

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Delegation(s)/Délégation(s): Co-organisers: Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Somalia (to be confirmed) & Switzerland Co-sponsors: Pending discussion of the supporters of the <i>Call to Action – UHC in Emergencies</i>	
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Concept

In a joint effort, the Afghan Ministry of Public Health, the Central African Ministry of Public Health and Population, the Somali Ministry of Health (to be confirmed) and the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health are planning a side event during the 72nd World Health Assembly (2019) in Geneva under the title:

Partnerships for Health Systems Strengthening - Prepared for Emergencies

Background:

In situations of emergencies especially in middle and low-income countries, health systems under stress can often no longer perform their tasks to provide quality and equitable health services to the population. This has long lasting consequences until the health system is rebuilt, sustained and fully functioning again. In such situations - often created by armed conflicts, fragile settings, health and other emergencies - it is particularly a challenge to meet SDG 3 and ensure Universal Health Coverage. There is, therefore, a clear link between SDG 3 (*Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages*) and SDG 16 (*Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*).

In response to the urgent need for coherent approaches bringing together all relevant actors to expand coverage in armed conflict and crisis-affected situations two side event have been organised last year. Based on the feedbacks of these events, Switzerland and Afghanistan decided to launch a [Call to Action – Universal Health Coverage in Emergencies](#). The initiative is part of Switzerland's humanitarian tradition and is intended to contribute to the nexus of humanitarian and development cooperation in the health sector in emergency context. As Afghanistan is suffering from protracted conflict, it is particularly concerned by the issues and lobbies for global attention to more than 1.9 billion people in conflict-affected countries.

The core commitments of the Call to Action focus on strengthening national health systems, building resilience and sustain core public health capacities.

Looking forward towards its implementation, this year's side event will deepen one of the core areas of the call. Focusing on Health Systems Strengthening to be prepared for Emergencies cannot only improve access to quality health services for people affected by armed conflicts, fragile settings, disasters, health and other emergencies, but strengthen the resilience of whole societies in such difficult situations.

To achieve these highly ambitious goals, all relevant actors have to work very closely together. This includes national governments, the international community, civil society, the private sector and other actors. It is evident that SDG 3 is not only interlinked with SDG 16, but relies heavily on the means of implementation as stated in SDG 17. Achieving UHC, especially in armed conflict and crisis-affected situations, needs strong Partnerships for Health Systems Strengthening to be prepared for Emergencies.

Objectives:

The Side Event should give a unified voice to different actors to build effective, accountable and inclusive health systems that show resilience in times of crisis.

To better understand the involved actor's views on the subject, the side event has two segments.

- The first segment gives room for decision makers that bear political responsibility to express their thoughts on what they consider the main challenges to build resilient health systems that ensure UHC also for people affected by crisis and disasters. Further, it should allow for discussing successful strategies for national health system strengthening aiming at improving the resilience of existing health care systems.
- The second segment is dedicated to actors such as representatives of governments, the private sector, the international community (humanitarian and development) as well as civil society to demonstrate their particular strength in improving access to quality and equitable health services in armed conflicts, fragile settings, disaster, health and other emergencies. This segment should provide food for thought on how to create efficient and effective partnerships based on each other's strength to successfully deliver on our commitment to Universal Health Coverage as embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Content:

Agenda of the Side Event		
Topic		Speaker
Introduction & setting the scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Action – UHC in Emergencies was launched in 2018 • SGD 3, SDG 16 and SDG 17 are indivisible • Health Systems Strengthening to improve resilience of communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBD)
Ministerial Segment (With keynote speeches of 3-4 Ministers of Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main challenges to build resilient health systems that can absorb shocks/emergencies? • What governmental frameworks are needed to allow different actors to succeed in providing UHC? • What can health ministries do? What is the role of other actors? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alain Berset, Federal Councillor, Health Minister; Switzerland • Ministers of Health (AFG; SOM; CAR) (TBC)
Actor's Segment (Moderated discussion on the roles of national governments, the international community, civil society, the private sector and other actors to establish successful partnerships)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expectations of the different actors? • What is the comparative advantage of each actor? • How can partnerships be established that allow for improved results on the ground? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHC2030: Private sector constituency/WEF • Humanitarian Aid Org. • Civil Society • Development Org. • Minister of Health (TBD)
Concluding remarks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBD)

Event details / détails de la réunion

Date 21.5.19

Time/Heure 12 :30 – 14 :00

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 100

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

Partnerships for Health Systems Strengthening - Prepared for Emergencies

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