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* :

Context

According to the IOM, the estimated number of international migrants has increased in the last four and a half decades. The estimated total of 244 million people living outside their country of birth in 2015 increased by almost 100 million compared to 1990 (when the total amounted to 153 million) and has tripled compared to the figure estimated in 1970 in (84) millions.

Also, the United Nations estimates that of the 258 millions of migrants,(2017), Asia hosts 31%, Europe 30%, the Americas 26%, Africa 10% and Oceania 3%, which shows that this is a global issue.

The migration phenomenon has important economic and social implications for host communities, and the health sector is one of the most impacted, as it does not give a wait in a migration context. As a consequence of migration, the demand for health services increases considerably, becoming a challenge for the protection of the human rights of migrants, in particular their human right to health, as well as the achievement of the Universal Health Coverage, access and quality. The WHO has indicated that the health needs of migrants are similar to those of the host communities, but with a higher prevalence, considering the vulnerability of this group. This situation implies that migrants needs in the health field are both related to communicable diseases as well as non-communicable diseases, generating impacts in national and international health indicators, as well as on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and their related targets.

On the other hand, different studies of the World Bank, OECD, and the IOM highlight that migrants can be users of health services and can also represent an opportunity for development of countries in a medium and long term. The impact of migrants in countries' development will depend on the approach given to migration.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes for the first time the contribution of migration to sustainable development. 11 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) contain targets and indicators that are related to migration or displacement. The basic principle of the Agenda is "leaving no one behind," and this includes migrants.

In particular, the SDG 3 about Good Health and Well Being, and its related targets 3.1, 3.3, 3.8, are impacted by migration, and the adoption of long term strategies to face this phenomenon can represent a challenge but also an opportunity for countries in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

As international migration is a critical concern for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on September of 2016 the General Assembly adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, in which the UN Member States agreed to implement well-managed migration policies and to protect the rights of refugees and migrants.

After that, the UN Member states adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which is the first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement, covering all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. It presents a significant opportunity to improve the governance of migration, to address the challenges associated with today’s migration, and to strengthen the contribution of migrants and migration to sustainable development.
Also, the World Health Assembly has adopted resolution 61.7 which urges governments to promote the health of migrants through policies and programs. Likewise, the WHO has developed a framework of priorities and guiding principles to promote the health of refugees and migrants, which was considered by the 70° WHA.

Objective: This event aims to highlight the link between migration, health, and development, and to identify the main challenges and opportunities for countries’ development while guaranteeing the right to health in a migratory context.

This event will promote a discussion on the following issues:

- International experiences and lessons learned by middle-income countries
- Impact of the migration phenomena on SDG’s achievement
- The role of international organizations
- The importance of international cooperation

Expected results:

- To provide tools to Member States to guarantee and protect the right to health in the context of migration with a development perspective, allowing them to address challenges and to make accurate long-term decisions.
- To provide alternative approaches to Member States and international organizations in order to guarantee the right to health in migratory contexts.

PROGRAMME

Migration and Health: Challenges and opportunities for development

- Opening remarks
  Juan Pablo Uribe Restrepo, Minister of Health of Colombia: Welcome and objective of the side event.

- Introduction 1: The link between Migration, Health, and Development
  Speakers: Ernest Massiah, Practice Manager, Middle East, and North Africa Region, World Bank.

- Panel discussion – Expert and countries
  Challenges and opportunities of the migration phenomena from a development and human rights perspective: National experiences and perspectives.
  
  Moderator: Ernest Massiah, Practice Manager, Middle East, and North Africa Region, World Bank.

  Speakers:
  - Dr. Juan Pablo Uribe – Minister of Health of Colombia.
    Colombia’s experience in migration: Impact in the health sector, government response and main challenges and needs. How migrations are impacting SDG’S in Colombia and how is Colombia working in approaching it?
  - Dr. Veronica Espinosa - Minister of the health of Ecuador
  - Speaker 3 – Government of Portugal - (Name to be confirmed)
  - IOM Expert – Name to be confirmed

- Closing
  – Juan Pablo Uribe Restrepo, Minister of Health of Colombia
  Main conclusions.

Event details / détails de la réunion

Date : May 22nd

Time/Heure : 12:30

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 80

Exact title of the event/Titre exact de la réunion: Migration and Health: Challenges and opportunities for development.

Interpretation/Interprétation

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*Badges/ Badges d’accès

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