



PRIMARY HEALTH CARE POLICY AND PRACTICE: IMPLEMENTING FOR BETTER RESULTS

Expanded provisional
programme

International Conference
Commemorating Alma-Ata 45
and Astana 5

MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2023

7.00– **Registration**
9.15 **Hilton Astana**

9.30– **PRE-OPENING GATHERING**

9.55 *(Note: Audience must be in Conference room 30 minutes before scheduled arrival of President of Republic of Kazakhstan)*

10.00– **FORMAL OPENING PLENARY**

11.05 **Moderator: Melitta Jakab, Head of Office, WHO Regional Office for Europe**

- Kassym-Jomart Tokaev, President, Republic of Kazakhstan
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO
- Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Expert testimony: Katherine Rouleau, Global PHC lead for the Office of Health Systems Partnership, University of Toronto, **Canada**
- Expert testimony: Miklós Szócska, Dean, Semmelweis Medical University, Former Minister of Health, **Hungary**

11.05– **Transition**
11.10

11.10– **PLENARY 1 – ASTANA 2018 AS A CATALYSER OF TRANSFORMATION**
12.25 **Grand Ballroom**

Moderators: Gabriele Fontana, Regional Health Adviser, UNICEF ECARO & Melitta Jakab, Head of Office, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Patient testimony

TBC, Kazakhstan

Health worker testimony

Abiel Øvrebø, Nurse Practitioner, Advisor Drammen Municipality, **Norway**

Video

Keynote presentation: Transforming primary health care since 2018 – the transformative role of the Astana Declaration

Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Director, Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe

High-level panel: What do you consider key implementation success factors and obstacles in strengthening primary health care policy and practice?

- Azhar Giniyat, Minister of Health, **Kazakhstan**
- Silvia Calzón, State Secretary for Health, **Spain**
- Tamar Gabunia, First Deputy Minister of Health, **Georgia**
- Sura Wisedak, Director General, Ministry of Health, **Thailand**
- Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director General, Universal Health Coverage and Life Course, WHO
- Octavian Bivol, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF ECARO
- Bernd Appelt, Senior Official of International Aid / Cooperation for the Health Sector, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

12.25–12.50 **Coffee break**

12.50–
13.50

**PLENARY 2A – STRENGTHENING
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO ADVANCE
HEALTH AND DISEASE-SPECIFIC
OBJECTIVES**

Grand Ballroom

**Moderator: Gerard Schmets, Deputy
Director, PHC, WHO & Alarcos Cieza,
Integrated Service Delivery Unit, WHO**

**Spotlight: Setting the scene and key asks
to decision makers**

James Fitzgerald, Director, Health Systems
and Services, WHO Pan American Health
Organization

Facilitated panel roundtable:

- Alimkadyr Beishenaliev, Minister of
Health, **Kyrgyzstan**
- Tolga Tolunay, Deputy Minister of Health,
Türkiye
- Artjoms Ursulskis, Parliamentary
Secretary of the Ministry of Health,
Latvia
- Taru Koivisto, Deputy Director General,
Department for Communities and
Functional Capacity, Ministry of Social
Affairs and Health, **Finland**
- Jo Keatinge, Senior Advisor, Foreign,
Commonwealth & Development Office,
United Kingdom
- Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB
Partnership
- Marco Greco, President, European
Patients' Forum

Expert reflections

Jan De Maeseneer, Head, WHO Collaborating
Centre on Family Medicine and Primary
Health Care, **Belgium**

**PLENARY 2B – SYNERGIZING PUBLIC
HEALTH AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
TO DRIVE RESULTS FOR EQUITY AND
DEVELOPMENT**

Meeting room 3

**Moderators: Caroline Costongs,
Director, EuroHealthNet & Antoni
Dedeu, Senior Advisor, WHO Regional
Office for Europe**

**Spotlight: Setting the scene and key
asks to decision makers**

Awad Mataria, Director, Health Systems,
WHO Regional Office for the Eastern
Mediterranean

Facilitated panel roundtable:

- Danguolė Jankauskienė, Deputy
Minister of Health, **Lithuania**
- Kerstin Vesna Petrič, Head of Office
for WHO Collaboration and Member of
WHO Executive Board, **Slovenia**
- Hossein Farshidi, Deputy Minister of
Public Health, **Iran**
- Garusinge Wijesuriya, Deputy Director
General (Medical Services) II, Ministry
of Health, **Sri Lanka**
- Dr Felipe Proença, PHC Adjunct
Secretary of Primary Health Care,
Ministry of Health of **Brazil**
- Milka Sokolovic, Director General,
European Public Health Alliance

13.50–
15.00

LUNCH

15.00–
16.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS (See detailed session plans)

**Session 1: Strengthening the model of
service delivery: from diseases to
healthy people and healthy
communities**

Meeting Room 3

Session 3: Health workforce policies to

**Session 2: Bridging the rural access gap in
the 21st century: the role of digital and
mobile service**

Meeting Room 1

Session 4: The role of financing and

strengthen primary health care delivery
Grand Ballroom

Session 5: Role of primary health care in addressing vulnerabilities in emergencies
Meeting Room 4

incentives to drive primary health care performance
Meeting Room 2

Session 6: Primary health care performance management – driving towards better results
Meeting Room 5+6

16.00–
16.10 **Transition**

16.10–
17.10 **PLENARY 3 – THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SINCE ALMA-ATA**
Grand Ballroom

Session Moderators: Suraya Dalil, Director, Special Programme on Primary Health Care, WHO & Josep Figueras, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Keynote presentation: Tracing the ideologies and politics in the historical journey of primary health care

Dheepa Rajan, Health Systems Specialist, European Observatory

Moderated Panel Discussion

- Ala Nemerenco, Minister of Health, **Moldova**
- Karina Rando, Minister of Public Health, **Uruguay**
- Roxane Berjaoui, International Affairs Advisor, Ministry of Health and Prevention, **France**
- Chris Fearn, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Health, **Malta** and President of World Health Assembly
- Kumanan Rasanathan, Executive Director, Alliance for Health Policies and Systems Research
- Katie Dain, Chief Executive, NCD Alliance

17.10–
17.40 **Coffee break and poster session**

17.40–
18.30 **PLENARY 4 – FUTURE-PROOFING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION: FROM WORDS TO ACTION**
Grand Ballroom

Moderators: Lindiwe Makubalo, Assistant Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa & Octavian Bivol, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF ECARO

Moderated High-level Panel: From Words to Action

- Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Mikhail Murashko, Minister of Health, **Russian Federation**
- Amrillo Inoyatov, Minister of Health, **Uzbekistan**
- Karina Rando, Minister of Public Health, **Uruguay**
- Erdembileg Ts, Advisor to Minister of Health, **Mongolia**
- Aline Uwimana, Director, Maternal, Child and Community Health, Ministry of Health, **Rwanda**
- Sila Gürbüz, Young Health Advocate, Youth4Health Network

18.30–
19.00 **CLOSING CEREMONY**
Grand Ballroom

Moderators: Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, WHO Regional Office for Europe &

Timur Sultangaziev, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan

Presentation of Youth-led Conference Outcome Statement by multi-national youth group

- Dariga Smailova, Head of Research Department, Kazakh National Medical University
- Francesca Zanni, Youth4Health Network
- Sıla Gürbüz, Youth4Health Network
- Li Han (Brian) Wong, Youth4Health Network

Closing remarks

- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO
- Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Octavian Bivol, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF
- Chris Fearne, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Health, Malta and President of World Health Assembly
- Azhar Giniyat, Minister of Healthcare, Kazakhstan

19.00–
19.30

Transition to reception

19.30

**RECEPTION hosted by Alikhan Smailov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
Hotel Hilton Astana**

PARALLEL SESSIONS – OUTLINE

Session 1: Strengthening the model of service delivery: from diseases to healthy people and healthy communities
Meeting Room 3

Moderator: Arnoldas Jurgutis, Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe & Maria van den Muijsenbergh, President, European Forum for Primary Care

Presentation: Re-thinking the model of PHC

- Rebecca Rosen, Senior Clinical Fellow, Nuffield Trust, UK

Member state panel:

- Timur Sultangaziev, First Deputy Minister of Health, **Kazakhstan**
- Entela Ramosacaj, Deputy Minister of Health, **Albania**
- Sabeen Afzaal, Deputy Director Programs, Ministry of Health, **Pakistan**
- Daping SONG, Dean, Division of Health Law and Governance, China National Health Development Research Centre, National Health Commission, **China**

Reflections

- Nigel Edwards, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- Erin Kenney, Director a.i., Gender, Diversity, Equity and Human Rights, WHO

Session 2: Bridging the rural access gap in the 21st century: the role of digital and mobile services
Meeting Room 1

Moderators: Gian Matteo Apuzzo, Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe & Laetitia Bazzi-Veil, UNICEF Deputy Representative, Kazakhstan

Video: Mobile teams in Kazakhstan

Presentation: Setting the scene

- John Wynn-Jones, Senior Lecturer in Rural & Global Health, University of Keele, United Kingdom

Panel discussion:

- Andreas Lundqvist, Head of Unit, Centre for Rural Medicine, **Sweden**
- Alen Šeranić, Minister of Health and Social Welfare and Vice-Prime Minister of the Republika Srpska, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- María Soledad Martínez Gutiérrez, Head of Primary Care Division, Ministry of Health, **Chile**
- Dunstan Bryan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, **Jamaica**
- Li Han (Brian) Wong, Youth4Health network

Reflections

- Rudi Eggers, Director, WHO

Session 3: Health workforce policies to strengthen primary health care delivery Grand Ballroom

Moderators: Margrieta Langins, Nursing and Midwifery Policy Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe & Ann Robins, UNICEF Global Primary Health Care and Health Systems Advisor

Presentation: Health workforce priorities for the European Region

- Tomas Zapata, Programme Manager, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Video: Young people as future health workers in PHC

Member state panel:

- Dr Abdelrazzak Bouzouita, Director General, Ministry of Health, **Tunisia**
- Dr Daulet Aldyngurov, Director of the Department of Science and Human Resources, Ministry of Health, **Kazakhstan**
- Dr. Salomuddin Yusufi, Head of medical and pharmaceutical education, Personnel Policy and Science division, for Health Ministry of Health and Social Protection, **Tajikistan**
- Ms. Taru Koivisto, Director General, Department for Communities and Functional Capacity Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, **Finland**
- Dr. Zlate Mehmedovic, Ministry of Health, **North Macedonia**

Responses

- Abiel Øvrebø, Nurse Practitioner, Advisor Drammen Municipality, **Norway**
- Rukiye Akay, Director of Internal Affairs, ENSA (European Nursing Student and Early Career Association)
- Corinne Hinlopen, Wemos

Session 4: The role of financing and incentives to drive primary health care performance Meeting room 2

Moderators: Lluís Vinyals Torres, Acting Director, Health Systems, WHO WPRO & Anna Sagan, Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Presentation: Health financing for PHC: What are the challenges and how to overcome them?

- Triin Habicht, Senior Health Economist, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Member state and expert panel:

- Klara Oskombaeva, First Deputy Chairman of the Mandatory Health Insurance Fund under the Ministry of Health, **Kyrgyzstan**
- Elle-Mall Sadrak, Chairman of the Estonian Society of Family Doctors. **Estonia**
- Shant Shekherdimian, Advisor to the Minister of Health, **Armenia**
- Safiyya Mohamed Saeed, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, **Maldives**
- Manpreet Khurmi, Regional PHC Financing Expert, UNICEF ECARO
- Ewout van Ginneken, Hub Coordinator, European Observatory / Berlin Technical University

Session 5: Role of primary health care in addressing vulnerabilities in emergencies

Meeting room 4

Moderators: Gerard Rockenschaub, Director, WHE, WHO Regional Office for Europe and Benjamin Schreiber, Associate Director of Health, UNICEF HQ

Video 1: Setting the scene

Presentation:

- Prof. Amirhossein Takian, Vice Dean, University of Tehran, and Technical Advisor, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

Panel discussion on country experience:

- MOH, **Türkiye**
- Muhammad Lawan Gana, Health Commissioner of Yobe State in Northeast Refugees' response, **Nigeria**
- Katarzyna Drążek-Laskowska, Director of the Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, **Poland**
- Jarno Habicht, WHO Representative, **Ukraine**

Video 2

Q&A with audience

Reflections

- Santino Severoni, Director of Global Health and Migration, WHO

Session 6: Primary health care performance management – driving towards better results

Meeting room 5+6

Moderators: Shams Syed, Unit Head, WHO & Zulfiya Pirova, Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Video: Setting the scene

Presentation: From PHC performance monitoring to PHC performance management

- Dionne Kringos, Associate Professor/Vice Director, Amsterdam Public Health Research Institute & Aleksandra Jovic, Early Childhood Development Specialist UNICEF ECARO

Member state panel:

- Jelena Jankovic, Assistant Minister of Health, **Serbia**
- Aliaksei Shcherbinski, Head of the of the Main Office for Medical Care Assistance, Ministry of Health, **Belarus**
- Abdifatah Ahmed Mohamed, Director of Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Health & Human Services, **Somalia**
- Naod Wendrad Abera, Strategic Affairs, Lead Executive Officer, Ministry of Health, **Ethiopia**

Focused discussants

- Pavel Ursu, Director, Delivery for Impact, Division of Data, Analytics, and Delivery for Impact, WHO
- Martin Weber, Team Lead, WHO Office on Quality of Care and Patient Safety