

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Member States Confirmed as co-organisers: Czech Republic, Denmark, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malta, Oman, Poland, South Africa and Sri Lanka.		

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* :

Description of proposed side event

Patient Safety is a critical global public health issue and has a widely accepted role in enabling health systems to achieve effective universal health coverage (UHC). The Director General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, emphasised the essential role of patient safety in achieving UHC recently at the 6th Annual World Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summit in February 2018, and urged countries and all stakeholders for urgent action to improve patient safety globally. The issue of patient safety has assumed crucial importance within the overall context of UHC, as expansion of coverage and improvements in access to health services would mean nothing unless the services provided are safe. The link between UHC and patient safety is therefore intrinsically linked to achieving "*access to quality essential health-care services...for all*" under Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3), since access to care will not achieve its ultimate goal of improving health if patients are exposed to errors and avoidable harm or death.

Unsafe care exerts a very high public health burden worldwide, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and can impact significantly on organisational reputation, staff morale and public trust in a health care system, and in a government. Every year, an inadmissible number of patients are harmed or die because of unsafe and poor quality healthcare and most of these injuries are avoidable. Patient harm is now estimated to be the 14th leading cause of the global disease burden, comparable to diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria. There is a tremendous cost to patients, healthcare systems and societies caused by unsafe care. For example, unsafe medication practices and medication errors are a leading cause of injury and avoidable harm in health care systems across the world. In financial terms alone, the cost of medication errors has been estimated at \$42bn USD annually.

The side event will bring together policy makers, NGOs and Member States and provide the opportunity to countries from all WHO regions to review the underlying systemic issues affecting patient safety globally, share experiences in addressing barriers and creating solutions to strengthen systems and practices, and call for urgent action by all key national and international stakeholders - policy makers, health care leaders, professionals and patients to improve patient safety globally for achieving effective UHC.

Objectives of the side event

1. To review the scope and magnitude of the challenge of patient safety globally, analyse the underlying systemic issues affecting patient safety, and emphasise the need for international collaboration and urgent action for improving patient safety globally.
2. To learn from countries' experiences and explore policy options and priorities for improving patient safety, quality and

efficiency of health care systems within the context of universal health coverage.

3. To examine the global burden of avoidable medication-related harm, and highlight the need for concerted action by health care leaders, policy makers, professionals and patients for improving medication safety.

Expected results

1. Raised awareness of the essential role of patient safety in strengthening health systems and achieving effective universal health coverage.
2. High-level political commitment and international collaboration for global action on patient safety including a proposal for World Health Assembly resolution on Global Action on Patient Safety and a Global Patient Safety Collaborative to support LMICs.
3. Prioritisation of concerted action on medication safety to address significant patient harm due to medication errors and unsafe medication practices.

Proposed programme and speakers

Title: Global action on patient safety for achieving effective universal health coverage.

Chairs:

His Excellency Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan bin Muhammad Al-Rabiah, Minister of Health, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ms Michiyo Takagi, State Minister for Health, Labor and Welfare, Government of Japan

Mr Jens Spahn, Federal Minister of Health, Federal Government of Germany

Mr Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Government of the United Kingdom

Speakers:

1. Opening and Introductory remarks by Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (to be confirmed) and the four Ministerial co-chairs (named above).

2. Sharing of country experiences (challenges, solutions, priorities and opportunities) and international efforts in improving patient safety and the quality and efficiency of health care for the achievement of effective universal health coverage (intervention length dependent on number of speakers):

- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Mr Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health
- Germany – Mr Jens Spahn, Federal Minister of Health
- Japan – Ms Michiyo Takagi, State Minister or Ms Mizuho Onuma, Parliamentary Vice Minister
- Saudi Arabia - Dr Abdulelah Al Hawasawi, Director, Saudi Patient Safety Center
- Kenya – Hon Sicily Kariuki, Cabinet Secretary for Health
- Poland – Minister Lukasz Szumowski or Deputy Minister Marcin Czech
- Sri Lanka - Minister of Health (to be confirmed)

3. Moderated discussion, questions and comments

4. Summary from the chairs

5. Closing

Event details / details de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 150 attendees, 8 speakers

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

Global action on patient safety for achieving effective universal health coverage.

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