

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* :

“100 Years after the Pandemic: Preparedness to Protect Health for All”

This year, 2018, marks the 100th commemoration of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic (1918 “Spanish flu”), the most severe pandemic in recent history, infecting more than one third of the world's population and causing an estimated 50-100 million deaths – more than World Wars I and II combined. With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat associated secondary bacterial infections, control options worldwide were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions.

As a result of the pandemic, many countries created or revamped their health ministries. Recognition also grew of the need to coordinate public health efforts at the international level. While we now have many more tools to combat outbreaks – including pharmaceutical interventions for prevention and treatment, national public health institutes with capacities including outbreak surveillance and response, and international coordination to prevent and mitigate pandemics – influenza still presents a potential pandemic health threat and many lessons remain to be learned.

The World Health Assembly (WHA) presents an opportunity to advance the concept of better preparedness to prevent, detect, respond to, and control for a potential influenza pandemic before it happens. **Efforts to detect and stop the next potential influenza pandemic are critical to progress towards achieving universal healthcare.** Reaching universal access to influenza medical countermeasures is a key component of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Strategy, and the capabilities and capacities needed for pandemic preparedness more broadly help countries advance toward achieving health for all. Pandemic influenza preparedness is essential for reducing the potential for and scale of international health emergencies, saving lives and providing a global safety net against the disease that poses the greatest risk of causing another pandemic.

This side event, open to all participants of the 71st WHA, will focus on preventing, detecting and responding to pandemic influenza, viewed through the lens of the centennial of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. Proposed speakers include the WHO Director General and pandemic influenza leadership; Ministers of Health and other senior officials from co-sponsoring countries; and experts in pandemic influenza preparedness, research, and medical countermeasure research, development, and manufacturing. Potential invited guest speakers could include leading experts on the 1918 pandemic, key thought leaders, and leadership from relevant nongovernmental entities.

Objectives

The objectives of this side event are to:

- 1) Galvanize support for redoubled prioritization of pandemic influenza preparedness by Member States and the need to develop, implement, and strengthen national pandemic influenza preparedness plans
- 2) Stress the importance of rapid, consistent, and continuous sharing of influenza viruses to global pandemic preparedness
- 3) Highlight ongoing preparedness needs and refocus discussions around revisiting and refining strategic approaches and new innovations

Expected results

This event will include panelists and other invited speakers from ministries of health or from other relevant ministries. We anticipate that the presentations and discussion at this side event will expand participants' awareness of pandemic influenza progress and challenges, which may build potential increased political and financial support for pandemic influenza preparedness and response, and inform Member State discussions on a WHA decision.

Proposed Program Overview (90 minutes total time)**Proposed date: Tuesday, May 22nd** (to be confirmed)

Time (estimated)	Panel topic	Speakers**
10 min	Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus• US HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II• Co-sponsor country Minister of Health
20 min	How the 1918 Influenza Pandemic Revolutionized Public Health History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scene-setting by engaging 1918 Influenza Pandemic expert/thought leader• Senior leaders from co-sponsoring countries
25 min	State of the Globe: Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response, Existing Tools, and Are We Still Vulnerable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior leaders from co-sponsoring countries• WHO representative
15 min	Pushing the Envelope – A Paradigm Shift (new technologies and new ways of thinking about an old problem)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior leaders from co-sponsoring countries• Non-governmental thought leader
15 min	Questions and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants
5 min	Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-sponsor country leadership

****Note:** Speakers are proposed. Sponsors may choose alternative speakers, as they deem appropriate. Themes for individual presentations are proposed.

Event details / details de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 150-200

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion: "100 Years after the Pandemic: Preparedness to Protect Health for All"

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.

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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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