INVITATION

On the occasion of the 66th World Health Assembly

The Governments of Mexico and Zambia
In partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), GBCHealth, and the Global Health Fellows Program – A Pfizer program

Invite you to a side event on
Volunteerism and Universal Health Coverage

How can we harness the potential of skilled volunteers to achieve Universal Health Coverage?

Restaurant des Délégués (8th Floor)
Palais des Nations, Geneva
Wednesday 22 May
18:00 - 20:00

A moderated discussion followed by a cocktail reception
Please RSVP by 20 May, 2013 to volunteerism.UHC@ifrc.org
Panelists and moderator

Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo Navarrete, Director General of Health Promotion, Secretariat of Health of Mexico
The Government of Zambia

Ms Taina Nakari, Partnerships Officer, Global Health Work Force Alliance

Mr. Matthias Schmale, Under Secretary General, IFRC

Ms Gwendolyn Pang, Secretary General of the Philippine Red Cross

Mr. Michael Schreiber, Executive Director, GBChealth

Dr. Dorien Mulder, Project Development Manager, PharmAccess Foundation

Moderated by: Dr. Sunoor Verma, Executive Director of the Geneva Health Forum

About this event

The 2012 Mexico City Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage recognized the “efforts of governments and civil society, including academic institutions and the private sector, to make progress within their health systems towards universal health coverage, irrespective of a country’s level of economic development”. Areas of collaboration include disease prevention, health promotion, treatment, rehabilitation, and enhancing the capacity of health systems and health care workers.

Trained volunteers, such as the many millions working with the Red Cross Red Crescent and those in corporate community programs, play an essential role in bridging the last mile between access to health care and the most remote communities and marginalized groups. In some contexts it has been proven that volunteerism can deliver benefits to health service users such as disease management and acceptance, mental health, longer survival times of hospice patients, physical health, clinic attendance, breastfeeding uptake, immunization of children, parenting skills and anxiety. Volunteers have been demonstrated to bring benefits to the broader health systems, such as improved relationships between patients and health professionals and reduced need for hospital and outpatient treatment.

Invited panelists will share case studies, experiences and operational models that are sustainable, cost-effective, culturally appropriate and innovative.

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