

Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research at **HSR2024**

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Satellite session	Advancing learning systems for health in the Asia-Pacific Region through health policy and systems research	107	18 Nov (Monday), 08:00 – 12:15
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Monday

Advancing learning systems for health in the Asia-Pacific Region through health policy and systems research

18.Nov.24 (Monday), 08:00 – 12:15		107	Satellite session
Description:	Countries across the Asia-Pacific Region have made variable progress in building learning systems for health to achieve UHC. Health policy and systems research (HPSR) remains an underused tool, with inadequate domestic investment. This session, organized by Alliance HPSR, WHO, HSG and other partners convenes policymakers, researchers, civil society groups and development partners to consider: What are key health systems challenges faced in the region, both new and existing? What knowledge is available and what are the barriers to constructing learning health systems for health? How can greater investment, uptake, and impact of HPSR be achieved, including greater collaboration between institutions in the region?		
Speakers:	Viroj Tangcharoensathien - IHPP, Thailand; Diah Saminarsih - CISDI, Indonesia; Kumanan Rasanathan - AHPSR; Manoj Jhalani - WHO SEARO; Lluís Vinals Torres - WHO WPRO; Adnan Hyder - HSG; Sarah Barber - WHO Kobe Center; Nima Asgari - Jirhandeh - WHO APO; Aku Kwamie - AHPSR; Seye Abimbola - University of Sydney, Australia		

Strengthening institutional and individual capacities for enhanced health policy and systems research in francophone Africa: Learnings from “Capacité de Recherche en Systèmes et Politiques de Santé en Afrique Francophone” (CRESPA)

18.Nov.24 (Monday), 12:45 – 14:45		102	Satellite session
Description:	Dans nombreux pays francophones, les capacités de formation, de production et d'utilisation de la recherche sur les politiques et les systèmes de santé sont faibles. Des lacunes dans le soutien institutionnel persistent. Les chercheurs francophones restent sous-représentés dans les forums et les publications mondiaux, ce qui témoigne des hiérarchies de connaissances problématiques structurées par la langue. CRESPA est une initiative de renforcement des capacités visant à encadrer les professeurs de niveau intermédiaire basés en Afrique francophone, à former des chercheurs en méthodes de recherche, en élaboration de programmes d'études et à s'engager dans des recherches pertinentes pour les politiques. Cette séance présente leurs expériences et les conclusions de leurs études, et réfléchit aux opportunités et aux défis du renforcement institutionnel de la recherche sur les politiques et les systèmes de santé dans la région.		

	Capacities in many francophone countries to train for, generate and use health policy and systems research lag behind. Gaps in institutional supports persist. Francophone researchers remain under-represented in global fora and publications, signifying the problematic knowledge hierarchies structured by language. CRESPA is a capacity strengthening initiative to mentor mid-level faculty based in francophone Africa, to develop fellows in research methods, curriculum development, and engage in policy-relevant research. This session presents their experiences and findings from their studies, and reflects on the opportunities and challenges of institutional strengthening for health policy and systems research in the region.
Speakers:	Aku Kwamie – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Rachidatou Compaoré –Institut Africain de Santé Publique; Cynthia Bailly – Chaire Unesco de Bioéthique, L'université de Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire; Ornheilia Zounon – Institut pour la Gouvernance Démocratique, Benin; Boureima Dourhamane –Centre de santé de mère et de l'enfant de Tahoua, Niger; Leticia Sakana – Institut National de Santé Publique, Burkina Faso; Boukaré Congo – Institut Africain de Santé Publique, Burkina Faso

Improving pandemic preparedness and response: the role of national public health agency governance

18.Nov.24 (Monday), 12:45 – 15:45	108	Satellite session
Description:	The COVID-19 pandemic showed the impact of governance on essential public health functions. Several countries are reforming their national public health agencies (NPHAs). This session seeks to better understand ongoing efforts at national level to reform NPHAs and to examine the potential and promise of health policy and systems research in informing such efforts. This session will present an overview of the work programme on NPHA Governance being undertaken by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and the WHO Emergencies Programme and gather reflections from NPHAs and partners on how this research can inform and improve NPHA reform efforts.	
Speakers:	Neima Zeynu Ali – Ethiopian Public Health Institute; Mahendra Arnold – Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka; Sara Bennett – Johns Hopkins University; Shelly Bratton – US CDC; Ana Lorena Guerrero Torres – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Johanna Hanefeld – Robert Koch Institute, Germany ; Sara Hersey – WHO Emergencies Programme; Tania Maria Peixoto Fonseca – Fiocruz Brazil; Kumanan Rasanathan – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Tomoya Saito – National Institute of Infectious Diseases NIID, Japan; Zubin Shroff – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research	

Tuesday

The climate crisis: how can health policy and systems research help?

19.Nov.24 (Tuesday), 09:00 – 11:00		101A	Satellite session
Description:	Since the December 2021 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26), more than 80 countries have committed to develop climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems. Yet there is no shared understanding of what this commitment means, how it is translated into practice and what constitutes a climate-resilient, low-carbon health system. Given all the other competing, urgent challenges facing policymakers, there is a need to support national and local policymakers better to understand where to start, what to prioritize and how to move forward to ensure health systems and health policies are mitigating, adapting and building resilience. This session will explore how health policy and systems research can support national and local policymakers responding to the climate crisis. It will highlight the critical role of research in addressing climate challenges within health systems, showcasing country efforts to leverage research for building climate-resilient health systems. Participants will discuss practical approaches to integrating research into national policies and share lessons from ongoing efforts across different regions.		
Speakers:	Rt. Hon. Helen Clark – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Kumanan Rasanathan – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Megan Gaffey – Department of Health and Social Care, United Kingdom; Robert Marten – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Luciana Castronuovo – Fundacion Interamericana del Corazon, Argentina; Meghnath Dhimal – Health Research Council, Nepal; Ali Mohammad Mosadeghrad – Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran; Rawlance Ndejjo – Makerere University, Uganda; Maysaa Nemer – Birzeit University, West Bank; Kara Hanson – Programme Director for NIHR Global Health Research and Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom		

Launch of the Alliance HPSR Alumni network

19.Nov.24 (Tuesday), 12:00 – 13:00		101A	Other
Description:	Have you participated in a programme or contributed to a publication supported by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research? Have you been a fellow, consultant or staff member? Or have you been involved in our Board or Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee? Then please join our new Alumni Network. All alumni and friends of the Alliance are welcome to find out more about this new initiative and hear from Alliance leaders and alumni during this lunchtime session, with lunch provided.		
Speakers:	Rt. Hon Helen Clark – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Chair of the Board of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Anne Mills – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Kumanan Rasanathan – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Abdul Ghaffar – Aga Khan University; Sara Bennett – Johns Hopkins University; Miguel Gonzalez Block – Universidad Anáhuac; Tang Kun – Tsinghua University; Sudha Ramani – Independent Consultant		

Establishing learning ecosystems for stronger health systems: Health Systems Impact Modelling Consortia

19.Nov.24 (Tuesday), 13:15 – 14:45		101A	Satellite session
Description:	This session will explore the potential of modelling approaches to demonstrate the impact of health systems strengthening interventions on health outcomes. It will highlight the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research's new initiative supporting health systems modelling projects in three LMICs through establishing learning ecosystems favorable to the use of modelling approaches. The session will bring together policy-makers, development partners, and researchers to address practical challenges and discuss strategies for co-creating modelling approaches with national stakeholders to inform policy and practice.		
Speakers:	Kalipso Chalkidou – Department of Health Financing and Economics, WHO; Victoria Fan – World Bank; Kara Hanson – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Mai Hijazi –USAID; Mercy Mwangangi – AMREF Kenya; Kumanan Rasanathan – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Francisco Oveido – Health Systems Global; Nirmala Ravishankar – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Tim Roberton – University of Western Australia; Diah Saminarsih – CISDI, Indonesia; Zubin Shroff – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research		

Wednesday

HPSR for the climate crisis: lessons from countries

20.Nov.24 (Wednesday), 14:10 – 15:20		105	Organized session
Description:	This session will explore how health policy and systems research can support national and local policy-makers responding to the climate crisis summarizing findings from a research programme ongoing in 12 countries. It will showcase research addressing climate challenges within health systems and discuss country efforts to leverage research for building climate-resilient health systems. Participants will highlight practical approaches to integrating research into national policies and share lessons from ongoing efforts across different regions.		
Speakers:	Rt. Hon. Helen Clark – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Kumanan Rasanathan – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Megan Gaffey – Department of Health and Social Care, United Kingdom; Robert Marten – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Luciana Castronuovo – Fundacion Interamericana del Corazon, Argentina; Dr Maysaa YK. Nemer Sadeya – Birzeit University, West Bank; Ms. Rabia Tabassum – Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan; Dr Rawlance Ndejjo – Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda; Dr Opportuna Kweka – University of Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr Nitish Kumar Dogra – Taru Leading Edge Private Limited, India		

Policymaker perspective: How can health policy and systems research have more impact on policy and practice?

20.Nov.24 (Wednesday), 16:10 – 17:40		101C	Organized session
Description:	This is a special session jointly organized by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and Health Systems Global. In this session led by policymakers attending the Symposium, we will engage in robust and thoughtful conversation about the challenges and opportunities facing policymakers hoping to integrate health policy and systems research (HPSR) into decision-making, both every day and for major strategic changes. Our panellists reflect a rich diversity of policymaking viewpoints from different regions, experiences and roles within the health system. Panellists will reflect on what it takes to build just and sustainable health systems that thrive in a culture of evidence use while facing a context of increasing political instability, distressing impacts of climate change on health, and new and rapidly changing digital tools with incredible potential to revolutionize health service delivery.		
Speakers:	Rt. Hon. Helen Clark – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand; Jeanette Vega – Senior Adviser to the Minister of Health, Chile; Satoshi Ezoe – Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan; Kumanan Rasanathan – AHPSR; Adnan Hyder – HSG; Others TBC		

Friday

Sustainable Health Systems through Contextualizing Health Taxes in Equitable Ways: Political Economy of Health Taxes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

22.Nov.24 (Friday), 09:40 – 11:10	109	Organized session
Description:	The session will cover a broad spectrum of case studies highlighting learnings from an ongoing programme of research in eight countries illustrating successful and challenging case studies on health taxes in LMICs. Topics will range from the economic impact of specific health taxes, eg tobacco, alcohol, sugar-sweetened beverages and fossil fuels taxes, to the political challenges in garnering support and navigating opposition. Researchers will discuss strategies for expanding and improving the implementation of health taxes balancing health improvements with revenue generation alongside considerations for equity.	
Speakers:	Robert Marten – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research; Jeremias Paul Jr – World Health Organization; Abdul-Rahman Ajibola – DGI Consult, Nigeria; Blanca Amalia Llorente Carreño – Fundación Anáas, Colombia; Fadi El-Jardali – American University of Beirut, Lebanon; Kaung Suu Lwin – Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore; Adam Koon – Georgetown University, Kalipso Chalkidou – World Health Organization	