Expert Workshop on Key Challenges and New Developments in Ensuring Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Other Health Products

This is the second out of three workshops mandated with a view to presenting a comprehensive report to the Council on the subject matter.

Friday 16 February 2024 Session 1: 10:00 - 12:00 (CET) Session 2: 15:00 - 17:00 (CET)



Format: VIRTUAL Registration: via <u>Indico</u>

As requested by the Human Rights Council, in its resolution 50/13, this virtual expert workshop focuses on key challenges and new developments in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products. The resolution recognizes that timely, equitable and unhindered access to safe, affordable, effective and quality medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics and other health products and technologies is one of the fundamental elements for the full realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the correspondent objectives of universal health coverage and health for all, without discrimination, with special attention to reaching those furthest behind first.

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The expert workshop aims to:

- Promote greater understanding of the human rights dimension of access to medicines, vaccines and other health products;
- Highlight key elements of a human rightsbased approach to access to medicines, vaccines and other health products;
- Identify key challenges and new developments as well as solutions pathways in addressing key challenges, and thus, ensuring and enhancing access to medicine, vaccines and other health products;
- Generate actionable insights and collaborative strategies to enhance access to medicines and vaccines as fundamental components of the right to health, aligning with global health goals and human rights frameworks.



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