



Building Resilience for Health Emergencies, Pandemics and One Health

Co-Branded Event hosted by the South Centre at the 2nd G-20 Health Working Group Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 pm, 9 April 2024

Fighting inequalities in health must be a priority, aligned with goals of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. All countries need to develop and maintain capabilities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to health emergencies and pandemics. This includes increasing the resilience of health systems with Universal Health Coverage and primary health care, and equitable access to affordable and effective vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and other health technologies, with a more coordinated approach to their production and distribution. Ensuring capacities for local and regional production of medicines, vaccines, and strategic health supplies, as well as greater sharing of know-how and technology, must be at the centre of this effort. Countries can work together and through partnerships to address inequality in research and development and funding for infectious diseases, through initiatives such as the proposal by Brazil to establish an Alliance for Regional Production and Innovation.

There is much expectation that a new WHO pandemic instrument and amended International Health Regulations can provide solutions to address inequities in the capacities for countries to prevent, prepare for and respond to health emergencies and pandemics, and to ensure more equitable access to pandemic response products.

There is also need for stronger implementation of One Health, with actions that are tailored to the local context. The containment of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a 'slow pandemic' that poses a major health threat around the world, requires multi-sectoral coordinated responses that are tailored to respond to the challenges of health systems and sectors and leverage co-benefits of interventions in areas such as infection prevention and good hygiene, expanding access to basic services including clean water and sanitation, and equitable access to antimicrobials informed by the WHO AWaRe list.

Objective: The purpose of the meeting will be to **exchange ideas and identify concrete actions that the G20 may take reduce multiple inequalities**, in areas such as:

- 1- regional production and innovation relevant to the regional disease burden, with focus on infectious diseases
- 2- capacities for pandemic preparedness, prevention and response to health emergencies and pandemics

3- tackling antimicrobial resistance involving all relevant sectors, to inform preparation for the High Level Meeting on AMR to be held in September 2024.

Panel: The Panel will be chaired by the South Centre and will comprise of G20 country representatives, observers and invited international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Questions for discussion:

How can the G20 support efforts towards advancing regional production and innovation that is relevant to the regional disease burden, with focus on infectious diseases, in addition to supporting a more equitable response to future pandemics? What are viable research and development models?

How can early investment, sharing of technology and technical know-how nurture more collaborative and agile global networks for a more equitable response to future pandemics?

What are key priorities for the pandemic instrument for ensuring equity in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response?

How can monitoring of country capacities for preparedness, prevention and response to health emergencies and pandemics be improved to better identify gaps and direct funding and technical support?

What are priorities in global cooperation for the containment of antimicrobial resistance involving all relevant sectors, considering the different national contexts, to inform preparation for the High Level Meeting on AMR to be held in September 2024?

Timing: 6:30 – 8 PM

Agenda

Opening	Moderator: Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez, Coordinator of the Programme on Health, Intellectual Property and Biodiversity, South Centre Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre *virtual	6:30 – 6:40
Panel Interventions	Ms. V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India Dr. Lucia Rizka Andalucia, Director General for Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Health of the Republic of South Africa (TBC) Ms. Judit Rius Sanjuan, Director, Innovation, Access to Medicines and Health Technologies (IMT), Pan American Health Organisation Dr. Ayoade Alakija, Co-Chair of the G7 endorsed Impact Investment Initiative in Global Health (Triple I), Chair of Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) *virtual Dr. Sergio Sosa-Estani, Latin America Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative Ms. Marcela Viera, Regional Advocacy Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign Ms. Susana Ribeiro, Regional Head Latam, Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership	6:40 – 7:40
Open discussion		7:40 – 7:55
Closing		7:55 – 8:00

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