

## 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\* :

#### Universal Health Coverage in emergencies – Call to action

##### Background

Universal health coverage and WHO's role in emergencies are two of the three priorities of the WHO. Switzerland, and the Netherlands support the WHO Project „attacks on health care“. We also support WHO's effort to assure health service & commodity delivery (SRHR, MHPSS) to affected population, and notably vulnerable groups in crisis settings. Our countries are engaged to advocate for the right to health care in various human rights and humanitarian debates. The side event tries to bring together the two concepts that are often mutually exclusive as access to health care is particularly limited for the affected (vulnerable) population during conflicts and emergencies.

„Health systems are being attacked in the very places where they are needed most.“ (DG Tedros)

In the field of attacks on health care the normative setting is well advanced with several relevant Security Council Resolutions, ongoing programs and collaboration between partners has never been stronger and the data and research agendas are advancing rapidly. The delivery of health services and commodities during emergencies is also well addressed in different guidelines and normative work.

However there is need for a concrete call for action aiming to ensure the continuation of health care delivery during armed conflict, supporting sustainable reestablishment of health facilities, supply and access to those in need of care. Additional efforts is necessary in order to advance advocacy to gather political support for the protection of health care during armed conflict by supporting the efforts of the UN Security Council resolutions and securing service and commodity delivery. Next to attacks on health the reality learns that existing health services are not provided or when provided are dearly limited to deal with the humanitarian case load. Health systems are overstretched.

##### Objectives

Attacks on health care are at the very foundation of public health, as is the delivery of services and commodities to all in emergency settings. A conversation to tackle this subject: no sustainable progress can be made without first addressing the issue of health systems that are systematically destroyed in places where there are the most vulnerable and population groups that are not reached with specific care they need most.

- How can we achieve Universal health Coverage if hospitals and health care workers are systematically attacked?
- How can we achieve global health security if health care workers cannot fulfill their duties?
- How can humanitarian partners cooperate with WHO towards UHC and system strengthening in emergency situations?
- How does WHO partner with humanitarian actors to ensure the protection of health care/protection of civilians?
- How can specific health (SRHR, MHPSS) service and commodity delivery to the affected population and

notably to vulnerable groups such as women and girls be improved?

Content (ideas TBC + other ideas to be added + order of presentation to be defined)

The event will be hosted by the President of the Swiss Confederation, Alain Berset and includes a high-level conversation with the President of the ICRC, Peter Maurer (tbc), Minister Sigrid Kaag from the Netherlands, and other thought leaders.

Duration: 45min-1h

Moderation: TBD

- Introduction and welcome: TBD
- Presentations and discussion by panelists: TBD
- Conclusion: TBD

**Event details / détails de la réunion**

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus :

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion: **Universal Health Coverage in emergencies – Call to action**

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L'interprétation peut être assurée dans les langues officielles aux coûts estimés suivants : 2 langues-2561 CHF; 3 langues : 5123 CHF; 6 langues : 11953 CHF.

Are interpretation services requested? / L'interprétation est-elle requise ? Yes/Oui  No/Non

(If yes, which languages)/(Si oui, en quelle langue)

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Other language/autre langue:

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**\*Badges/ Badges d'accès**

WHA side events are for participants of the WHA and, as such, panellists and participants should be drawn from those participating in the Health Assembly.

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