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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva and Vienna presents its compliments to the World Health Organisation's Office of Governing Bodies and has the honour to re-submit the application to host a side event entitled "Unlocking the human potential to achieve universal health coverage: The Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood development" during the 71st World Health Assembly.

The re-submission has been necessitated by the withdrawal of one member state from the list of co-sponsors.

The side event will be led the Republic of Zambia and co-sponsored by Belize, Kenya and India

The Permanent Mission of The Republic of Zambia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization's office of Governing Bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

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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* :

Description

Over the last three decades, scientific findings from a range of disciplines have converged to conclude that critical foundations for child, adolescent and adult health, wellbeing and productivity are laid down during pregnancy and the first three years of life. In addition, early interventions, such as those provided through universal health coverage, have been shown to improve health outcomes, eliminate extreme poverty, and narrow equity gaps within and between countries. In sum, experiences during the earliest years of life significantly affect future health and development, as well as human development in the next generation. Because of its extensive reach to pregnant women and young children, the health sector is uniquely positioned to serve as an entry point for multi-sectoral collaborations that support families and reach very young children.

Policies, programs and universal services for pregnant women and young children up to age three, enable families and caregivers to provide young children with the nurturing care that is essential for them to survive, thrive, transform and realise their human potential. Nurturing care is the set of conditions that provide for children's health, nutrition, safety and security, responsive caregiving and opportunities for early learning. Nurturing care means keeping young children safe, healthy and well nourished, responding with affection to their needs and interests, encouraging them to explore and providing them with opportunities to learn. In order for caregivers to be able to provide Nurturing Care, they must be healthy and secure (economically and socially), participate in social networks, be empowered to make decisions in the best interest of the child, and affirmed in the important role they play in the lives of the children in their care.

The *Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood Development* builds on existing evidence and serves as a roadmap for governments to scale-up Early Childhood Development (ECD) interventions, with particular emphasis on promoting and supporting nurturing care for pregnant women to children age three). It emphasises the importance of creating a policy environment to enable families and caregivers to provide nurturing care for young children, and it indicates how to monitor progress. Over the last year, The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, in collaboration with The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), the ECD Action Network (ECDAN), and many other partners have led a consultative process to develop the Framework. The Framework aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Survive, Thrive and Transform goals of the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030). Universal health coverage and reaching the most vulnerable groups are central to realizing the vision of the Framework: a world in which every child survives and thrives, reaching her full potential and leaving no child behind.

At the 71st World Health Assembly, the agenda item on the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030), will focus on ECD and feature the Framework as instrumental to achieving the goals set forth in the Global Strategy. Additionally, the WHO's draft general programme of work (2019-2023) recognizes the importance of evidence-based interventions to promote ECD to realise human potential across the life course. The 71st World Health Assembly presents a unique moment to elevate the importance of scaling-up efforts targeting pregnant women and young children to age three, and to position the health sector as the entry point for ensuring every child survives and thrives, given its extensive reach to pregnant women and young children.

The Governments of Zambia, Belize, Kenya, and India, view the Nurturing Care Framework for ECD as integral to the universal health coverage goals. For this reason, we propose an official side event to launch the Nurturing Care Framework for ECD.

Objectives

- Encourage Member States to elevate attention to and investments in ECD by developing enabling policies and services that promote and support nurturing care through universal health coverage, particularly for pregnant women and young children (up to age three).
- Equip Member State delegations with an understanding of how the Nurturing Care Framework for ECD can support national efforts to attain the SDGs and achieve the goals of the Global Strategy for WCAH.
- Obtain commitment to and ownership of the Nurturing Care Framework among Member State delegations, donors, development partners, technical experts, and the private sector, to mobilize implementation at national level.
- Provide a platform for Member States and delegates to share lessons learned and ideas for adaption and application of the Framework at national level, fostering prospective cross-country learning and collaborations.

Program and speakers

The proposed program will feature dynamic discussions between high-level ECD champions and Member States that that have been early promoters of nurturing care for ECD. The event will include interactive elements to enable attendees to experience nurturing care in a personal, emotive way.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General, will speak at the event, emphasizing WHO's priority of unlocking human capital and the importance of investing early in children and their development in order to advance towards Universal Health Coverage goals.

Through a series of lively, moderated conversations, Members State representatives and partners will share specific examples of impact, their vision for how countries might use the Framework as a tool to strengthen the health sector's role, and successes in cross-sectoral collaboration with nutrition, education, social protection, and child protection partners. Countries may also share commitments for adopting and applying the Nurturing Care Framework at a national level.

Proposed speakers

- Dr. Chitalu Chilufya, Minister of Health, Zambia
- TBD, based on co-sponsorship
- TBD, based on confirmed partners (UNICEF, PATH, SUN, etc.)

Results

This event will be the official launch of WHO's Nurturing Care Framework. Recognizing that this marks the beginning of the dissemination, uptake, and adoption among Member States, this event will increase awareness of the Framework and political buy-in, generate high-level commitments for action post-WHA, and identify potential challenges for country implementation. It will also create an opportunity for countries to learn from one another, potentially resulting in future cross-country collaboration and information sharing.

Event details / détails de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 300

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:

Unlocking the human potential to achieve universal health coverage: The Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood Development

Interpretation/Interprétation

Interpretation may be provided in the official languages and the estimated costs are as follows: 2 languages: 2561 CHF; 3 languages: 5123 CHF; 6 languages: 11953 CHF.

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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.

Les réunions parallèles sont réservées aux participants de l'Assemblée; Les orateurs de ces réunions doivent donc être choisis parmi ceux-ci.

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