

# **Primary health care policy and practice: implementing for better results**

**International conference celebrating the 45th anniversary of Alma-Ata and 5th anniversary of Astana declarations**

23 October 2023, Astana, Kazakhstan

## **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

## BACKGROUND

The Conference will be co-hosted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, UNICEF and the Government of Kazakhstan to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Declaration of Astana and the 45th Anniversary of the Declaration of Alma-Ata on primary health care. The Conference will be an official side event of the 73rd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan in October 2023.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Conference are:

- to take stock of progress implementing the commitments in the Declaration of Astana since 2018, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstrate concrete results;
- to shift focus from concepts to action by identifying implementation success factors based on country experiences; and
- to identify policies and practices to future-proof primary health care transformation for moving towards universal health coverage, for greater resilience in the face of emergencies and to improve health and well-being.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The Conference is aimed at strategic health leadership at the national and subnational levels shaping transformation of primary health care and service delivery. In addition, senior officials in health ministries with technical responsibility for organizing primary health care services will be invited to participate as well as academic and technical experts from academic institutions and international and nongovernmental organizations involved in shaping primary health care services.

## FORMAT

The Conference will be hybrid. The face-to-face conference has capacity for a maximum of 600 participants based on nominations of invited Member States and partners.

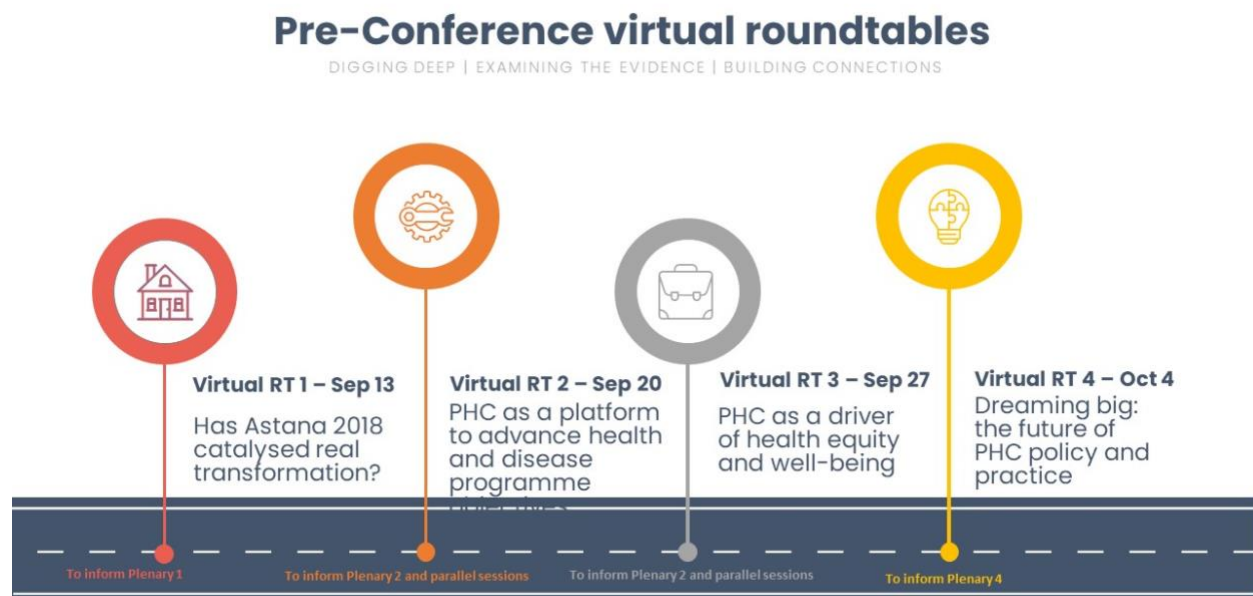
The online platform will have unlimited hosting capabilities and will be open to everyone who wants to register. The online platform will provide live streaming of the event as well as asynchronous opportunities to engage with content through videos, presentations and hosted discussion forums.

## STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

### **Pre-Conference (1 September–22 October)**

In the lead-up to the Conference, there will be four moderated virtual roundtable discussions to create a solid technical foundation for the Conference. The virtual roundtables will provide an opportunity to examine the evidence behind each of the plenary sessions, involve stakeholders to debate without capacity constraints and come up with a summary set of points to feed into each of the plenary sessions. Key academic institutions and NSA's will be invited to co-organize these sessions. See Fig. 1 for timeline and topics.

**Fig. 1. Pre-Conference online virtual roundtable discussions**



### Conference (23 October)

The Conference programme is built around plenary and parallel sessions. The Conference will be live streamed on the online platform in real time. Videos of the sessions will be available asynchronously.

A poster exhibit will feature country stories of transforming primary health care based on the WHO Regional Office for Europe country vignette series and other published case studies.

Innovation booths will provide the opportunity to feature innovative approaches to primary health care transformation and change management.

### LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE

The meeting will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian in the main panel and selected parallel technical sessions. Interpretation to other languages is being discussed. Materials on the online platform will be posted in English.

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