

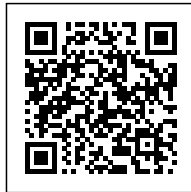
LENZ & STAEHELIN ASSISTED IN THE SETTING-UP OF "FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF WHO"

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The **World Health Organization** (WHO) [announced](#) the creation of the **WHO Foundation**, an independent grant-making entity, that will support the Organization's efforts to address the most pressing global health challenges. Headquartered in Geneva, the Foundation will support global public health needs by providing funds to WHO and trusted implementing partners to deliver on the Organization's "triple billion" goals. Featured in WHO's five-year strategic plan, these goals aim to: protect 1 billion people from health emergencies; extend universal health coverage to 1 billion people; and assure healthy lives and wellbeing to 1 billion people by 2023.

The team

Lenz & Staehelin [assisted](#) in the setting-up and incorporation in May 2020 in Geneva of the "Foundation in support of WHO". The team was led by partner **Benoît Merkt** (pictured) and involved associates **Sevan Antreasyan**, legal assistant **Vanessa Contrerès** and trainee **Victoria Ducrest**.