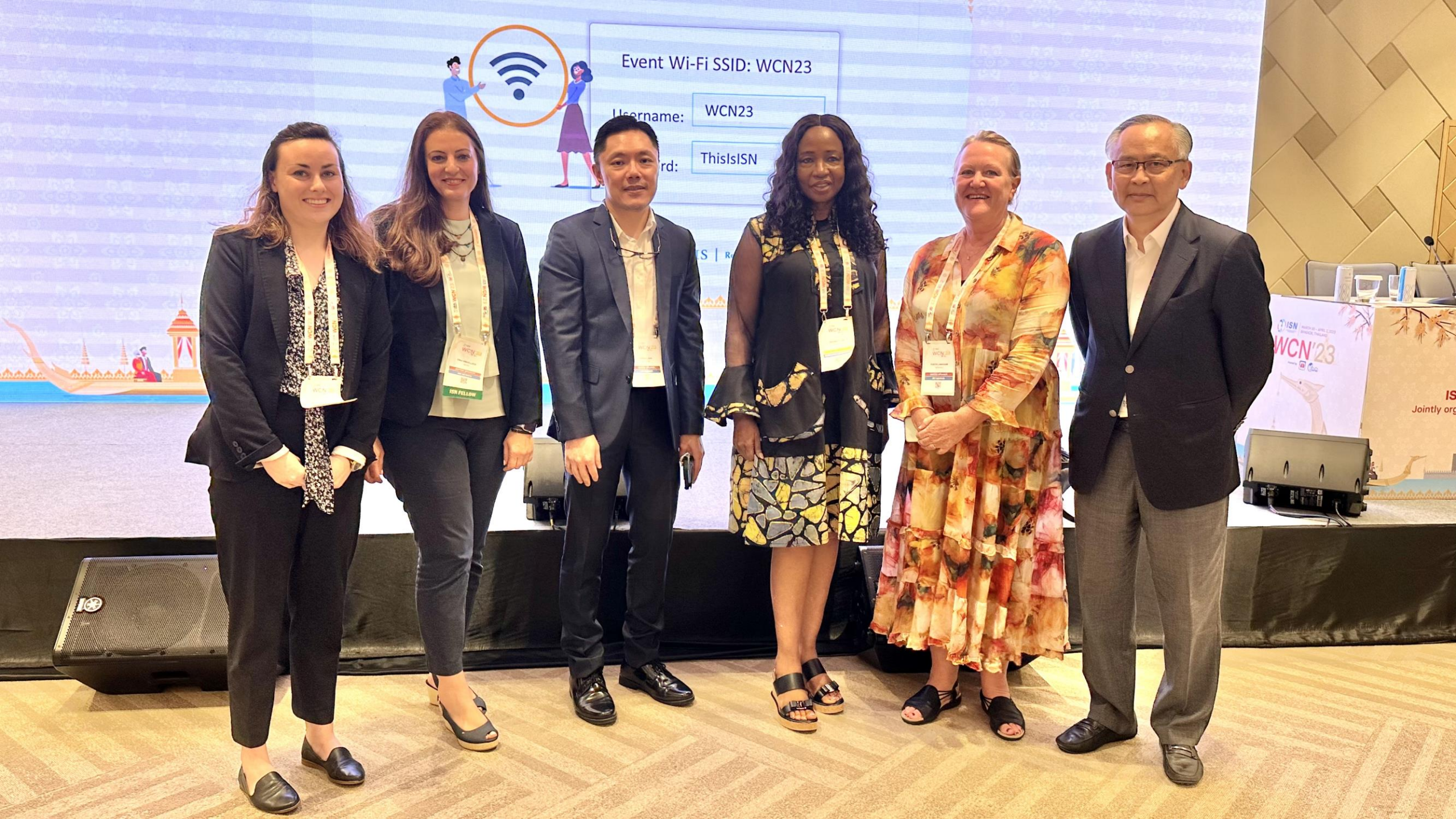
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A decorative banner for the congress. It features the ISN and WCN'23 logos at the top. Below the logos, it says 'MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 2023 | BANGKOK, THAILAND'. The main title 'ISN WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY 2023' is in bold, followed by 'Jointly organized with the 21st Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (APCN'23)'. The bottom of the banner has a stylized illustration of a city skyline with traditional Thai boats on the water.





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