



Innovation Fair

“Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health”

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To showcase best innovative experiences and mobilize a wide range of stakeholders in support of successful global public health activities, the United Nations organizes an innovation fair during the high-level segment of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This fair will run parallel to the Annual Ministerial Review organized by the Council and devoted this year to “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health”. These events will take place at the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, allowing interaction between policy makers and authors of innovative experiences.

Objectives

The Innovation Fair will contribute to the objectives of the 2009 Annual Ministerial Review, in particular:

1. Promote broad multi-stakeholder engagement in the work of the Council;
2. Share innovative solutions and best practices in the area of global public health;
3. Demonstrate the strong links between public health and the other IADGs / MDGs;
4. Encourage interaction among participants in the Fair and member States which could possibly lead to the launching of initiatives.

Thematic focus

The Annual Ministerial Review, under which the Fair is organized, will consider the following broad thematic areas:

1. Accelerating the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6, including their relationship with other MDGs;
2. Strengthening health systems of developing countries, particularly strong and stable primary healthcare facilities;
3. Strengthening the global health workforce through human resources development of the sector, including responding to the challenge of brain-drain, managing migration and increasing access to and quality of training;
4. Promoting health security in order to minimize vulnerability to acute public health events that endanger the collective health of populations at the global level (emerging and epidemic-prone diseases, outbreaks of food borne diseases, natural disasters and climate change, and chemical or radioactive events);
5. Raising the profile of neglected tropical diseases.

In order to ensure the legibility of the event and make it more interesting to participants, the Innovation Fair itself will be organized around three themes:

1. ICT tools for Health
2. Innovative partnerships for health and development
3. Improved access to health for vulnerable populations

What type of innovative approaches/projects/products will be showcased?

The innovative products and projects that will be showcased will meet the following criteria:

1. Create a more conducive and enabling environment for improvement, potentially leading to policy change through legislation, regulation or resource allocation;
2. Showcase sustainability, replicability, participatory and multistakeholder processes;
3. Promote partnerships to link activities with other stakeholders.

Participation

The UN Economic and Social Council aims to bring together all development actors, be they governmental or non-governmental, from around the world. Consequently, a wide range of institutions have been invited to take part in the Fair: governments, international and regional organizations, private sector entities, academia, civil society organizations, foundations, and the media. The participants will present specific innovative products and projects to showcase in the field of global public health.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Private Sector and Academia

- Anesvad
- BD
- CATEL
- Drugs for Neglected Diseases - DNDi
- Earth Institute, Columbia University
- Global Alliance for Women's Health
- Global Health Progress
- Heartfile
- International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (IFPMA)
- International Union Against Cancer
- Johnson & Johnson
- Médecins du Monde
- Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication - OCCAM
- Réseau en Afrique Francophone pour la Télémédecine – RAFT
- Partnership for Disease Control Initiatives
- Patologi Oltre Frontiera
- Siemens
- Sulabh International Social Service
- Terre Des Hommes International Federation

UN System and other International Organizations

- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- UN-DESA NGO Branch in collaboration with Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of UNDP
- UNAIDS
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- UNITAID
- World Health Organization (WHO)