

Countries across the developing world are seeking opportunities to expand healthcare coverage for underserved populations, reduce out-of-pocket payments by households, and identify cost savings in government spending. If such efforts are to be successful, governments and their partners must have a methodical and reliable way of answering the question: “*Where is the money and what we are doing with it?*” Transparency on where money comes from, and how it is spent, is critical for highlighting gaps in coverage, holding institutions accountable for improved performance, and informing effective policy.

Country experiences demonstrate how National Health Accounts, if translated into relevant policy analyses, can add value to health system design, financing prioritization, and performance monitoring. To be effective, the cycle of NHA activities will need to be firmly embedded within the national process for evidence based policy, and owned by all the stakeholders in the system.

This will require a fundamental shift in the nature of the partnership among all the stakeholders. This partnership starts with national and international leaders committing to mutual accountability in the use of national and international resources towards the goal of improving the performance of health systems and the health outcomes of the populations they serve. At our two-day meeting in Paris, our objective is to provide a space for country leaders and other stakeholders to share experiences and learn from one another. We hope that both days will be interactive and constructive.

Day 1 (October 6th) specifically targets Health Economists, Health Accountants and technical experts, e.g. the *producers of NHA who lead national institutionalization efforts*.

Day 2 (October 7th) is open to participants of day 1, but will be geared particularly towards *national policy makers*.

October 2011

Time	Topic	Speaker
09.30–09.45	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Pearson, Head of Health Division, OECD• Margareta Harrit, Health Nutrition and Population, The World Bank
09.45–11.30	Using NHA as an input to inform Policy: A framework to institutionalize NHA activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Akiko Maeda, Lead Health Specialist, The World Bank• Taher Abu El Samen, Secretary General of the High Health Council of Jordan• Amr Shalakani, Director Health Economics Unit, MOHP, Egypt• Samaké Salif, Director of Planning and statistic of MOH, Mali• Facilitator: A.K. Nandakumar, Brandeis University
11.30–12.00	Coffee break	
12.00–13.00	Moving from data to policy applications: Lessons learned from OECD countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabriela Villarreal, Head Office of Information in Health, Ministry of Health, México• Hakan Oğuz Arı, TUSAK, Ministry of Health, Turkey• Hyoung-Sun Jeong, Head, Center for Health Policy and Statistics, Republic of Korea• Malik Koubi, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Health, France• Facilitator: Michael Borowitz, OECD Health Division
13.00–14.15	Lunch	
14.15–15.45	Practical breakout session: Using empirical knowledge from NHA for policy development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brainstorming session facilitated by Abdo Yazbeck , Jack Langenbrunner, Akiko Maeda, Moulay Driss Zine Eddine El Idrissi, The World Bank• Lead facilitator: Abdo Yazbeck

15.45–16.15	Coffee break	
16.15–17.00	Country perspectives on the added value of regional networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Irava, Coordinator, Centre for Health Information, Policy and Systems Research (CHIPSR), Fiji School of Medicine • Ketevan Goginashvili, Chief Specialist, Policy Division of Health Care Department, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia • Jameela Zainuddin, Head of NHA Unit, Ministry of Health, Malaysia* • Walaiporn Patcharanarumol, IHPP, Thailand, currently at Department of Health Systems Financing, WHO, Geneva • Facilitator: TBD, African Development Bank
17.00–17.30	Tools that sustain capacity and help reduce costs: Piloting the Health Resource Tracker in Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Louis Mukunzi, Health Financing Unit, Ministry of Health, Rwanda • Nirmala Ravishankar, HS2020 Project • Facilitator: Bob Emrey, Chief Health Systems, USAID
17.30–18.05	Brief introduction and Q&A on SHA 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Morgan, Head, Health Accounts, OECD Health Division • Tessa Edejer, Coordinator (CEP), (HSF), (HSS) World Health Organization • Dorota Kawiorska, Eurostat • Facilitator: Bob Emrey, Chief Health Systems, USAID
18.05–18.15	Wrap up and objectives for next day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akiko Maeda, Lead Health Specialist, The World Bank • Margareta Harrit, Health Nutrition and Population, The World Bank
18.15	Reception	

October 7 2011

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09.30–09.45	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Martin, Director Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, OECD • Michal Rutkowski, Director, Human Development Network South Asia, The World Bank
09.45–11.15	Making use of evidence: Why do we need health financing data to inform policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Amr Helmy, Minister of Health and Population, Egypt • Hon. Akoko Dorothee Kinde-Gazard, Minister of Health, Benin • Hon. Hadji Hussein Mponda, Minister of Health, Tanzania • Hon. Aminath Jameel, Minister of Health and Family, Maldives • Hon. Modou Diagne, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Senegal • Facilitator: Michal Rutkowski, Director, Human Development Network South Asia, The World Bank
11.15–11.45	Coffee break	
11.45–12.45	<p>Examples of innovative use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralized use of NHA at the local level • Integrating NHA into budgeting and planning processes such as the MTEF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry Bayugo, Under Secretary, Health Financing Cluster, Department of Health, Philippines • Uzziel Ndagijimana, Permanent Secretary for Health, Rwanda • Facilitator: Dan Kress, Deputy Director, Health Economics and Finance, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
12.45–14.00	Lunch	

14.00–15.15	NHA in a global context of governance, accountability and transparency: Perspectives from country, development partner, academia and civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Modou Diagne, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Senegal • Agnes Soucat, Africa Development Bank • Charles Normand, Chairman, European Observatory • Sania Nishtar, President of HeartFile, Pakistan • Facilitator: David Evans, Director, Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization
15.15–16.00	A new way of doing business: the role of international development partners going forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michal Rutkowski, Director, Human Development Network South Asia, the World Bank • David Evans, Director, Health Systems Financing, World Health Organization • John Martin, Director Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, OECD • Dan Kress, Deputy Director, Health Economics and Finance, Global Health Policy and Advocacy at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
16.00–16.30	Reflection on key takeaways and Thank you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks on key takeaways by Ministers • John Martin, Director Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, OECD • Michal Rutkowski, Director, Human Development Network South Asia, the World Bank

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