

## Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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### Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers\* /  
Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs\* :

#### Side event on « Together towards achieving optimal UHC »

#### Background

Marking the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the WHO, the organization is dedicating this year's theme to Universal Health Coverage (UHC). WHO's 13th general program of work for the years 2019–2023 highlights at least ten priorities (25–34) which are directly impacted by the implementation of UHC. As per the sound directives of the Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, world countries need to commit to concrete actions to advance health services for all. This is to honor the pledges made to meet the set SDG targets, especially 3.8, which focuses on achieving UHC, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services, along with access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all. These initiatives will not only enhance people's health and life expectancy, but will also protect countries from epidemics, reduce poverty, create jobs, and drives economic growth.

The government of Bahrain is working diligently to implement these WHO directives. Bahrain has given utmost attention to the development of healthcare services at all levels, leading to the significant improvement in health service delivery and health indicators in the last few decades. Despite these improvements, several challenges still face the healthcare systems, including financial sustainability, accessibility, a change in the pattern of diseases, and the lack of accurate and timely information for enhanced decision making. Bahrain National Health Plan 2016-2025 was initiated as a doorway to a series of reforms to the nation's health sector. Such initiatives require comprehensive reforms in both the public and private health sectors, along with forging strong relations of cooperation between all stakeholders in order to overcome potential barriers.

The objectives of the National Health Plan will be accomplished through a wide range of initiatives that will be undertaken by public and private health organizations in the Kingdom, under the supervision of the Supreme Council of Health. This, while keeping in mind SDG goals and the WHO thirteenth general program of work 2019–2023 to support the implementation of the National Social Health Insurance Scheme (Sehati). The implementation program consists of six main pillars supported by the health insurance law which provides the overarching framework for the entire health insurance system: 1) the Social Health Insurance Fund Authority; 2) the Health Insurance Knowledge Management Authority (HIKMA) ; 3) a Governance framework; 4) a reformed Ministry of Health (MOH) that will relinquish its current role of service provision and focus on public health; 5) development of 'autonomous' Hospital and Primary Care providers; and 6) a more effective contribution from the private sector, from both private insurance companies and service providers. It is anticipated that the model will take five years to be implemented.

#### Objective

To share with participating countries, expertise and challenges faced by the team through the implementation phases of the project, and how to manage and navigate risks. The following are areas to be discussed:

-Exchanging knowledge and expertise with regards to health insurance schemes.

-Benefitting from countries' experiences of change management in health reforms and establishing strong policies that would steer and govern the planned change.

-Highlighting specific roles for the different participating countries in insuring the development and expansion of the national health insurance industries and PPP initiatives.

-Discussing challenges and minimizing resistance to change

-Exploring the role of International bodies and the private sector in supporting the planned change

-Assessing the role of Information Systems in the implementation plan.

### **Expected results**

1-Identifying and devising clear strategies for countries to implement health reforms.

2-Involving different sectors and setting boundaries to ensure protection of patient rights.

3-Effective utilization of health resources (financial, human and physical)

4-Reforming the Sector: restructuring, governing and achieving autonomy of public healthcare providers.

5-Addressing political and health professionals concerns through awareness campaigns, involvement and change management

6-Identifying electronic information systems to ensure transparency, confidentiality, information sharing, and evidence-based decision making.

7-Initiating the need to identify international KPIs for the success of UHC.

### **Proposed programme, Speakers**

- Presentation of Speakers, (10 minutes)  
Dr Lubna Alansari, Assistant Director-General Metrics and Measurement, World Health Organization **(TBC)**
- Opening Remarks, (10 minutes)  
H.E Faeqa Saeed AlSaleh, Minister of Health, Kingdom of Bahrain
- Health System Finance Transformation at the Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia, (10 minutes)  
Dr. Omar Sayyed Alshanteey, CEO of Programme for Insurance and Purchasing of health services
- Outsourcing of services and PPP Model under UHC, Republic of Turkey, (10 minutes)  
Speaker **(TBC)**
- Korean National Health Insurance Information System, Republic of Korea (10 minutes)  
Kim, Hyunsook, Director of Global Healthcare, Ministry of Health
- Primary care Automatization and financing model, Republic of Estonia, (10 minutes)  
Ms Kaija Kasekamp, Adviser in the Ministry of Social Affairs
- Bahrain Drive towards UHC and Health System reform, Kingdom of Bahrain, (10 minutes)  
Mr.Ebrahim Ali Alnawakhtha, Secretary General at Supreme Council of Health
- Wrap up and Q & A Session, (20 minutes)  
**Moderated by Dr.Lubna Alansari, Assistant Director-General Metrics and Measurement, World Health Organization (TBC)**

### **Event details / details de la réunion**

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 100 – 120

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion: Together towards achieving optimal UHC

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### \*Badges/ Badges d'accès

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