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* :

Background:
Across the world, traditional and complementary medicine (T&CM) is either the mainstay of health care delivery or serves as a complement to it. T&CM is found in almost every country in the world and the demand for its services is increasing. The Alma-Ata International Conference in Primary Health Care recognized (40 years ago) the importance of including TM practitioners as part of the Primary Health Care teams. The declaration of the first WHO Congress on Traditional Medicine (Beijing, China, 2008), held on the 30th anniversary of Alma-Ata, recognized T&CM as a resource of primary health care services to “increase availability and affordability and to contribute to improve health outcomes.”

Based on the Beijing Declaration, the 62nd World Health Assembly (WHA) recommended that the WHO continue providing guidance to countries on T&CM integration into health systems, “especially to promote, where appropriate, the use of traditional/indigenous medicine for primary health care, including disease prevention and health promotion.”

Countries across the globe continue to recognize the need to develop a cohesive and integrative approach to health care that allows governments, health care practitioners and, most importantly, those who use health care services, to access T&CM in a safe, respectful, cost-efficient and effective manner. T&CM, of proven quality, safety, and efficacy, contributes to the goal of ensuring that all people have access to care.

The WHO has developed several recommendations including the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy (2014-2023), and the World Health Assembly resolution on traditional medicine in 2014 (WHA67.18) to encourage member states to integrate T&CM into their national healthcare systems. Most recently, the 69th WHA, in its resolution for “Strengthening Integrated, People-Centred Health Services” urged member states to “integrate, where appropriate, traditional and complementary medicine into health services, based on national context and knowledge-based policies, while assuring the safety, quality and effectiveness of health services and taking into account a holistic approach to health”.

Objectives:
The side event will explore the role of T&CM to both achieve universal health coverage (as proposed by the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 and WHA67.18 on traditional medicine), and to the development of “Integrated, People-Centred Health Services” (as proposed by resolution WHA69.24), in the context of the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata declaration. Special attention will be put on T&CM’s underlying approaches, such as primary health care, and its focus on disease prevention and health promotion.
**Expected Outcomes:**
The side event will highlight some examples from countries that have been integrating T&CM into their national healthcare systems, and will offer an opportunity for ideas exchange. Special attention will be placed on the identification of best practices, role models of successful integration. It is expected that the event will serve as a platform to advance the dialogue on how potential synergies between biomedicine and T&CM should be fostered. The event also hopes to open a space so that interested parties receive an update on the progress made on the implementation of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy, and resolution WHA69.24.

**Proposed Program:**

**Moderator:** to be defined by WHO


- **Building the knowledge base for active management of T&CM through appropriate national policies:** Country Experience, Nicaragua: From Legislation to Public Health Action; T&CM in the Family and Community Health Model.

- **Strengthening the quality assurance, safety, proper use, and effectiveness of T&CM through regulation:** Country Experience to be defined. (Suggested: Member State from the WHO Western Pacific Region).

- **Strengthening the quality assurance, safety, proper use, and effectiveness of T&CM through regulation:** Country Experience, Bolivia: Traditional Medicine in the development of a Family Community Intercultural Health Model (official confirmation pending).

- **Promoting universal health coverage by integrating T&CM services into health care service delivery and self-health care:** Country Experience, Ghana (official confirmation pending).

- **Promoting universal health coverage by integrating T&CM services into health care service delivery and self-health care:** Country Experience to be defined (Suggested: Member State from the South-East Asia Region)

**Part 2: Relevance of T&CM integration on the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration:**

- **Evidence in Public Health, building bridges between research and Primary Health Care.** Distinguish Professor Jon Adams, World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA); Director, Australian Research Centre in Complementary and Integrative Medicine (ARCCIM), University of Technology Sydney.

**Part 3: WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 in the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration, next steps:**

- Implementation Progress of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy and moving towards Implementation progress, and the way forward towards strengthening integrated, people-centered health services. Dr. Zhang Qi, coordinator, Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine Unit, WHO.

**Co-sponsored by the following member states:** Curacao, Cuba, Bolivia, Ghana, Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic.
(countries to be confirmed: China, India, Iran, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, South Africa...
References:


Event details / détails de la réunion

Expected number of participants: 60

Exact title of the meeting: Integration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) in Primary Health Care, 40 years after Alma-Ata

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*Badges/ Badges d’accès

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