Catalyzing innovation and progress through self-care interventions:
WHO normative guidance development to advance the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

Panel discussion followed by reception (light refreshments offered)
Intercontinental Hotel Ballroom - 23rd May 2019 – 17-19h
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BACKGROUND:

Among the most promising approaches to advancing SDGs is self-care. The World Health Organization’s definition of self-care is “the ability of individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent disease, maintain health, and cope with illness and disability with or without the support of a health-care provider.” Providing self-care to vulnerable populations implies a safe and supportive enabling environment and ensuring quality products and interventions are available outside of formal health systems. Just as high-quality healthcare is important, high quality self-care is equally important. WHO’s conceptual framework for self-care aims to ensure that all individuals are considered, including those who may not be aware of their right to health and those who may fall through the cracks of the existing healthcare system.

The aim of this side event on the occasion of the WHA, in support of the forthcoming WHO global Consolidated guideline on self-care interventions, is to facilitate a dialogue between key stakeholders in their role as policymakers to promote self-care interventions. The development of evidence-informed health policy and programming is not only a technical process of knowledge exchange and translation, but also poses substantial political challenges that require dialogue between health experts and policy makers. Living a healthy and fulfilling life is a basic human right fundamental to the achievement of the SDGs and policy makers are uniquely placed – and obligated – to prioritize evidence-based actions and investments that protect this right for the benefit of all of citizens, in particular the more vulnerable populations.

PANELLISTS

Moderator: Peter Salama, Executive Director, Universal Health Coverage and Life-course, WHO

Speakers:

H. E. Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO

H.E. Mr Anas Doukkali, Minister of Health, Royaume du Maroc

H.E. Dr Kalumbi Shangula, Minister of Health and Social Services, Government of Namibia

Dr. Anders Nordström, Ambassador for Global Health, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Dr. Charlotte O’Leary, Liaison Officer to the World Health Organization, International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA)

Hon. Mr Christian Lohr, Member of Parliament of Switzerland, co-rapporteur of the IPU resolution on UHC


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