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Title

The HRH agenda: How is it advancing progress in Africa?

Organiser

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Objective

The purpose of this side event is to provide a forum to shine light on key HRH issues from broad national, African continental, multi-sectorial, and societal perspectives: macroeconomics, labor markets, and sectorial issues from government, civil society, and education. The session will begin with a panel discussion among global and African national leaders moderated by Pape Gaye of IntraHealth. Panelists are being finalized and tentatively include representatives from the World Bank, African Development Bank, and five to seven African countries such as Nigeria, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Libya, and Sudan. Panelists will share their views and explore differences. Among the questions they will focus on: What are the macroeconomic factors in bringing value for the money invested in HRH in Africa? How are these and other African countries progressing on universal health care including social protection? How does the educational sector view its role and its potential in HRH? For the African countries experiencing economic growth, how have human resources for health played a role? Participants will be able to submit questions for a moderated question and answer session following the panel. The final portion of the session will be reserved to participate in interactive small group sessions on topics that are most relevant to their country context.

Outcome

A general knowledge of the African context of HRH and how commitment to HRH supports national agendas for progress; Deeper understanding of the interplay between sectors; Practical, specific, and relevant knowledge about successful HRH strategies from across the African continent.