

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Concept

2018 is the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the World Health Organization and the 40th anniversary of the Alma Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care. In this same year, the 71th World Health Assembly is expected to endorse the 13th General Program of Work of WHO which gives due emphasis to achieving Universal Health Coverage. The 71st World Health Assembly is therefore an opportunity to distinguish the achievements and challenges of the effort made to fulfil the commitments of the Alma Ata Declaration over the past 40 years and how this can inform further efforts to strengthen primary health care and community health systems.

Behind the ambition of Universal Health Coverage is the premise of equity and health for all; ensuring that all segments of the population are able to access health services without financial hardship. There is compelling evidence that community-based health interventions can be particularly effective in delivering basic and essential life-saving health services for poor and marginalized population groups. Health workers serving at the community level play an essential role in delivering essential interventions, e.g: in improving maternal, neonatal and child health. In low and middle-income countries, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are particularly engaged in the prevention, screening and treatment of communicable diseases such as HIV, Malaria and Tuberculosis. CHWs also act as initial responders whenever outbreaks occur in the most remote and hard to reach areas.

In summer 2018, the WHO Secretariat intends to publish a new guideline on health policy and system support to optimize the role of community health workers. This guideline builds on the evidence of the invaluable contributions of CHWs in enabling effective primary health care systems and thus supporting the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

Objective

The objective of the event is to share evidence and experience from Member States and other partners on the contributions of Community Health Workers to Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage, with emphasis on the health policy and systems considerations.

Member States will exchange experiences related to:

- CHW programs/services and their contribution to PHC and UHC
- How to invest in and ensure sustainable financing for CHW programs/service
- Challenges faced by Community Health Workers, including labour conditions
- Progress of global initiatives/commitments made by Heads of States on CHW programs

In addition:

- Civil Society and non-state actors will share lessons and experiences;
- The WHO Secretariat will update Member States and non-state actors on the guidelines on health policy and systems support to CHWs

Proposed Program and Speakers

The event will include a personal account of *'Life as a Community Health Worker'*, followed by a moderated panel discussion and an interactive session with participants. Speakers will be:

- *'Life as a Community Health Worker'* – *speaker TBC*
- Panel discussion
 - Minister of Health, Algeria (*TBC*)
 - Minister of Health, Norway (*TBC*)
 - Minister of Health, Ethiopia (*confirmed*)
 - Minister of Health, Republic of Ecuador (*confirmed*)
 - Director General of the World Health Organization (*TBC*)
 - Executive Director, UNAIDS (*confirmed*)
- Interactive discussion with participants

Upon acceptance of this proposal, the detailed program will be developed together with the country co-sponsors, WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS and partner organizations

Event details / détails de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 100 to 150 Participants

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

Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage: The evidence, contributions and effectiveness of Community Health Workers

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.

L'interprétation peut être assurée dans les langues officielles aux coûts estimés suivants : 2 langues-2561 CHF; 3 langues : 5123 CHF; 6 langues : 11953 CHF.

Are interpretation services requested? / L'interprétation est-elle requise ? Yes/Oui ☒ No/Non ☐

(If yes, which languages)/(Si oui, en quelle langue)

English/Anglais ☒ French/Français ☒ Russian/Russe ☐ Spanish/Espagnol ☒ Chinese/Chinois ☐ Arabic/Arabe ☐

Other language/autre langue:

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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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