



DRAFT AGENDA: AFRICA HEALTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

Theme: 2030 Now: Multi-sectoral Action to Achieve Universal Health Coverage in Africa

Subthemes: Access, Quality, Financing, Accountability

Location: Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda

Date: 5-7 March 2019

Overview

Africa is at a critical moment in the pursuit of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Most countries recognize the importance of “health for all,” both as a means of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and because it is the right thing to do. However, political will and a clear strategic vision are just the first step. Now, leaders across Africa must turn this commitment into action if Africa is to achieve its UHC targets.

The [Africa Health Agenda International Conference 2019](#) (Africa Health 2019) will be one of the largest health-related conferences in Africa and will provide a **premiere platform to debate the future of health on the continent and accelerate home-grown solutions to diverse health challenges**. Co-hosted by Amref Health Africa and the Ministry of Health of Rwanda, the three-day meeting is expected to draw more than 1,500 participants from across Africa and the global community – including scientists, practitioners and advocates as well as political leaders, the private sector and media.

Discussions will be anchored by the four pillars of the conference – **access, quality, financing** and **accountability**. Throughout the conference, the cross-cutting subjects of gender, multi-sector partnerships, technology and country leadership will be woven into sessions to give nuance to conversations. The conference will also spotlight trailblazers and innovators making an impact and inspiring change across the continent.

In advance of the main conference, Amref Health Africa will host a [Youth Pre-Conference](#) from 3-4 March 2019 at the Kigali Convention Center. This Pan-African youth convening will be an opportunity to bring together over 300 youth leaders, professionals and future leaders from across the continent to network and be at the center of critical discussions on the future of UHC in Africa. Reinforcing the slogan – **Nothing About Us, Without Us** – the 2019 Youth Pre-Conference will be an opportunity to take stock of progress on priorities identified by nearly 250 youth from 15 African countries during the 2017 Youth Pre-Conference.

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 5 March 2019

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| 8:10-8:30am | <p>Pre-Plenary I: Amref International University (AMIU) Special Topics Lecture & Podcast <i>Pre-plenary lecture on human rights and equity in UHC</i></p> |
| 8:30-10:00am | <p>Plenary I: Strengthening Primary Health Care Systems to Deliver Universal Health Coverage in Africa</p> <p><i>Session Overview:</i> Strong primary health care (PHC) systems are the frontline of most health services and, as such, are at the core of delivering UHC. In October 2018, the world came together to renew a global commitment to primary health care to achieve UHC and the SDGs at the Astana Conference on Primary Health Care. The Declaration of Astana, has renewed political commitment from not only Governments, but also NGOs, academia, global health and development organizations and will inform the UN General Assembly high-level meeting on UHC in September 2019. AHAIC 2019 will take forth conversations initiated at the Astana conference to narrow in on the future of PHC systems in Africa. Looking to draw lessons from African countries that are leading the charge in modelling high-performing PHC systems, this session will highlight strategies for designing systems that are affordable, accessible and sustainable.</p> <p><i>Fireside Chat (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion and Q&A (75 minutes)</i></p> |

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| 10:00-10:10am | Transition Video |
| 10:10-11:00am | <p>Plenary II: Opening Ceremony</p> <p><i>Welcome Address (5 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Opening Remarks (10 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Cross-generational Discussion (10 minutes)</i> 60% of Africa's population is 24 years or below. Africa's youth thus play a central role in the social, economic and political advancement of the region. This cross-generational discussion will focus on the outcomes of the Youth Pre-Conference and next steps from the youth communiqué.</p> <p><i>Speech (10 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Keynote (10 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Group Photo (5 minutes)</i></p> |
| 11:00-11:45am | Break/Networking/Posters |
| 11:45am-12:00pm | <p>Inter-Ministerial Panel</p> <p>At the sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD-VI) Summit held in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2016, African Heads of State signed the Universal Health Coverage in Africa: A Framework for Action. The framework represents a powerful commitment to multi-sector collaboration to achieve UHC. However, leaders across Africa must turn this commitment into action. The Ministerial Panel will bring together Ministers of Health from countries across Africa to take stock of progress since TICAD VI and map a vision for what it will take to achieve UHC targets in their countries.</p> |
| 12:30-1:30pm | Lunch/Networking/Posters |
| 12:30-2:00pm | <p>Health Leaders Luncheon: Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Transform Health in Africa</p> <p><i>This closed luncheon will bring together about 30 high-level government officials and leaders from pharmaceutical and medical companies for an open dialogue on ways that the public and the private sectors can meaningfully collaborate to improve access to medicines, vaccines and medical technologies in African countries.</i></p> |
| 1:30-3:00pm | <p>Scientific Tracks/Partner Workshops</p> <p><i>Abstract presentations and partner-led break-out sessions to take a deep-dive into conversations initiated at the main plenaries.</i></p> <p><i>Track 1.1: Addressing cultural, social and age barriers to accessing health services in Africa</i> <i>Track 2.1: Enhancing monitoring and models for quality assurance to ensure quality of health services</i> <i>Track 3.1: Expanding financial protection, including for vulnerable populations, by strengthening and scaling innovative insurance models</i> <i>Track 4.1: Creating a culture of accountability in health care: Defining the roles of health sector actors and developing frameworks for accountability in health service delivery systems</i> <i>Track 2.6: Achieving patient-centred quality by strengthening non-clinical contributors to quality of health services, including compassion, cleanliness and timeliness</i></p> <p><i>Partner-led workshops</i></p> |
| 3:00-3:45pm | Break/Networking/Posters |
| 3:45-5:15pm | <p>Scientific Tracks/Partner Workshops/Research Workshop I</p> <p><i>Abstract presentation and partner-led break-out sessions to take a deep-dive into conversations initiated at the main plenaries.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Track 1.2: Leveraging technology and innovative models of service delivery to accelerate access</i></p> <p><i>Track 2.2: Strengthening human resources for health, and health leadership management and governance, to improve capacity for delivering quality health services</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.2: Strengthening public-private partnerships and bringing in new stakeholders to design innovative health financing models</i></p> <p><i>Track 4.2: Accountability in health financing: Enhancing monitoring on returns in health care investments</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.6: Leveraging technology and mobile penetration to scale up financial protection for populations</i></p> <p><i>Partner-led workshops</i></p> |
| 5:30-7:00pm | <p>Satellite Sessions/Reception</p> <p><i>Partner-led sessions</i></p> |
| Wednesday, 6 March 2019 | |
| 7:30-8:10am | <p>Satellite Sessions</p> <p><i>Partner-led sessions</i></p> |
| 8:10-8:30am | <p>Pre-Plenary III: Amref International University (AMIU) Special Topics Lecture & Podcast</p> <p><i>Pre-plenary lecture on medical ethics and the law</i></p> |
| 8:30-10:00am | <p>Plenary III: Financing Universal Health Coverage in Africa</p> <p><i>Session Overview:</i></p> <p>More than 2 billion people live in countries that spend less than \$25 per capita on health – less than a third of what is needed for countries to provide basic, life-saving health services for their citizens. In addition, across the globe, as many as 100 million people a year are pushed into poverty due to healthcare-related payments. Close to two decades ago, African Heads of State committed to allocating 15% of total public expenditure to the health sector, launching the Abuja Declaration. Today, only a handful of countries in the region have reached or surpassed the target. Domestic resource mobilization, resource use and financial protection are therefore central to any discussion on UHC in Africa. In November 2018, countries and partners came together in Oslo to invest in sustainable financing for health at the Global Financing Facility replenishment meeting. Countries such as Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria committed to increasing domestic allocation for health to at least 15% and to investing in women, children and adolescents. This session will explore successful strategies for domestic resource mobilization, partnerships that are sustaining and transforming the funding landscape in Africa, and new financing strategies that are paving the way for financial autonomy in Africa.</p> <p><i>Financial Accountability Fireside Chat (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion and Q&A (75 minutes)</i></p> |
| 10:00-10:45am | Break/Networking/Posters |
| 10:45am-12:15pm | <p>Scientific Tracks/Partner Workshops</p> <p><i>Abstract presentation and partner-led break-out sessions to take a deep-dive into conversations initiated at the main plenaries.</i></p> <p><i>Track 1.3: Strengthening and redesigning primary health care centres to deliver integrated, people-centred health services</i></p> <p><i>Track 2.3: Smart data: Use of health statistics and information systems to inform quality assurance</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.3: Aligning public financing management systems and health financing policy</i></p> <p><i>Track 4.3: Looking back: Tracking progress against health commitments made by African leaders</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.7: Public Financial Management for meaningful impact on health status of communities</i></p> <p><i>Partner-led workshops</i></p> |
| 12:15-1:30pm | <p>Lunch/Networking/Posters</p> <p><i>Attendees can also take time to visit the Innovation Marketplace</i></p> |

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| 1:30-3:00pm | <p>Plenary IV: Access to Care: Reaching the Last Mile</p> <p><i>Session Overview:</i> The Sustainable Development Goals set an ambitious target to “leave no one behind”. Yet low-income, migrant and marginalized groups continue to face disproportionate challenges accessing quality, affordable health care. Achieving health for all in Africa means paying close attention to the needs of these key populations. This session will explore innovative solutions to increasing access to medicines and services, health worker empowerment and key interventions that are allowing countries to respond meaningfully and effectively to the health care needs of the hardest-to-reach, most vulnerable populations in Africa.</p> <p><i>Political Accountability Fireside Chat (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion and Q&A (75 minutes)</i></p> |
| 3:00-3:45pm | <p>Break/Networking/Posters</p> |
| 3:45-5:15pm | <p>Scientific Tracks/Partner Workshops/Research Workshop II</p> <p><i>Abstract presentation and partner-led break-out sessions to take a deep-dive into conversations initiated at the main plenaries.</i></p> <p><i>Track 1.4: Prioritising initiatives that reach vulnerable, hard-to-reach and migrant populations with essential health services</i></p> <p><i>Track 2.4: Leveraging cutting-edge technology and innovation to enhance quality of care in health facilities</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.4: Planning ahead: Addressing the ever-growing health needs of populations and costs of health services</i></p> <p><i>Track 4.4: Social accountability and the “unheard” voice of citizens: Activating communities to demand for the right to health</i></p> <p><i>Partner-led workshops</i></p> |
| 5:30pm – 7:00pm | <p>Satellite Sessions</p> <p><i>Partner-led sessions</i></p> |
| Thursday, 7 March 2019 | |
| 7:30-8:10am | <p>Satellite Sessions</p> <p><i>Partner-led sessions</i></p> |
| 8:10-8:30am | <p>Pre-Plenary V: Amref International University (AMIU) Special Topics Lecture & Podcast</p> <p><i>Pre-plenary lecture on medical ethics</i></p> |
| 8:30-10:00am | <p>Plenary V: Rapid Sessions – Focusing on Quality and Innovation</p> <p><i>Paradigm Shift: Focusing on Quality of Care (45 minutes)</i></p> <p>Increasing access to health services alone is not enough to improve health outcomes – access must go together with a deliberate focus to improve quality of care. A recent study published by the Lancet found that most deaths in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) could be prevented if patients had access to good quality care. The study estimated that 5 million people in LMICs die every year due to preventable conditions, significantly more than the 3.6 million who die from not having access to care, which has been the traditional focus in global health. This TED-style session series will focus on what it takes to sustainably improve quality of care, including deliberate political prioritization of the issue and a commitment to strengthening overall health systems, governance and scale up of health information systems. Each speaker will have 10 minutes to deliver a presentation, and there will be a 15-minute Q&A segment following the presentations.</p> <p><i>Keynote</i></p> <p><i>TED-style Talks</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Accelerating Progress toward UHC: Leveraging Innovation & Technology (45 minutes)</i></p> <p>Innovation is transforming health care diagnostics, treatment, delivery, data collection, and user experience in Africa. Yet, less than 50% of Africans have access to modern health care facilities, one in ten medicines and medical devices in the continent are substandard or falsified, and many countries are struggling to meet the needs of their population due to acute health worker shortages. This session will showcase <i>demonstrable</i> innovations in health care systems, data and delivery that are leapfrogging progress towards UHC across the continent. Each innovator will have 10 minutes to demonstrate their innovation, and there will be a 15-minute Q&A segment following the presentations.</p> <p><i>Short presentations</i></p> |
| 10:00-10:45am | Break/Networking/Posters |
| 10:45am-12:15pm | <p>Scientific Tracks/Partner Workshops/Research Workshop III</p> <p><i>Abstract presentation and partner-led break-out sessions to take a deep-dive into conversations initiated at the main plenaries.</i></p> <p><i>Track 1.5: Engaging the private sector and forging meaningful Public-Private Partnerships for accelerated access to health</i></p> <p><i>Track 2.5: Ensuring quality of medicines by enhancing pharmacovigilance to curb the spread of counterfeit medicines and medical devices, and antimicrobial resistance</i></p> <p><i>Track 3.5: Cost-effective health care: Maximising returns for investment in health care and transitioning from passive to strategic purchasing</i></p> <p><i>Track 4.5: Measuring accountability: Leveraging Health Information Systems to enhance and monitor impact</i></p> <p><i>Partner-led workshops</i></p> |
| 12:15-1:30pm | <p>Lunch/Networking/Posters</p> <p><i>Attendees can also take time to visit the Innovation Marketplace</i></p> |
| 1:30-2:45pm | <p>Plenary VI: Strengthening Multi-Sector Partnerships to Achieve Universal Health Coverage in Africa</p> <p><i>Session Overview:</i></p> <p>Cognisant of the fact that health is not a silo, there is greater consensus among diverse stakeholders on the need to transition away from a fragmented approach to health care towards a more integrated, big-picture vision, which will require increased collaboration across sectors and disciplines. Even beyond health, bringing together diverse sectors such as education, agriculture and environment will ensure a holistic approach to improving the determinants of health and strengthening health systems. This session will take a 360 degree approach to map the unique role that different sectors need to play to advance UHC in Africa.</p> <p><i>TED-Style Talk (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion and Q&A (75 minutes)</i></p> |
| 2:45-3:15pm | Entertainment Break |
| 3:15-4:30pm | <p>Plenary VII: Closing Ceremony</p> <p><i>Master of Ceremonies Welcome Address (5 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Women in Global Health: International Women's Day Celebration (60 minutes)</i></p> <p>The last day of Africa Health 2019 falls on the eve of International Women's Day. This commemoration ceremony will feature a panel discussion on gender equity in UHC and an award ceremony recognising the contributions of women leaders who have dedicated their lives to advocating for better health in Africa. The session will also serve as the official launch of the Women in Global Health African Regional Hub, to carry forward conversations initiated at the conference and accelerate action to advance health and wellbeing of girls and women in Africa.</p> |

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| | <p><i>Panel Discussion and Q&A</i></p> <p><i>Conference Communiqué (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Closing Keynote Address (10 minutes)</i></p> |
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