WISH is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. The WISH mission is: A healthier world through global collaboration. At its heart is a biennial global gathering that brings healthcare leaders, practitioners, advocates, researchers and idea generators together. In 2018, 2,500 participants from 100 countries convened in Doha. WISH 2020 is going to be different. This year, WISH will take place virtually in a unique and fully immersive 3D platform across more days, featuring more sessions, and involving significantly more participants – under the banner of ‘One World, Our Health’.

Carter Center Health Program representatives will participate in one special session and three panels during the WISH 2020 Conference.

Special Session: Pathways to Disease Eradication: Lessons Learned (Nov. 15, 12:15 – 1:00pm EST)

- Moderator: Stephen Sackur (BBC World – Presenter, HARDtalk)
- Dr. Donald Hopkins (The Carter Center - Special Advisor, Guinea Worm Eradication)
- Adam Weiss (The Carter Center - Director, Guinea Worm Eradication Program)
- Dr. William Foege (The Carter Center - Senior Fellow, Health Policy)
Panel: Dynamic Approaches to a Stigmatizing Disease: Eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti (Nov. 16, 11:30 – 12:15pm EST)

- Moderator: Dr. Gregory Noland, The Carter Center - Program Director, River Blindness, Lymphatic Filariasis, Schistosomiasis, and Malaria (Atlanta)
- Luccene Desir, Carter Center - Program Manager, Hispaniola Initiative (Haiti)
- Martha Desir, Hôpital Sainte Croix - Director of Clinical Services
- Dr. Valery Madsen Beau De Rochars, University of Florida - Assistant Professor
- Dr. Jim Lavery, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health – Founder, HELP (Hilton Chair in Global Health Ethics)

Panel: The Power of Partnership: Pursuing Trachoma Elimination in Sudan (Nov. 17, 11:30 – 12:15pm EST)

- Moderator: Angelia Sanders (The Carter Center- associate director, Trachoma Control Program, Atlanta)
- Dr. Balgesa Mohamed Elkhair Babiker (Federal Ministry of Health, Sudan - National Coordinator for Trachoma Control Program)
- Dr. Amani Mustafa (The Carter Center - Program Manager, Sudan Public Health Training Initiative)
- Dr. Amir Bedri (WHO/AFRO ESPEN - Medical Officer, Trachoma)

Panel: Words Matter: The Impact of Language on Mental Health (Nov. 18, 11:30 – 12:15pm EST)

- Moderator: Katie Connor (The CarterCenter – Atlanta – Senior Program Associate Mental Health)
- Andrés Bermúdez Liévano (Freelance Reporter – Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism Fellow 2017-2018)
- Muhammad Saad Ejaz (2019 Fellow - Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism Program in Qatar)