Increasing access to medical oxygen: Action to ensure sustained gains

High-level event followed by a cocktail reception at the French Mission

Thank you to those that have already registered to attend the high-level side event **Increasing access to medical oxygen: Action to ensure sustained gains**, convened by the newly established Global Oxygen Alliance (GO2AL), with the support of Unitaid, WHO and PATH. The event will mark the adoption of the “Increasing Access to Medical Oxygen” World Health Assembly Resolution and introduce GO2AL as two important steps in recognizing and reaffirming the critical role of medical oxygen in building resilient health systems.

The event will be hosted by Mr. Jérôme Bonnafont, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and international organizations in Switzerland, on the sidelines of the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva on **Wednesday, 24 May 2023, from 17:30 – 20:30**.

The event will have two sessions: **(1) High-level panel discussions** followed by **(2) a Cocktail reception**. You are welcome to attend either or both event sessions.

**Registration for this event is required.** If you have not yet registered and would like to attend, please click on the registration link below. If you are interested in reading about the WHA “Increasing Access to Medical Oxygen” resolution, please click here.

**Register for the event here**

**Logistics**

- **Transportation:** At **17:15**, shuttle starts between the entrance of the Palais de Nations (Red Cross) and the French Mission (Route de Pregny, 36 Pregny-Chambésy, a 10-minute walk from the Palais entrance). At **20:30**, return shuttle to Palais des Nations starts.

- **Language:** The high-level panel discussions will be available in English and French.

- **Image consent:** By registering for the event, you consent to being photographed or video recorded. Images may be used for communication activities.

- **Identification:** Kindly bring valid photo identification for security at the entrance.
**Agenda**

**High-level Panel**

17:30 Registration

17:40 Welcome: **H.E. Mrs. Anne-Claire Amprou**, French Ambassador for Global Health, France

**Introduction:** **Dr. Nabeel Goheer**, Chief of Asia, Middle East, Europe Region, PATH  
**Lisa Smith**, Director, Access to Medical Devices Portfolio, PATH

**Opening:** **Dr. Charles Olaro**, Director of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health, Uganda  
**Dr. Atul Gawande**, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, USAID  
**Dr. Michael Ryan**, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO

17:55 Part 1: World Health Assembly “Increasing access to medical oxygen” resolution

**Moderators:** **Dr. Janet V Diaz**, Lead, Clinical Management and Operations Unit, Country Readiness Strengthening, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, WHO  
**Adriana Velazquez Berumen**, Team Lead on Medical Devices and In vitro Diagnostics, WHO

**Panelists**
- **Dr. Normy Wieslawa De Pawlikowski Amiel**, Director General, International Technical Cooperation Office, Ministry of Health, Peru
- **Dabsou Guidaoussou**, Secretary General, Ministry of Public Health and Prevention, Chad
- **Dr. Dambar Khadka**, Medical Superintendent of Provincial Hospital Surkhet, Nepal

18:20 Part 2: Launch of the Global Oxygen Alliance (GO:AL)

**Introduction:** **Dr. Sarah England**, Senior Advisor to the Global Oxygen Alliance

**Moderator:** **Maurine Murenga**, Executive Director, Lean on Me Foundation

**Panelists**
- **Dr. Philippe Duneton**, Executive Director, Unitaid
- **Marijke Wijnroks**, Head of Strategic Investment and Impact Division, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
- **Dr. Marcos Espinal**, Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organization/WHO
- **Dr. Raji Tajudeen**, Head of Division of Public Health Institutes and Research, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Kristoffer Gandrup-Marino**, Chief of Innovation, Supply Division, UNICEF

18:50 Ambassador’s remarks

- **H.E. Ms. Leslie E. Norton**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland, Canada

18:55 Concluding remarks

- **Dr. Bruce Aylward**, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Life Course, WHO

**Cocktail Reception**

19:00 Reception welcome remarks: **H.E. Mr. Jérôme Bonnafont**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland, France

19:05 Cocktails and networking