Side-Event to the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage: Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability

The World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Fund are pleased to invite you to a Side-Event to the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage: Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in Health. A multi-sectoral panel discussion will explore the impact of corruption on achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all, with a specific focus on SDG 3.8, achieving universal health coverage (UHC). The discussion will consider how the ongoing establishment of an Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability for Health Alliance (ACTA) can leverage its multi-stakeholder platform to foster coordination and collaboration, provide normative guidance to assist countries in developing strategies and partnerships to prevent health sector corruption, and contribute to interventions that strengthen the global pledge to leave no one behind.

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Location: Delegates Dining Room (Private Dining Rooms 6 – 8)
Please email vidhu.pasricha@undp.org to RSVP. Due to limited seating, please confirm your attendance no later than Thursday, 19 September 2019.

Moderator
AGNÉS SOUCAT
Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing
World Health Organization

Opening Remarks
MANDEEP DHALIWAL
Director of HIV, Health and Development Practice
United Nations Development Programme

DR. PETER SALAMA
Executive Director, Universal Health Coverage Life Course
World Health Organization

MARIJKE WIJNROKS
Chief of Staff
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Panel Discussants
JILLIAN KOHLER
Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy
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DIWA SAMAD
Deputy Minister of Policy and Planning
Ministry of Public Health
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ALLAN MALECHE
Executive Director
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WILLIAM SAVEDOFF
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Mandeep Dhaliwal  
**Director, HIV, Health and Development Team, Bureau of Policy and Programme Support**  
United Nations Development Programme  

Mandeep Dhaliwal is the Director of UNDP’s HIV, Health and Development Group, Bureau of Policy and Programme Support. Ms. Dhaliwal brings to the organization over 20 years of experience working on HIV, health, human rights and evidence-based policy and programming in low and middle-income countries. Ms. Dhaliwal joined UNDP in 2008 and was the architect of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. Prior to joining UNDP, she was a senior adviser to the Dutch Royal Tropical Institute’s Special Programme on HIV/AIDS. From 2000 to 2006, Ms. Dhaliwal worked for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance’s Policy, Research and Good Practice Team in the United Kingdom where she focused on issues of HIV care and treatment in developing countries. She was instrumental in expanding the International HIV/AIDS Alliance’s technical support and policy work on issues of HIV care, treatment and support in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. While at the Alliance, she led the development of an operations research initiative in Zambia on community engagement for anti-retroviral treatment. From 1993 to 2000, she worked on HIV and human rights issues in India, including as the founding Coordinator of the Lawyers Collective HIV/AIDS Unit, a leading human rights organization, establishing the Unit’s legal aid, public interest litigation, legal literacy and policy/advocacy work.

Jillian Kohler  
*Professor at Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Dalla Lana School of Public Health & Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy*  
University of Toronto  

Jillian Clare Kohler, PhD is a Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. She is also Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Governance, Transparency and Accountability in the Pharmaceutical Sector. Her professional background includes in-house pharmaceutical policy work at UNICEF, the World Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), where she did field work in a range of countries including Brazil, Bulgaria, Haiti, and Romania.

Dr. Kohler’s research is focused on fair access to essential medicines with a particular focus on good governance and intellectual property rights. She pioneered the methodology on good governance in the pharmaceutical system for the World Bank, which was subsequently adopted by the WHO and has been applied in over 35 countries globally. She is the author of over 100 policy papers, journal articles and book chapters on pharmaceutical policy and is a co-editor of The Power of Pills: Social, Ethical and Legal Issues in Drug Development, Marketing and Pricing Policies (2006) and Access to Medicines as a Human Right: Implications for Pharmaceutical Industry Responsibility (2012).

Dr. Kohler is the former technical adviser for the Access to Medicines Index and WHO Good Governance for Medicines Programme. She was a Peter and Patricia Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice at Yale University in 2013. She earned her B.A. and an M.A. in Political Science from McGill University and a Ph.D. in Politics from New York University.

Allan Maleche  
*Executive Director*  
KELIN  

Allan Maleche is the Board Member representing Developing County NGOs on the Global Fund Board. He is the founding Executive Director of Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN). On the Global Fund Board, as Chair of the Implementers Group (2015-2017), Allan has woven together the diverse ten constituencies of the Implementers Group to develop a set of shared priorities, strengthen internal governance and communications among constituencies, and collectively produced a roadmap that tackles important issues, including: absorptive capacity, sustainability & transition, and human rights & gender equality. As an implementer, in a developing country, KELIN under the leadership of Allan has provided technical assistance for the Global Fund on community, rights and gender, and has provided technical support in Kenya and South Sudan, conducting legal environment assessments and identifying measures to mitigate human rights risks to Global Fund-financed programs.
Dr. Peter Salama  
*Executive Director, Universal Health Coverage, Life Course*  
World Health Organization

Dr. Peter Salama, a medical epidemiologist from Australia, has led the Health Emergencies Programme at WHO since 2016. Before joining WHO, Dr. Salama was UNICEF's Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to these recent assignments, Dr. Salama led UNICEF’s global response to Ebola, served as UNICEF Representative in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe (2009–2015), UNICEF’s Chief of Global Health and Principal Advisor on HIV/AIDS in New York (2004–2009), and UNICEF’s Chief of Health and Nutrition in Afghanistan (2002–2004). Prior to joining UNICEF in 2002, Dr. Salama was visiting scientist at the International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch at the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and a visiting professor in nutrition at Tufts University. He has also worked with Médecins Sans Frontières and Concern Worldwide in several countries in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Salama has led research and published extensively on maternal and newborn child health, vaccine-preventable diseases, HIV, nutrition, war-related mortality and violence, refugee and emergency health, and programming in fragile states. He completed his medical and public health degrees at Melbourne and Harvard Universities, where he was also a Fulbright and Harkness fellow in public policy.

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Diwa Samad  
*Deputy Minister of Health*  
Afghanistan

Diwa Samad is currently serving as the Deputy Minister of Policy and Plan at the Ministry of Public Health. Her professional experience lies in development and policy making with major focus on governance, institutional reform, aid effectiveness and program evaluation. Diwa holds Master of Economics from the University of Malaysia and a bachelor's degree in economics and Public Policy. She started her career in academia by working in development research and served as lecturer at the University. Prior to joining the Afghan government, Diwa was a senior researcher at the GCEL focusing on global digital outreach in least developed countries.

Diwa has worked at the Presidential Office of Afghanistan, serving as Deputy Director of Policy and Plan and Director of Aid cohesion, where she guided the government strategies in regard to human development sectors mainly, health and education. She led assessments of major healthcare programs in the country, concentrating on efficiency gains, impact analysis and institutional reform in the health sector.

During her tenure at the Ministry of Public Health, Diwa has led major government initiatives helping Afghan health system become more sustainable and responsive to the population needs. The focus of her work has been on applying performance-based management in the health programs, PPP model at the tertiary level, integration of projects into larger programs, introduction of accreditation system and e-governance for transparency and many more. Diwa has been the recipient of European Development Days Young Leader award, presenting Afghanistan at the global stage.
William Savedoff
Senior Fellow
Center for Global Development

William Savedoff is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development where he works on issues of aid effectiveness and health policy. His current research focuses on the use of performance payments in aid programs and problems posed by corruption. At the Center, Savedoff played a leading role in the Evaluation Gap Initiative and co-authored Cash on Delivery Aid with Nancy Birdsall. Before joining the Center, Savedoff prepared, coordinated, and advised development projects in Latin America, Africa and Asia for the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Health Organization. As a Senior Partner at Social Insight, Savedoff worked for clients including the National Institutes of Health, Transparency International, and the World Bank. He has published books and articles on labor markets, health, education, water, and housing including “What Should a Country Spend on Health?,” Governing Mandatory Health Insurance, and Diagnosis Corruption.

Agnés Soucat
Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing
World Health Organization

Dr. Agnés Soucat is the Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing at the WHO in Geneva. Until recently she was Global Leader Service Delivery and Lead Economist at the World Bank. She previously was the director for Human Development for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education, and social protection for Africa, including 54 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Maghreb.

She has over 25 years of experience in health and poverty reduction, covering Africa, Asia and Europe. She was a pioneer of several innovations in health care financing including community based financing and performance based financing and authored seminal publications on these topics. She is also the co-author of the World Development Report 2004 “Making Services Work for Poor People” and of the Lancet Commission report “Global Health 2035: a world converging within a generation”. She recently was commissioner of the recent Lancet and Rockefeller Commission on Planetary Health. Dr. Soucat did also extensive work on the health labor market dynamics in Africa. Dr. Soucat holds an MD and a Masters in Nutrition from the University of Nancy in France as well as a Master of Public Health and PhD in Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University.

Marijke Wijnroks
Chief of Staff
The Global Fund

Marijke Wijnroks became Chief of Staff at the Global Fund in 2013. From June 2017 through February 2018, she served as Interim Executive Director. Her distinguished career includes more than 30 years of experience in global health and development, serving in government, at the United Nations and in civil society, and working in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Since joining the Global Fund, Dr. Wijnroks has had a particular focus on gender and human rights, and on engaging diverse partners in the cause of global health. She effectively acts as the organization’s second-in-command, overseeing day-to-day work and chairing decision-making groups such as the Management Executive Committee and the Grant Approvals Committee when needed. Before joining the Global Fund, Dr. Wijnroks was Ambassador for HIV/AIDS, and Deputy Director of the Social Development Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands. In that position she oversaw policy and strategy development in areas related to HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, education and civil society. She served on the Global Fund Board for several terms, and for two years as Vice-Chair of the Board’s Ethics Committee. She earned a medical degree from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and a degree in tropical health and medicine from the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. Dr. Wijnroks started her career with Médecins Sans Frontières as a field doctor in Sudan. She also spent five years in El Salvador as a technical adviser for PAHO/WHO developing health systems, and two years as a project manager in Bangladesh focusing on maternal and child health.