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* :

Country and institutions co-sponsoring the event
Costa-Rica, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Vietnam

Title of the event
Access to medicines, vaccines and health products: A multi-dimensional approach for ensuring transparency of markets, affordable and quality products to achieve Universal Health Coverage

Tentative date and time
21.05.2019 - 90 minutes

Background
Access to medicines and vaccines is one of the most challenging global issues of the 21st century and poses a special challenge even for high or middle income countries that have already achieved Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The Road map for access to medicines, vaccines and other health products considered by the World Health Assembly at its 72nd session in May 2019, clearly states that “Equitable access to health products is a global priority, and the availability, accessibility, acceptability, and affordability of health products of assured quality need to be addressed in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular target 3.8: Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health care services, and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.”

As such, there have been ongoing global discussions to improve equitable access to health products, and many countries have demanded more effective solutions.

The market for medicines, vaccines and other health-related technologies is typified by massive information asymmetries between public and private actors due to the lack of information on clinical trials results, unclear investment flows for research and development, lack of information on availability and reimbursability of medicines and lack of easily accessible information on the patent landscape, all of which undermine the development of transparent and competitive markets and contribute to system inefficiencies to the detriment of public health and efficient allocation of scarce health resources.

The need for transparency is felt today in many countries and the topic is increasingly appearing on the agenda.

As we are aware, there have been on-going global discussions to improve equitable access to health products, and many countries have demanded more effective solutions. The Republic of Korea, Italy, countries wish to organize a side event and invite countries to share experiences and ideas for future actions.

Participants & Topics
This side event is open to all participants of the 72nd World Health Assembly and will provide an opportunity for partners to
share experiences and best practices for access to medicines toward universal health coverage and increasing access and availability through transparency.

In particular, the discussion will center on the following issues:

∙ Fair and affordable pricing of medicines
∙ Decisions on essential medicines and benefits coverage and the role of technology assessment
∙ Procurement and supply management system for preventing and mitigating drug shortage
∙ Quality assurance of health products including pharmaceuticals
∙ Collaboration with global partners in access to medicines
∙ Pooled Procurement mechanisms
∙ Various dimensions of transparency, including all the medicine lifecycle (from research to reimbursement, from clinical data to prices) and other additional areas, such as transparency of patent landscapes.

Objective and Expected Results
This side event invites countries to share their individual cases and strategies regarding access to medicines and vaccines. Building on this shared information, countries will explore various ways of collaboration – e.g. creating and participating in a global cooperation mechanism and carrying out relevant international activities to improve access to health products and technology.

Proposed programme
Opening remarks
Sharing the challenges of member states and their strategies
Suggestion of global cooperation and strategies
Closing remarks

Event details / détails de la réunion

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