



*WHO Symposium on Health Financing for UHC*  
**A closer look at fiscal space and public finance issues in health**

*Montreux, Switzerland*  
*12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**Making fiscal space work for health**

**1.1: Welcome and introduction**

**9.00am – 10.30am**

**Welcome**

Agnès Soucat, *World Health Organization*

**Keynote address: IMF renewed engagement on social spending**

David Coady, *International Monetary Fund*

**Plenary discussion**

**Introduction: meeting objectives and agenda**

Joe Kutzin, *World Health Organization*

**10.30am – 11.00am**

**Coffee**

**1.2: Moving towards domestic funding: sustainable solutions for transitions**

**11.00am – 12.30am**

**Chair and moderator**

Toomas Palu, *World Bank Group*

**Country panel**

- Daniel Osei, *Ministry of Health, Ghana*
- Suphab Panyakeo, *Ministry of Health, Lao PDR*
- Susie Perera, *Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka*
- Rajeev Sadanandan, *Health Systems Transformation Platform, India*

**Discussants**

Logan Brenzel, *The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

Joe Kutzin, *World Health Organization*

12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
1.3: A new look at fiscal space for health	
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Chair and moderator</b> Cheryl Cashin, <i>Results for Development</i></p> <p><b>Assessing fiscal space in the SDG era: the new IMF approach</b> Sanjeev Gupta, <i>Center for Global Development</i></p> <p><b>Fiscal space for health: key considerations for implementation</b> Helene Barroy, <i>World Health Organization</i> Jonathan Cylus, <i>European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</i></p> <p><b>Discussants</b> Abdo Yazbeck, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> Jeremy Lauer, <i>World Health Organization</i></p>
3.30pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee
1.4: Fiscal decentralization and health	
4.00pm – 5.30pm	<p><b>Chair and moderator</b> David Coady, <i>International Monetary Fund</i></p> <p><b>Fiscal decentralization: key concepts and links with health expenditure</b> Serdar Yilmaz, <i>World Bank Group</i></p> <p><b>Country panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Sabignoso, <i>Independent Consultant, Argentina</i></li> <li>• Pak Pungkas, <i>Ministry of National Development Planning / BAPPENAS, Indonesia</i></li> <li>• Nneka Orji, <i>Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants</b> Wangari Ng'ang'a, <i>Office of the President, Kenya</i> Mark Miller, <i>Overseas Development Institute</i> Joe Kutzin, <i>World Health Organization</i></p>

**Cocktail (EUROTEL):** 5:30pm – 6:30 pm.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Addressing challenges in health budget formulation and execution

## 2.1: Designing program budgets: key questions for health

9.00am – 10.30am

### Chair and moderator

Loraine Hawkins, *The Health Foundation, UK*

### Designing effective budgetary programs in health: key issues for consideration

Helene Barroy, *World Health Organization*

### Country experiences with budgetary program design in health

- Andrew Blazey, *OECD (on New Zealand)*
- Lorena Prieto, *Independent Consultant, Peru*
- Daniel Osei, *Ghana Health Service*

### Discussant

Chris James, *OECD*

10.30am – 11.00am

Coffee

## 2.2: Implementing program budgets in health: links with provider payment?

11.00am – 12.30am

### Chair and moderator

Cheryl Cashin, *Results for Development*

### Unpacking the links between budget structure and provider payment reform

Loraine Hawkins, *The Health Foundation, UK*

### Country interventions:

- Elina Dale, *World Health Organization (on Armenia)*
- Gemini Mtei, *Abt Associates (Tanzania USAID / Public Sector Systems Strengthening Project)*
- Alona Goroshko, *National Health Service, Ukraine*

### Discussant

Jack Langenbrunner, *USAID consultant (Indonesia)*

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Lunch

### 2.3: Poster session

2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Moving towards program budgets in the health sector: deep-dive on low-and-middle income country challenges with design and implementation</b></p> <p>Country case studies posters, each presented and discussed by topic experts and country representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armenia</li> <li>• Burkina Faso</li> <li>• Ghana</li> <li>• Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• Mexico</li> <li>• Mongolia</li> <li>• Peru</li> <li>• South Africa</li> <li>• Uganda</li> </ul>
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Coffee

### 2.4: Executing health budgets effectively: what does that entail?

4.00pm – 5.30pm	<p><b>Chair and moderator</b></p> <p>Sheila O'Dougherty, <i>Abt Associates (Tanzania USAID / Public Sector Systems Strengthening Project)</i></p> <p><b>Between control and flexibility: framing the issue of budget execution from a health perspective</b></p> <p>Moritz Piatti, <i>World Bank Group</i></p> <p><b>Country panel: Improving budget execution in health: key practical lessons from better dialogue between health and finance authorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mumba Chanda, <i>Ministry of Finance, Zambia</i></li> <li>• Patrick Banda, <i>Ministry of Health, Zambia</i></li> <li>• Zhu Kun, <i>Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant</b></p> <p>Philipp Krause, <i>The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</i></p>
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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
 Budget accountability in health

3.1: Accounting for health budgets: concept and experiences	
9.00am – 10.30am	<p><b>Chair and moderator</b>            Mark Blecher, <i>WHO</i></p> <p><b>The road to budget transparency and accountability in health: key concepts and country experiences</b>            Jason Lakin, <i>International Budget Partnership</i></p> <p><b>Improving budget accountability in the health sector: the role of government-civil society collaboration</b>            Dheepa Rajan, <i>World Health Organization</i></p> <p><b>Performance frameworks for programme budgets: friend or foe for better accountability in health?</b>            Maarten de Jong, <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and National Court of Audit, Netherlands</i></p> <p><b>Discussant</b>            Michael Borowitz, <i>The Global Fund</i></p>
10.30am – 11.00am	Coffee
3.2: PFM reform: bridging health and finance perspectives	
11.00am – 12.30pm	<p><b>Chair and moderator</b>            Manoj Jain, <i>World Bank Group</i></p> <p><b>Fireside chat: PFM and health: towards a bold convergence?</b>            Srinivas Gurazada, <i>World Bank Group</i>            Sheila O'Dougherty, <i>Abt associates Tanzania</i>            Jennifer Asman, <i>UNICEF</i></p> <p><b>Concluding remarks</b>            Agnès Soucat, <i>World Health Organization</i></p>
12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch

### 3.3: Wrapping-up

2.00pm – 3.30pm

**Chair and moderator**

Joe Kutzin, *World Health Organization*

**Panel: Inputs from technical sessions**

**Open discussion on ways forward**

**Key messages and conclusion**

Agnès Soucat, *World Health Organization*

Joe Kutzin, *World Health Organization*