

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Concept

The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health are planning a side event during the 72nd World Health Assembly (2019) in Geneva under the title:

Sustainable Financing of UHC – Performing systems in changing societies

Background:

Shifting demographics, epidemiological and technological trends, as well as people's expectations are challenging health systems and health-financing systems around the globe. To find sustainable ways to finance health systems that guarantee people to receive the health services they need without suffering financial hardship is at the forefront of international discussions. International institutions and national administrations are working hard to improve access to and efficiency in health systems to guarantee adequate health coverage.

The year 2019 with its focus on Universal Health Coverage is a unique chance to have an inclusive discussion on the design of health financing systems that are performing and flexible to adapt to changing societies. An aging population, a rising burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), new treatments and growing expectations are cost drivers in many societies around the world leading to ever-rising expenses for health. At the same time, fiscal space and resource mobilization for health are constrained by economic growth and increases in incomes.

There are many ways of collecting, pooling and using funds for health each of it with its advantages and disadvantages. There are no "silver bullets" as stated by a joint report of the WHO, OECD and the World Bank in 2018. It is rather a blend of intelligently designed mechanisms incorporating context specific needs and costumes to deliver efficient and quality health services.

Informed and bold decisions have to be taken by political leaders to find the best blend of measures to ensure Universal Health Coverage by 2030. This side event should present some lessons learned to develop performing health systems and health-financing systems that reflect the changes and needs of today's societies.

Objectives:

The Side Event *Sustainable Financing of UHC – Performing systems in changing societies* is an opportunity to hear from political decision makers and representatives of leading international institutions on how to design sustainable health-financing systems that provide quality, affordable health services. The keynote speeches and the following discussion should give representatives from high income, middle to low income countries the chance to highlight their specific challenges to establish sustainable health-financing systems that provide Universal Health Coverage to its citizens.

The discussion should focus on the challenges of changing societies and its consequences for health systems and their sustainable financing. Speakers should be given room to share experiences on how to shape such processes, on how adaptive systems can be designed and on what works and what not.

Specific questions might be:

- How can the funding of healthcare and solidarity between the various groups in the population be ensured?
- How can the burgeoning costs of healthcare be slowed?
- How can the health opportunities of the most vulnerable groups in the population be improved and their risks minimized?
- What funding sources are fit for purpose in the specific context?
- What are flexible financing mechanisms to effectively address health emergencies?

Content:

Agenda		
Topic		Speaker
Introduction & setting the scene	Challenges and solutions for sustainable Health financing systems– same, same but different?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBD)
Keynote Speech I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and future challenges of shifting demographics, epidemiological and technological trends, as well as people's expectations – lessons from Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alain Berset, Federal Councillor, Health Minister; Switzerland
Keynote Speech II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and future challenges of shifting demographics, epidemiological and technological trends, as well as people's expectations – lessons from a middle income country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Minister, middle income country (TBD)
Moderated Discussion (Moderated discussion on challenges to finance UHC and feasible approaches to design high-performance health financing systems and therefore resilient health system)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable health financing systems to create resilient health systems • Joint Budgeting for improved health • Sustainable financing of UHC – lessons learned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG • WHO • Health Minister (low income country) • Health Minister (high income country) (all TBC)
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: Sustainable Financing of UHC – Performing systems in changing societies	

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