



4th Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, Dublin, 13-17 November 2017
Wednesday, 15 November 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Landsdowne room

CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION: HOW CAN CIVIL SOCIETY SPUR ACTION ON ENSURING HEALTH WORKERS FOR ALL?

Civil society plays key roles in pushing for new programmes, policies or strategies on human resources for health; in holding governments and other stakeholders to account on their commitments; in identifying the lack of joined-up government responses to human resources for health; and in ensuring that national policy making does not forget the poor and vulnerable.

However, **limited fiscal space and budgetary restrictions** are still a major bottleneck in the absorption of health workers in the public health sector in low and middle-income countries and, hence, hamper the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and global health security. Also, human resources for health are generally still considered a national responsibility, although **health workforce mobility and migration** will likely increase in the years to come.

At all levels we need **leadership** from those that are responsible for and involved in **governance to assure the best use of resources for health**. As civil society, we more than ever need to address these issues and revive our **advocacy responses** to ensure an adequate, fit for purpose and sustainable workforce that addresses current and future needs for all. What are current gaps and what could be **our role as civil society to spur action in solving these gaps?**

Complementary to the work of civil society addressing local and global health workforce issues, we would need again to strategize, generate and share knowledge and information, and create **synergies for the development of joint positions and activities**.

This closed civil society session provides the opportunity to step up in our efforts and discuss potential advocacy responses in line with the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 and the five-year action plan that followed from the UN High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth's report in 2017.

We hereby welcome you to join us in this session and **kindly ask you to register**.

Programme

Speakers from civil society organizations (ACHEST, MMI, MSF, Wemos) will provide input on the topic, after which an open discussion will follow providing the opportunity to exchange ideas.

Moderators

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Session flow

Opening: Why are we here?	Francis Omaswa/ ACHEST
Financing the health workforce	Remco van de Pas/ MMI/ ITM Amanda Banda/ MSF
Migration and mobility of the health workforce	Francis Omaswa/ ACHEST Bryan Pearson/ Africa Health
Governance and leadership of health workforce	Patrick Kadama/ ACHEST
Summary of key issues and how to organize ourselves	Moderator & All