

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* :

Honouring Kofi Annan's legacy - Ending marginalization in global health and drug policies

The Permanent Missions of Ghana, the Kofi Annan Foundation and the Global Commission on Drug Policy suggest holding a high-level reception to honour the achievements and legacy of Kofi Annan in global health and drug policies.

Kofi Annan's legacy of achievements and contributions to improving global health cannot be overestimated. Under his auspices as UN Secretary-General, the international architecture of public health has significantly improved through the creation of new governance structures of multilateral global health mechanisms and innovative partnerships that enhanced people's access to the highest attainable standard of health care. Some of the most significant efforts that took place under his leadership include:

- The establishment of the Millennium Development Goals, with public health on equal footing to development, wellbeing and security for all;
- The creation of thematic and inclusive funding mechanisms for vaccines and infectious diseases (the Gavi Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria);
- The Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreements and Public Health, which enhanced access to medicines for poor countries; and
- The inclusion of civil society, affected communities and science in multilateral decision making processes.

After his service as UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan continued to engage with public health issues as Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation. He advocated for an effective response during the Ebola virus epidemic in West Africa, brought together relevant stakeholders to tackle snakebites – a largely neglected public health problem, and promoted food and nutrition security in Africa to improve health and development on the continent.

Kofi Annan was also a vocal advocate for drug policy reform, who firmly believed it should be a question of public health rather than of criminal justice. To achieve this shift, he urged governments to prioritize public health when crafting drug policies, to decriminalize use and possession of drugs, and called for the legal regulation of drugs to effectively address drug-related harms. He also convened the highly regarded West Africa Commission on Drugs (WACD), which under the leadership of President Olusegun Obasanjo produced a landmark report to inform regional policymakers on how to address illegal drugs while preserving public health and human dignity, followed by a "Model Drug Law" to implement such provisions. Today, the global slogan for drug policy reform is an echo of his words: "I believe that drugs have destroyed many lives, but wrong government policies have destroyed many more."

The reception will have a moment where selected speakers will honour Kofi Annan's memory, followed by general open discussions among guests.

Suggested Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Kwaku Agyemang-Manu, Minister of Health, Ghana
- Mr. Alan Doss, President of the Kofi Annan Foundation
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization
- Prof. Peter Piot, Director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, inaugural Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, Member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, Chair of the West Africa Commission on Drugs
- H.E. Mr. Alain Berset, Federal Councilor, Switzerland
- H.E. Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Chair of the Global Commission on Drug Policy

Event details / détails de la réunion

Date 20 May 2019	Time/Heure 18h00
Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 100	
Exact title of the event/Titre exact de la réunion: Honouring Kofi Annan's legacy - Ending marginalization in global health and drug policies	

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WHA side events are for participants of the WHA and, as such, panelists 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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