



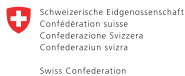
INVITATION

GLOBAL HEALTH R&D: HOW CAN WE BEST SET PRIORITIES BASED ON EVIDENCE?

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PUBLIC EVENT

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2017

12:45 – 14:15

MAISON DE LA PAIX, PETAL 2, AUDITORIUM

Progress towards achieving universal health coverage and health for all by 2030 requires establishing and sustaining health information systems that continuously provide evidence to facilitate and guide target-oriented investments in R&D for diseases, including for products marked by different types of market failure. Despite an increase in R&D activities for a range of poverty-related diseases primarily affecting low and middle-income countries, significant R&D gaps remain. A major challenge is the fragmented R&D landscape which leads to inefficient resource allocation. Evidence-based global priority setting and facilitating the coordination between major R&D organisations are crucial in view of the limited resources available for product-related health R&D benefitting poverty-related diseases.

This side event will discuss different endeavours to monitor and analyse R&D activities, to inform global priority setting and to promote coordination of investments in product-related health R&D. Among others, the event will introduce: the newly established Global Observatory for Health R&D and its systematic mapping of health R&D activities; the current work on an open-access online resource that includes the WHO validated goals for health products and their targeted diseases; as well as a directory containing a wide array of product profile characteristics developed by WHO and other entities. All these initiatives ultimately aim to inform and facilitate the priority setting for new R&D investments.

Furthermore, the event will present other data collection mechanisms to track R&D activities and efforts to develop standards for R&D data classification, including common reporting formats, such as the G7 technical working group.

All these initiatives will set the agenda for the new Expert Committee on Health R&D to provide advice on Global R&D priorities that would be supported by a potential health product R&D fund and other existing R&D financing mechanisms.

12.45 – 12.55

WELCOME

Tania **Dussey-Cavassini**, Swiss Ambassador for Global Health

Anban **Pillay**, Deputy Director General for health regulation and compliance, South African National Department of Health

12.55 – 13.50

PRESENTATIONS

Co-Chaired by

Anban **Pillay**, Deputy Director General for health regulation and compliance, South African National Department of Health

Tania **Dussey-Cavassini**, Swiss Ambassador for Global Health

Fragmentation of global health R&D landscape –
a major challenge to achieving SDG-related health targets

Martin Howell **Friede**, Coordinator, Initiative for Vaccine Research, World Health Organization

The WHO Global Observatory on Health R&D

Vasee **Moorthy**, Coordinator Research, Ethics, Knowledge Uptake, Health Systems and Innovation Cluster, World Health Organization

The TDR Product Profile Directory

Robert **Terry**, Knowledge Manager, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Disease (TDR)

Advancing the EC Research & Innovation agenda for health

Kevin **McCarthy**, Senior Health Advisor, European Commission-EuropeAid

Setting up a national health R&D Observatory

Anban **Pillay**, Deputy Director General for health regulation and compliance, South African National Department of Health

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Moderated by Tania **Dussey-Cavassini**, Swiss Ambassador for Global Health

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