

## 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\* :

**Title** : « The Role of Nursing in Achieving Universal Health Coverage. Contribution with other countries »

**Description:** The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by the United Nations in 2015. They consist of 17 goals that cover a wide range of sustainable development issues around the world, such as ending poverty, hunger, improving health, education and combating climate change, etc.

All 191 UN Member States have decided to achieve them by 2030. Health is a cross-cutting issue and specifically ODS number 3 "ensuring a healthy life and promoting well-being for all at all ages", establishes the actions to be developed, in which nursing has an important role to play. However, this personnel also influences those related to education and poverty, which are often considered to be social determinants of health (SDH), that is, the conditions in which one is born, grows, works and lives, also taking into account their impact on health conditions and daily life.

The work that nurses do improves access to health care, educates populations and the integrality of their actions addresses issues such as poverty, nutrition, clean energy, inequality, sustainability, innovation, justice and other objectives included in the SSOs.

As the primary providers of health care to all communities and in all settings, they are critical. Indeed, if governments and world leaders do not invest in the nursing profession, success will be compromised.

Today's public health challenges: an aging population, a shift from rural to urban areas where more than half of the population now lives, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases over infectious diseases as the leading cause of death worldwide, coupled with economic growth, modernization and urbanization have opened the door to the spread of unhealthy lifestyles.

Many health systems have been designed to meet the needs of the population with regard to acute infections, but the changing profile of diseases means that many are unprepared to manage diseases that require long-term and sometimes lifelong care.

Health systems based on Primary Health Care, as a strategy for achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), provide another perspective for the scope of ODS. In the case of Cuba, the success of the health system is primarily attributed to its preventive approach, with community participation, being public, free and accessible to the entire population.

Nurses complement the work of specialists by focusing on the provision of personalized, comprehensive, quality care, making rational use of resources, both human and technological, in a favorable organizational environment, in accordance with defined standards for competent and responsible professional practice.

The country provides strong support to the nursing profession and recognizes its importance in decision-making through active participation in health policy formulation. They are also represented at the national, provincial, municipal, and institutional levels, and their contribution is decisive in health system outcomes. The entire population has access to a nurse in their community in both rural and urban areas. There are more than 85,000 nurses, with a ratio of 76.2 per 10,000 inhabitants.

Their work has been indispensable in the training of health brigades, in vaccination campaigns, the fight against epidemics and viruses, the mother-and child program, care for the island's elderly population and international collaboration, through which 6,249 of these professionals provide services in 35 countries on all continents.

However, the global nursing shortage is significant. Staff migration also impacts on the lack of nurses. It is estimated that in the English-speaking Caribbean, the number of nurses working abroad is more than three times that of those working in the countries where they were trained. In this sub region as a whole, about 42 per cent of nursing positions are vacant due to out-migration.

More investment is needed globally in staff development and within the staff of nurses, so that it is sufficient and adequate to meet its purpose.

Without sustained investment in the workforce, the CSU cannot be achieved or maintained, either in terms of accessibility or quality of care provided, and thus the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals will be compromised.

### **Proposed objectives**

- To expose the development achieved in the Cuban National Health System, deepening in the role of the nursing in these results, fundamentally its work in the community together with the family doctor, as a way to reach the CSU.
- To show the cooperation actions carried out in different countries, with the presence of Cuban professionals in their assistance and teaching aspects.
- To learn about the experiences of other countries where these cooperation actions are carried out, to exchange on the impact of this work on health systems, as well as future projections, both for the scope of the CSU and the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

### **Expected results**

- To expand the existing vision of the role of nursing in the development of health systems in Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Angola, Algeria and Qatar.
- To exchange other experiences from different perspectives, promoting debate on these issues.
- To validate the importance of the nursing staff in the scope of the Objectives of Sustainable Development.
- To ratify Cuba's willingness to contribute with other nations in achieving Universal Health Coverage through South-South cooperation.

### **Speaker's proposal**

- Minister of Health of Cuba.
- Minister of Health of Jamaica
- Minister of Health of Trinidad and Tobago
- Minister of Health of Dominica
- Minister of Health of Antigua and Barbudas
- Minister of Health of Belize
- Minister of Health of Angola
- Minister of Health of Algeria.
- Minister of Health of Qatar
- Nursing College Representative and/or Regional Representative

### **Event details / détails de la réunion**

Date 18/May/2020

Time/Heure 13.30

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : <input type="text" value="100"/>
Exact title of the event/Titre exact de la réunion: <input type="text"/>
"The Role of Nursing in Achieving Universal Health Coverage. Contribution with other countries. Experiences from Cuba, Jamaica, Dominica, Antigua and Barbudas, Belize Trinidad and Tobago, Angola, Algeria and Qatar".

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**\*Badges/ Badges d'accès**

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