INVITATION

The Presidents of France and South Africa co-host the launch event of the report of the United Nations Secretary-General Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth

Towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals: addressing health employment deficit as a pivotal opportunity to support attaining targets such as inclusive economic growth, decent work and universal health coverage. Tribute to health workers: bring humanity where there is almost no more.

Where: UN Building – Conference Room 3 (CR3)
When: Tuesday, 20 September 2016, 16:00 – 18:00
Event also broadcast on UNTV (http://webtv.un.org/)

Official handover of the report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-moon by the co-chairs of the Commission:
H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of France and H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa

Speakers will include:
Dr Joanne Liu, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Co-founder and Chairman of Yunus Social Business, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, UN Sustainable Development Goals Advocate
Musical performance by Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Princess of Africa

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Secretariat of the Commission:
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Les Présidents de la République de la France et d’Afrique du Sud vous convient à l’événement de lancement du rapport de


Vers la réalisation des Objectifs de Développement Durable :
traiter des déficits d'emplois en santé comme une opportunité pour soutenir la croissance économique inclusive, le travail décent et la couverture universelle en santé. Hommage aux personnels de santé : amener l'humanité où il n'y en a presque plus.

Où: Bâtiment des Nations Unies – Salle de conférence 3 (CR3)
Quand: Mardi 20 Septembre 2016, de 16:00 à 18:00
Également disponible sur la UNTV (http://webtv.un.org/)

Remise officielle du rapport au Secrétaire general des Nations Unies, M. Ban Ki-moon par les co-présidents de la Commission :

S.E. M. François Hollande, Président de la France et
S.E. M. Jacob Zuma, Président de l'Afrique du Sud

Parmi les intervenants:

Dr Joanne Liu, Présidente internationale de Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
Muhammad Yunus, Co-fondateur et Président de Yunus Social Business, lauréat du prix Nobel de la paix, promoteur des Objectifs Durables
Performance musicale par Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Princesse d’Afrique

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Secrétariat de la Commission :
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE COMMISSION

1. The United Nations Secretary-General established the Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth on 2 March 2016 (see Annex: list of Commissioners). The first meeting of the Commission was held on 23 March 2016 in Lyon, France. The Commission has committed to provide its report and recommendations – proposing new actions on health employment towards achieving gains across the SDG agenda – on the margins of the UN General Assembly in September 2016.

2. The Commission’s main objective is to propose concrete actions to stimulate the creation of around 40 million new jobs in the health and social sector by 2030, paying specific attention to addressing the projected shortage of 18 million health workers by 2030 primarily in low- and middle- income countries. These actions will contribute to global inclusive economic growth, creation of decent jobs, achievement of Universal Health Coverage, and also complement various global development efforts set out by the international community, especially related to the Sustainable Development Goals and on responses to humanitarian and health crises.

3. The Commission is an opportunity to strengthen a stewardship of a multisectoral Sustainable Development Goals agenda by positioning health employment as a pivotal opportunity to accelerate gains towards the achievement of Universal Health Coverage, while promoting inclusive economic growth and decent work. (for more information, see: http://www.who.int/hrh/com-heeg/en/)

4. Following their first meeting, co-chaired by H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of France, and H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa, Commissioners issued a Communique affirming the need for a fit-for-purpose health and social workforce to advance Universal Health Coverage, and highlighting the contribution of full and productive employment and decent work conditions towards eliminating poverty, addressing inequality, empowering women and youth, and achieving inclusive and sustainable growth.

Evidence and consultations

5. The joint WHO, ILO, OECD secretariat oversaw a broad consultation process and collation of the best evidence. Seventeen policy briefs were developed as background evidence papers to inform the report of an Expert Group established to support the work of the Commission. 149 submissions (case studies, opinion papers, and evidence papers) were received through two rounds of Calls for Contributions (from a diverse range of stakeholders including governments, donor agencies, civil society, professional bodies, unions, private sector, academia and multilateral organizations). Additionally, evidence was collected through strong and active engagement with a broad range of stakeholders during a series of technical consultations held between April and June 2016.

6. The Expert Group held three meetings between February and June 2016, and submitted its final report to the Commissioners on 24 June.

Commission report – final steps, handover and launch of the report

7. The second meeting of the Commission will take place on the margins of the UN General Assembly on 19 September, 2016. Commissioners will finalize and endorse their report ahead of its submission to the UN Secretary-General, and it official launch.

8. The report will include 10 recommendation, requiring to gather broad high-level political support for the implementation of a 18-month immediate steps.
LAUNCH EVENT OF THE REPORT

The event to be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2016, aims to present the report of the Commission and its 10 recommendations, to gather broad high-level political support for the implementation of a five-year action plan and to provide opportunities to Heads of State, Ministers and other stakeholders to articulate their engagements in favour of the needed paradigm shift called for in the Commission report.

Date: Tuesday, 20 September 2016, 16:00 – 18:00
Venue: United Nations Headquarters, Conference room 3 (CR3)

The event will be moderated by Ms Zeinab Badawi, journalist at BBC.

Hosts and panelists

- Co-hosted by H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of France, and H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa, co-chairs of the Commission
- Co-vice-chairs of the Commission: Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Mr Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO),
- United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-moon, and Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Jan Eliasson
- Representatives of governments, regional bodies
- High-level people recognized for their commitment to development and humanitarian causes, especially around the Sustainable Development Goals: Dr Joanne Liu, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF); Dr Denis Mukwege, Gynecologist, Founder and Director of the Panzi Hospital in Bukavu, Congo; Dr Alaa Murabit, Founder of the Voice of Lybian Women, Sustainable Development Goal Advocate; Prof Muhammad Yunus, Co-founder and Chairman of Yunus Social Business, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Audience / Medias

- Heads of State, Senior UNGA delegation members, Ambassadors and Executives of Multilateral Agencies.
- Members of the Commission (cf. annex 1 – list of Commissioners).

A professional Public Relation organisation will oversee communication and press relations around the event.

Proposed topics for discussion:

- The need for an intersectoral approach, involving the finance, labour, education, health and social sectors, to make progress on the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Changing health services organization and the health workforce to meet the 21st century challenges and stimulating the creation of 40 million jobs in the health sector globally;
- Health employment: converting the growing global demand for health workers to achieve universal health coverage, while also generating socio-economic dividends;
- A great opportunity for youth and women empowerment;
- Towards achieving Universal Health Coverage by transforming health education, training and skills;
- Tribute to health workers in humanitarian settings and public health and protracted emergencies;
- Maximize mutual benefits from socially responsible international migration of health workers;
- Enhancing governance and accountability; a key role for governments, parliaments, civil society workers unions and the private sector.
Annex – list of Commissioners

*(biographies available here: http://www.who.int/hrh/com-heeg/en/)*

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