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Commonwealth Civil Society Policy Forum 2021

Equitable and appropriate access to quality medicines and vaccines in the Commonwealth: innovative approaches and lessons learned from COVID-19

The Commonwealth Health Professions and Partners Alliance (CHPA) host a policy forum each year in conjunction with the Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting. 'Save the Date' to share in this important forum.

2021

Friday 21 May 2021
10:00–13:00
(Geneva Time)
Virtual Meeting



The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association is organising the 2021 Commonwealth Civil Society Policy Forum in partnership with the CHPA. Further information will be available on the CHPA website <http://www.chpa.co>

Objectives

1. To raise awareness of the need for equitable access to quality medicines and vaccines.
2. To share best practice and innovations across the Commonwealth in ensuring equitable access to quality medicines and vaccines.
3. To provide an opportunity for information sharing and discussion on the journey to equitable access to quality medicines and vaccines.
4. To propose actionable recommendations for Commonwealth Health Ministers on innovative strategies to increase access to quality medicines and vaccines across the Commonwealth.



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Time	Activity
10:00-10:10	Welcome CHPA Chair, Vajira Dissanayake
10:10-10:20	Opening Remarks HE Baroness Patricia Scotland, Secretary General of the Commonwealth
10:20-10:30	Introduction to the Forum Dr Anne Gallagher AO, Director General, Commonwealth Foundation
10:30-10:50	Challenges to equity and access to medicines and vaccines: a health systems approach Broad principles and challenges to equitable access to medicines, including issues around non-communicable diseases and mental health.
10:50-11:20	Innovating approaches to support access to medicines during COVID-19 and beyond Overview of the issues and challenges manufacturers face around access to medicines across the supply chain; sharing international and regional perspectives, including feedback on local supply chain challenges during the pandemic.
11:20-11:30	Break Videos of case studies around access to medicines during COVID-19 Innovative ways of delivering medicines to patients
11:30-12:00	Panel Discussion: Reflections on Equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination programmes Learning from roll-out of the vaccine; the challenges, barriers and things that went well. What recommendations going forwards would help to ensure equitable access globally?
12:00-12:30	Working for a future of equitable access to medicines and vaccines Overview of the role of COVAX, GAVI and Civil Societies in vaccines readiness. What learnings can we implement for the future, including maximising workforce, skill sets and sustainability.
12:30-13:00	Summary of key points and close