PROGRAM

Thursday, April 20

8:00  Registration opens / Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45  Introduction / Setting the stage

- ADAMS, Jennifer – Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and Chair of Forum Steering Committee, United States
- HANSEN, Keith E. - Vice President, Human Development Global Practice Group, World Bank Group, United States
- KUROWSKI, Christoph - Global Lead, Health Financing, World Bank Group, United States

9:45 – 11:00  PLENARY SESSION 1

Grand Ballroom

Translating priorities into practice to improve efficiency and quality

Moderator:

- KUTZIN, Joseph - Coordinator, Health Financing, World Health Organization, Switzerland
- CHOPRA, Mickey - Service Delivery Solutions Lead, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:

- VEGA, Jeanette - Director, National Chilean Public Health Insurance Agency (FONASA), Chile
- DSANE-SELBY, Lydia - Director Claims, National Health Insurance Authority, Ghana
- SOTHY, Chan - Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

Abstract: Doing the “right things” in the “right places” and exploring “how” to match a promise of explicit (and often enhanced) benefits with changes in service delivery and financing allows the health system to ensure access by the poorest and most vulnerable. Topics of discussion include benefit package design, quality improvement strategies, service delivery reform, financial incentives and other provider accountability mechanisms, and implementation challenges.

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee / Tea break

Thursday, April 20
PLENARY SESSION 2

**Grand Ballroom**

**Quality and incentives: Is there a tradeoff? Can we have both?**

Chair:
- YIP, Winnie - Professor of Global Health Policy and Economics, Harvard University, United States

Panelists:
- PACHECO, Jose - Vice-Minister of Finance, Costa Rica
- SAINI, Vikas – President, Lown Institute, United States
- OTOO, Nathaniel - Independent Consultant, Ghana
- AFSANA, Kaosar - Director, Health, Nutrition & Population Program, BRAC, Bangladesh
- CASHIN, Cheryl - Senior Program Director, Results for Development, United States

**Abstract:** Many countries face challenges in managing resources for health. This session will look at how payment systems, incentives and underlying support systems can be designed and used to fulfill the promise of doing the right things in the right place. Where and how are resources deployed to improve quality? Does the Ministry of Finance know when resources are well allocated so that budgets are protected? The session is organized as a conversation across stakeholders – health, finance, purchasers, consumers and civil society – and a review of best practices, tools for prioritizing both efficiency and quality and the use of strategic purchasing at the macro- and micro level to save funds and improve delivery.

**Lunch**

12:45 – 14:00

13:00 – 13:45

**Grand Ballroom**

**Bending the cost curve: Harnessing the power of innovation for UHC (lunch session)**

Moderator:
- DAVIS, Steve - President and CEO, PATH, United States

Speakers:
- ACENG, Jane Ruth - Minister of Health, Uganda
- ANSTEY, Caroline - Former Global Head, UBS and Society, United States
- CHEN, Nan - Deputy Director, Last Mile Health, United States
- TODA, Takao - Vice President for Human Security and Global Health, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan

**Abstract:** This interactive lunchtime plenary will generate ideas and actions to harness innovations that can both expand access and bend the healthcare cost curve. Financing innovation - and innovations in financing - are two sides of the same coin. The session discusses the need for countries and their development partners to leverage the cost savings and improve outcomes through sustainable financing of innovation. Often, the most transformative innovations already exist but need to be adapted to fit a country’s unique context. The promise of innovation requires engaging innovators to identify multi-sector solutions that can be effectively scaled.
CONCURRENT SESSION 1

a. The Global Financing Facility: Driving health system efficiency at the country level
Moderator:
- EVANS, David B. - Consultant, World Bank Group, Switzerland
Presenter:
- CLAESON, Mariam - Director, Global Financing Facility, World Bank Group, United States
- VLEDDER, Monique - Practice Manager, Global Financing Facility, United States
Panelists:
- ESTRADA, Hector - Minister of Public Finance, Guatemala
- ZOLIA, Yah - Deputy Minister of Health, Liberia

Abstract: The Global Financing Facility for Every Woman and Every Child (GFF) launched in 2015 as a new model of development finance for the SDG era. Since then, 16 countries have embarked on the GFF process. This session discusses the theory and practice behind GFF’s different way of doing business and how the GFF addresses inefficiency. It includes country highlights from four GFF countries.

b. Contracting for efficient spending and quality services: Illusory or achievable for LMIC health systems? Examples from Africa and Asia
Moderator:
- FRYATT, Bob - Director, USAID’s Health Finance and Governance Project, Abt Associates, United States
Panelists:
- ALAWODE, Gafar - Chief of Party, USAID’s Health Finance and Governance Project, Nigeria
- AJIBOYE, Ayodeji - Health Economist, World Bank Group, Nigeria
- HOLTZ, Jeanna – Health Financing Director, USAID’s Strengthening Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus Project, United States
- LOEVINSOHN, Benjamin - Lead Public Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Nigeria
- THWIN, Aye Aye - Senior Advisor for Health Systems and Financing, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States

Abstract: Contracting health services or functions to private organizations is often promoted as a mechanism for improving efficiency. However, evidence supporting this assumption remains mixed in LMIC settings. This session will reflect on unknowns, including i) the prerequisite capacity and environmental factors that enable success; ii) the relationship between achieving improved quality and efficiency; and iii) potential challenges in the design and implementation of contracting arrangements with public and private providers, and ways to avoid, ameliorate, or resolve them.

c. Out-of-pocket spending and voluntary insurance: The biggest inefficiencies?
Moderator
- THABRANY, Hasbullah - Senior Health Financing Adviser, National Council for Social Security, Indonesia
Panelists:
- DSANE-SELBY, Lydia - Director Claims, National Health Insurance Authority, Ghana
- SOEWONDO, Prastuti - Consultant, National Team on Acceleration of Poverty Reduction, Working Group Health, Indonesia
Abstract: Fragmented and regressive financing systems with a high reliance on out of pocket spending (OOPs) and voluntary insurance create inefficiencies and inequities which undermine attempts to achieve UHC and provide financial risk protection for the poorest. This session will debate whether governments are prioritizing equitable pathways towards UHC using experiences in Ghana and Indonesia. Through these examples, participants will discuss challenges and share tested solutions for reducing OOPS and fragmented financing structures.

Palm Court Ballroom  

d. Can evidence on efficiency help bridge the MoF-MoH divide? Looking for answers in country experience

Chair:
- RICHARDSON, Gail - Practice Manager, South Asia Region, Health, Nutrition & Population Global Practice, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:
- ISLAM, Ashadul - Additional Secretary and Director General, Health Economics and Financing, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh
- HUNG, Dang Viet - Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- KORICHO, Mideksa Adugna - Health Economics and Financing Analysis Coordinator, Resource Mobilization Assistant Director, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia

Abstract: Whether or not the health sector is making efficient use of its resources is often a contentious discussion point between ministries of finance and health. Health system efficiency can be difficult to analyze, and lacks the widely-recognized indicators that are used to measure progress. But building a better evidence base can be a crucial step towards improving this dialogue and outcomes. This session will present three country experiences with using evidence on (in)efficiency to help generate a more informed dialogue around health system performance. Bangladesh is a very low spender on health, and thus evidence on efficiency can inform resource mobilization. Vietnam is a relatively high spender, so the key issue relates to cost containment. Ethiopia will share its experience with cost-effectiveness analysis and benefit package design.

District Ballroom  
e. Making way for UHC by tackling wasteful spending on health: Results from the OECD study and interactive discussion

Moderator:
- NAGPAL, Somil - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Cambodia and Lao PDR

Presenter:
- PEARSON, Mark - Deputy Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD, France

Panelists:
- PRIETO, Lorena – Commissioner, Commission on Social Protection, Peru
- RUBINSTEIN, Adolfo - Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Argentina
- RYU, John - Korea Health Insurance Review and Assessment Services (HIRA), South Korea
- KUSNANI, Didik, Deputy Director of State Expenditure Formulation, DG Budget, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia.

Abstract: This interactive session will feature results from the recent OECD study, “Tackling wasteful spending in health,” which systematically reviews strategies put in place by countries to limit ineffective spending and waste. This discussion is followed by a debate about the relevance of “wasteful spending” in low and middle-income countries. Finally, the audience will engage with the panel in an interactive discussion on current best practices and policy options for implementing reforms.
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 CONCURRENT SESSION 2

**Grand Ballroom**

**a. Public to private: Let’s dance (Song title: purchasing health services with an eye on quality and efficiency)**

Moderator:
- OMATSEYE, Clare - President, Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, Nigeria

Panelists:
- BAYE, Martina - Coordinator, National Multisector Program, PLMI, Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon
- FEZOUA, Farid - CEO for Africa, GE Healthcare
- OKUNOLA, Olumide - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Nigeria

**Abstract**: The public sector cannot deliver UHC without the private sector. However, the “invitation to dance” from public to private may fall on deaf ears if the partner or proposal is not attractive. Or the two will be out of sync if incentives, payment mechanisms and quality management are lacking. Country experiences will illustrate how disharmony can lead to missteps and what can be done to sync their steps to jointly deliver good quality, efficient health services for all. No wallflowers please!

**Chinese Ballroom**

**b. Inefficiencies in Primary Health Care delivery and ongoing efforts to improve service delivery for the poor in Nigeria**

Moderator:
- ABANIDA, Emmanuel - Executive Secretary/CEO, Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON), Nigeria

Panelists:
- WANG, Hong - Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States
- ODUTOLU, Ayodeji Oluwole - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Nigeria
- OHIRI, Kelechi - CEO, Health Strategy and Delivery Foundation, Nigeria
- ALAWODE, Gafar - Chief of Party, USAID/Health Finance and Governance Project, Nigeria

Discussants:
- JIBRIL, Mustapha - Commissioner, Niger State Ministry of Health, Minna, Nigeria
- BASSEY, Ekpo Ekpo - Chairman, House Committee On Health, Cross River State, Nigeria

**Abstract**: Despite taking steps to prioritize and improve health care, Nigeria’s national-level health outcomes remain relatively poor. One of the significant challenges is rooted in the inefficiency of utilizing existing financial investments for delivery of primary health services. This session aims to demonstrate how the inefficiencies of PHC service delivery can be measured, tracked and analyzed and looks at ongoing state-level efforts to address those inefficiencies. Programmatic examples include Results-Based Financing, service delivery plans using fiscal space, workforce projection estimates, approaches to efficiency based on data.

**East Ballroom**

**c. Reimagining Results-Based Financing**

Speakers:
- NAIR, Dinesh - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States
- POEL, Ellen Van de - Health Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- de WALQUE, Damien - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- KANDPAL, Eeshani - Research Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- SAMAHA, Hadia - Senior Operations Officer, World Bank Group, United States
• ODUTOLU, Ayodeji Oluwole - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Nigeria
• MUTASA, Ronald - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States
• KRUK, Margaret - Associate Professor of Global Health, Harvard School of Public Health, United States

**Abstract:** This interactive session aims to address some of the most critical questions around the impact of Results-Based Financing and the way forward. This session discusses: whether and how RBF can improve health system efficiency in low-resource settings; the reasons for success or failure; whether RBF can be used to incentivize quality; whether RBF is an efficient tool that can be made more cost-effective; and the role of RBF as a stand-alone approach and/or contributor to broader health systems strengthening.

**Palm Court Ballroom**

**d. The biggest SDG bang for buck: Maximizing efficiencies in health labor markets**

Moderator:

• STILWELL, Barbara, Senior Director of Workforce Solutions, IntraHealth International, United States

Opening:

• WULIJI, Tana - Technical Officer, Health Workforce Department, World Health Organization, Switzerland
• PURSEY, Stephen – Senior Policy Advisor, International Labour Organization, United Kingdom

Panelists:

• DAHN, Bernice - Minister of Health, Liberia
• DE MOYA, Nazareth - Director of Human Management, National Health Service, Dominican Republic
• ISLAM, Ashadul - Additional Secretary and Director General, Health Economics and Financing, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh

**Abstract:** The WHO Global Strategy on HRH and UN High-Level Commission Report on Health Employment for Economic Growth advance critical arguments as countries consider strategic policies and practical interventions for more efficient resource use. It challenges conventional thinking, showing how workforce investments are a powerful force-multiplier of socio-economic dividends. This session aims to revitalize attention to opportunities to maximize workforce efficiencies. Country experiences demonstrate feasibility and impact of implementing tailored interventions and importance of greater intersectoral collaboration.

**District Ballroom**

**e. Efficiency for universal health in the Americas**

Moderator:

• CID, Camilo - Regional Advisor Health Economics and Financing, PAHO/WHO, United States

Facilitator:

• PESCETTO, Claudia - Regional Advisor, Health Economics and Financing, PAHO/WHO, United States

Panelists:

• EWING, Rufus - Former Premier and Minister of Health / Health Consultant, EPIC HC / IPC, Turks and Caicos
• GONZALEZ-BLOCK, Miguel Angel - Health Systems Researcher, Anáhuac University, Mexico
• YAVICH, Natalia - Researcher, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, Argentina
Abstract: The session will share experiences of strategic purchasing in Mexico’s “Seguro Popular”, the expansion of coverage and access through Turks and Caicos’s single payer model, and Argentina’s results on continuity of care and access to quality services. The discussion will tackle unresolved issues such as the use of specialized funds in strategic purchasing to transform historical budgets, how to address interactions between providers and user preferences, and single payer systems to ensure appropriate risk pooling in a small country setting.

17:30 – 19:00
Reception

- Reflections on UHC 2030
  - DAPAAH, Max - Senior Financial Management Specialist, World Bank Group, United States, and two country representatives

State Ballroom
**Friday, April 21**

7:30 – 9:00  Breakfast

7:45 – 8:45

**Palm Court Ballroom**

**Hospital efficiency: Neglected issue in UHC discourse**

Moderator:
- THWIN, Aye Aye - Senior Advisor for Health Systems and Financing, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States

Speakers:
- TODA, Takao - Vice President for Human Security and Global Health, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan
- JAYAWICKRAMA, Anura - Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka

Panelists:
- ISLAM, Ashadul - Additional Secretary and Director General, Health Economics and Financing, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh
- SOMANATHAN, Aparnaa - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, United States

**Abstract:** Despite its vital role in health systems, hospitals are vastly neglected in the development discourse with much of the attention being focused on the strengthening of primary health care. As hospitals can consume as much as 70% of national health expenditure, improving efficiency of hospitals is critical to the country’s health systems strengthening and to promote universal health coverage in LMICs under resource constraints. The session aims at highlighting multiple practical solutions to improve hospital efficiency.

9:00 – 9:45

**Grand Ballroom**

**Speaker’s Corner: Top priorities in the efficiency agenda**

Moderator:
- PABLOS-MENDEZ, Ariel - University of Guadalajara, Guest Professor, Mexico

Presenters:
- YAMAMOTO, Naoko - Assistant Minister for Global Health and Health Industry Strategy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
- KAGIA, Ruth - Senior Adviser to the President, Kenya Government, Kenya
- RUBINSTEIN, Adolfo - Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Argentina
- SAN ROMAN, Cristina - Advisor, Ministry of Health, Peru

**Abstract:** In this session, hear priorities from top policy makers about the health financing efficiency initiative that they would like to implement in their home country, then participate in a moderated, panel-style discussion.
9:45 – 11:00
PLENARY SESSION 3

**Grand Ballroom**

**Measuring efficiency, transparency and accountability**

**Moderator:**
- THWIN, Aye Aye - Senior Advisor for Health Systems and Financing, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States

**Panelists:**
- AKABUEZE, Ben - Director-General, Budget Office of The Federation, Nigeria
- WRIGHT, Simon - Head of Health Policy, Save the Children UK, United Kingdom
- PEARSON, Mark - Deputy Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD, France
- HERRERA, Cristian - Head, Division of Health Planning, Ministry of Health, Chile
- KUSNAINI, Didik - Deputy Director of State Expenditure Formulation, Director-General Budget, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia
- SMITH, Owen - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, India

**Abstract:** Effective and efficient use of health sector resources requires a process that is verifiable, transparent and accountable to tax payers and institutions tasked with fiscal management. The session will discuss what should be measured to demonstrate efficient spending; how transparency and civil society can drive efficiency; the different perspectives underlying what and who should be held accountable throughout the service delivery chain; and the integration of critical mechanisms such as data systems and stakeholder engagement.

11:00 – 11:30
Coffee/Tea break

11:30 – 12:45
PLENARY SESSION 4

**Grand Ballroom**

**Implementing good ideas: The political economy of efficiency reforms**

**Moderator:**
- LEVINE, Neil - Director, Center for Excellence on Democracy, Rights and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States

**Panelists:**
- DAHN, Bernice – M.D., Minister, Ministry of Health, Liberia
- SAMMS-VAUGHAN, Maureen - Professor / Chairman (Formerly), University of The West Indies / Early Childhood Commission (Formerly), Jamaica
- TARKPAH, Johnny – Assistant Minister for External Resources & Debt Management, Ministry of Finance & Development Planning, Liberia

**Interviewers:**
- YIP, Winnie - Professor of Global Health Policy and Economics, Harvard University, United States
- HUGHES, Jacob - Senior Public Finance Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States
- LAGOMARSINO, Gina - CEO, Results for Development, United States

**Abstract:** While a great deal is known about causes of inefficiency and possible technical solutions, any proposed change designed to improve efficiency runs into political opposition. This session is designed to elicit, from two policymakers who have tried to improve efficiency, what lessons they learned: what groups typically oppose; what groups support; how to identify main stakeholders for building support and reducing opposition. On the flip side, this session takes on the question of whether reforms to improve efficiency, or move closer to UHC more generally, have potential political payoffs. The discussion will try to derive generalizable lessons.
that might be useful to other countries implementing efficiency reforms.

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

Grand Ballroom

**Healthy systems for universal health coverage: A joint vision for healthy lives**
- HOVEN, Ingrid-Gabriela - Director-General, Global issues – sector policies and programs, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- EVANS, Timothy - Senior Director, Health, Nutrition and Population, Global Practice, World Bank Group, United States
- SOUCAT, Agnes - Director of Health System Governance and Financing, World Health Organization, Switzerland
- USHIO, Shigeru - Deputy Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Palm Court Ballroom

**Charting the path forward: A joint feedback session**
Moderator:
- NAGPAL, Somil - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Cambodia and Lao PDR

Presenters:
- HUSSEIN, Rozita Halina - Senior Deputy Director Planning Division and JLN Convener, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- TANDON, Ajay – Lead Health Economist, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:
- DSANE-SELBY, Lydia - Director Claims, National Health Insurance Authority, Ghana
- HOVIG, Dana - Director of Integrated Delivery, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States
- KIROS, Mizan - Director for Resource Mobilization and Government Focal Person for GFF, Ethiopia
- UKWUIJE, Francis - Senior Health Economist, Healthcare Financing, Equity & Investment, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria

**Abstract:** This joint feedback session organized by the UHC Financing Forum and the Joint Learning Network for UHC (JLN) is designed to gather feedback and help shape a knowledge agenda on efficiency of health spending, while guiding work being produced by the JLN - Collaborative on Efficiency over the next 18-24 months. The session aims to receive specific input on experiences and challenges faced by countries in areas such as systematic priority setting, measuring and incentivizing performance, and improving public financial management in the health sector.

14:00 – 15:30 CONCURRENT SESSION 3

Grand Ballroom

**a. From chaos to order: Enabling efficient fiscal transfers in federal and decentralized health systems**

Moderator:
- GLASSMAN, Amanda - COO & Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United States

Panelists:
- RUBINSTEIN, Adolfo - Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Argentina
- SAISO, Sebastian García - Director General, Ministry of Health, Mexico
Abstract: Financing of health systems in large federal countries is increasingly fragmented. Decentralized health systems require greater coordination and targeting of resources across federal, state and local governments, as well as donors, private and non-government providers. Ministries of finance demand greater efficiency at the national and subnational levels. But the influence of ministries of health is constrained because service delivery is in the domain of the states and local governments. The purpose of this session is to identify the challenges and opportunities for better coordination and efficiency of fiscal transfers, budgetary allocations, expenditure priorities, and state capacity to improve health outcomes.

Chinese Ballroom

b. Multisectoral financing and governance to improve efficiency and impact of UHC and broader health efforts

Facilitator:
- BENNETT, Sara - Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, United States

Panelists:
- BAYE, Martina - Coordinator, National Multisector Program (PLMI), Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon
- HERRERA, Cristian - Head, Division of Health Planning, Ministry of Health, Chile
- PAUL, Jeremias Jr - Coordinator, World Health Organization, Philippines
- RASANATHAN, Kumanan - Senior Health Specialist, UNICEF, United States
- SAMMS-VAUGHAN, Maureen - Professor / Chairman (Formerly), University of The West Indies / Early Childhood Commission (Formerly), Jamaica

Abstract: This session will consider the issue of multisectoral action with a particular focus on efficiency and UHC, addressing issues such as gains from integrating social protection systems (such as worker’s compensation, disability benefits) and protection against catastrophic medical expenditure; inefficiencies associated with fragmented social service delivery; and examples of innovation and lessons learned in structuring financial, governance and institutional structures for UHC and improving health outcomes. This session outlines the importance of multisectoral action for health – and how it can be achieved successfully – by highlighting the financial, governance and institutional setups that enable successful multisectoral action.

East Ballroom
c. JLN in action – A discussion on practical experiences measuring efficiency from the finance and service delivery lenses

Moderator:
- TAYLOR, Chelsea - Senior Program Officer, Results for Development

Panelists:
- DSANE-SELBY, Lydia - Director Claims, National Health Insurance Authority, Ghana
- HUSSSEIN, Rozita Halina - Senior Deputy Director Planning Division and JLN Convener, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- TSILAAJAV, Tsolmongerel - Director, Strategic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Health, Mongolia

Abstract: Routine data systems can shed light on whether UHC reforms generate efficiency gains and/or lead to unintended consequences. They can also highlight important but overlooked aspects of quality. But such systems are not fully exploited because of a lack of capacity, weak or underdeveloped data systems, or fragmented information sources. Going beyond “what” to measure, this session will present practical tools for “how” to achieve monitoring goals, including the achievement of efficiency gains.
d. Barium swallow: Diagnosing how and why up to 50% of health spending is poorly “swallowed” and how to fix it

Moderator:
- KASONDE, Lombe - Operations Analyst, World Bank Group, United States

Opening:
- SEITER, Andreas – Private Sector Global Lead, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:
- ROSS, Tanel - Chairman of the Management Board, Estonian Health Insurance Fund, Estonia
- JOHNSTON, Timothy - Human Development Program Leader, World Bank Group, Austria
- ANDERSEN, Christopher – Director, Quality Systems, Cardinal Health, United States

Abstract: An efficient and effective pharmaceutical system is critical to a country’s overall health system. The design and implementation of appropriate medicines policies and strategies offers opportunities to improve technical and allocative efficiency throughout the health system. In this session, participants will gain perspectives on how up to 50% of health spending in low and middle-income countries is poorly “swallowed“ (i.e. spent) and will discuss how to improve efficiency in spending on medicines, through priority setting, procurement and purchasing reforms, and optimized supply chains.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea break

16:00 – 17:00 Closing remarks
- NANDAKUMAR, Allyala - Chief Economist, Global Health Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States
- EVANS, David B. - Consultant, World Bank Group, Switzerland
- EVANS, Timothy - Senior Director, Health, Nutrition and Population, Global Practice, World Bank Group, United States

17:30 – 18:30 Reception

Catalyzing private capital to achieve public goals: A new paradigm for maximizing financial efficiencies in the emerging markets

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