Changing the conversation on development finance for health  
Monday, 13 July 2015, 15:30-17:00

Meeting Room 1, Hotel Intercontinental, Kirkos, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (located opposite the UN Conference Centre, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the Africa Hall)

This event will discuss what it will take to finance health in the post-2015 world. The discussion will showcase the latest thinking on mobilizing and making efficient use of domestic public finance and how to improve the catalytic role of international public finance (including innovative financing) to leverage domestic action.

Dimensions to be addressed include:

• Universal health coverage
• Unfinished business of the health-related MDGs
• National and global health risks
• Noncommunicable diseases and mental health.

The side event will explore the following questions:

• Are significant additional investments required to address health in the post-2015 era?
• What scope do countries have to raise more domestic finance for health through a combination of improved taxation systems and increased priority for health in public resource allocation? What is the potential role of “public health taxes” (e.g. tobacco, alcohol) to enable increases in government health spending? Does earmarking work?
• What scope do donors have to improve the catalytic role of international public finance to complement national efforts, not merely to raise sufficient resources for health but ensure that funds are used efficiently, in concordance with IHP+ principles?
• What scope do public-private investment partnerships have to contribute beyond unfinished business?

Moderator:
• Juliette Foster

Panellists:
• Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO (key note address)
• Mr Darcy Boyce, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, Energy, Immigration, Telecommunications and Invest
• Dr Amir Aman Hagos, Minister of Health, Ethiopia (financing unfinished business)
• Dr Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Adviser to the Minister of Public Health, Thailand (financing UHC)
• Dr Tolbert Nyenswah, Deputy Minister of Health for Disease, Surveillance and Epidemic Control, Liberia (financing preparedness for global and national health risks)
• Mr Colin McIff, Co-Chair, WHO Working Group on Financing for NCDs (recommendations from the Interim Report)

After the panel discussion the audience will have an opportunity to pose questions to the panellists during a moderated 45-minute question-and-answer session.

Catering: Refreshments available upon arrival

For full programme details, please RSVP to Dr Alexey Kulikov at kulikova@who.int or +41.22.791.3046