

SAVE THE DATE

'Impact of the recommendations of United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines: Discussion in context 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'

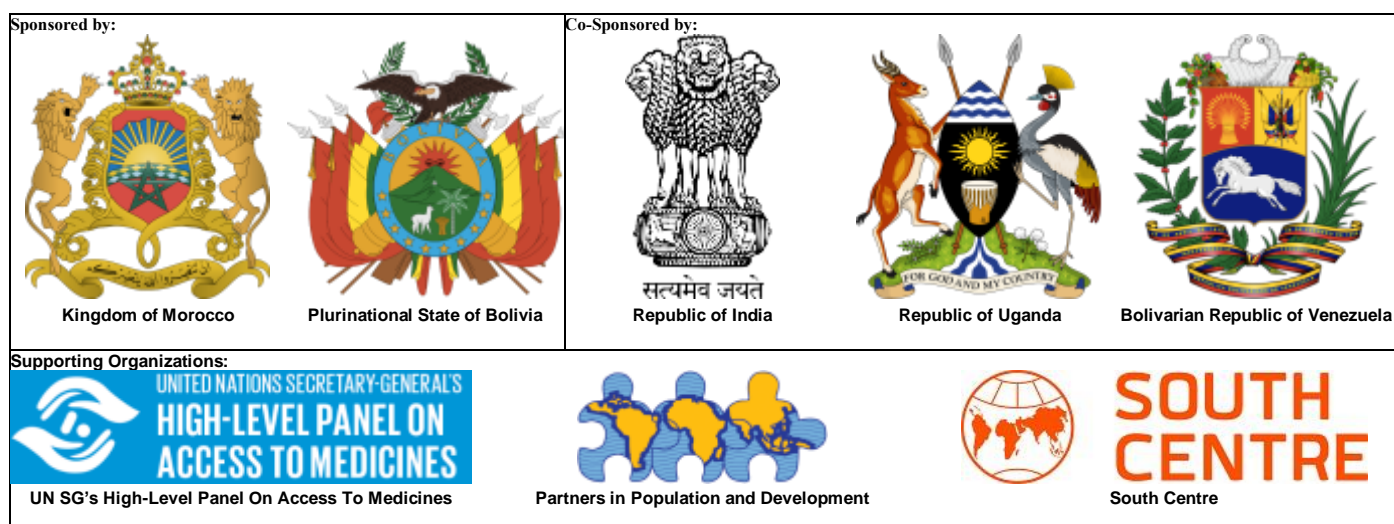
Wednesday, 24 May 2017 from 18:00 to 19:30 in Room 7, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Access to medicines and health products is a pivotal WHO leadership priority with a core focus to increase access to essential, quality, safe, effective and affordable medical products (medicines, vaccines, medical devices and diagnostics).

Ministers of Health from Morocco, Bolivia, India, Uganda and Venezuela; co-chair of the UN Secretary General's Panel on Access to Medicines; other developing/ developed countries and all stakeholders present will share their experience and views on how to promote access to medicines, discuss innovative solutions, exchange ideas and underscore the importance of implementing the recommendations of the report by the UN SG HLP.

The report of the UN SG HLP on Access to Medicines will be discussed by the World Health Assembly under the Agenda item 13.1, The global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines.

Join the opportunity to send a simple and powerful message: no one should suffer because he or she can't afford medicines, diagnostics or vaccines. We look forward to welcoming you to this global debate.



Agenda of the Side Event of the 70th World Health Assembly
on
The Impact of the Recommendations of United Nations Secretary-General's
High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines in the Context of the 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development

24 May 2017

18:00-19:30, Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Introduction – 5 min

Interventions – 5 min each

1. High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines in the context of the 2030 SDGs. **Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Co-Chair of the UNHLP; former President of the Swiss Confederation**
2. Local manufacturing: an opportunity for addressing the needs of vulnerable groups at an affordable cost. **Minister of Health, Morocco**
3. India's experience in improving access to affordable treatment: **Minister of Health, India**
4. Enhance accessibility of healthcare in a context of promotion and protection of traditional medicines. **Minister of Health, Bolivia**
5. WTO's temporary waiver until 2033 - Experience from an LDC. **Minister of Health, Uganda**
6. Price controls for essential drugs: do they protect the poor and vulnerable? **Minister of Health, Venezuela**
7. The role of policy coherence in fostering health technology innovation and access. **Ms. Maria-Luisa Silva, Director, UNDP Geneva**
8. Implementation of the HLP recommendations, **Mr. German Velasquez, Special Adviser for Health, South Centre**
9. The role of partnerships and South-South cooperation. **Dr Joe Thomas, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development (PPD)**

Interactive Discussion, Conclusion and Adoption of Joint Declaration – 30 min

Moderator: **Dr Denis Broun**, Member of the UNHLP Expert Advisory Group; Permanent Observer of PPD to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.