

74th Health Ministers Conference

10-12 February 2024

Theme: **Looking Ahead post Golden Jubilee**

Day 1: Monday, 10th February 2025

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 Official Opening Ceremony

- Remarks by the Acting Director General, ECSA-HC, Mr. Sibusiso Sibandze
- Remarks by the Advisory Committee Chairperson, Dr. Samson Mndolo
- Remarks by Collaborating partners
- Remarks by the Chairperson of the Health Ministers Conference, Hon. Selibe Mochoboroane, Kingdom of Lesotho
- Welcome Remarks by Hon. Minister of Health, Republic of Malawi, Hon. Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, MP and introduction of the Guest of Honor
- Keynote Address by the Guest of Honor

10:30 -11:30 Launch of the ECSA-HC 10-year strategic plan

- Highlights of the 2024-2034 ECSA-HC Strategic Plan
- Launch of the plan by the Chairperson of the Health Ministers Conference

11:30 – 12:00 TEA BREAK and GROUP PHOTO

*12:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 1: Progress on Building Capacity on Health Emergencies, Response and Resilience in the Region***

- Presentation by ECSA-HC on the current outbreaks in the region and advances in Pandemic Preparedness and Response (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Plenary (All) (20minutes)

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

*14:00 – 15:00 **Plenary Session 2: Progress on the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents in the ECSA-HC Region***

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- United Republic of Tanzania (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Protecting the future generations (Youth led organization)
- Climate change and SRHR
- Plenary (All) (20 minutes)

*15:00 – 16:00 **Plenary session 3: Progress in responding to Communicable Diseases in the ECSA-HC Region***

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Kingdom of Eswatini (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Plenary (All) (20 minutes)

16:00-16:30 TEA BREAK

16:30-17:30 *Plenary Session 4: Progress in responding to Non-Communicable Diseases in the ECSA-HC Region*

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Republic of Mauritius
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Plenary (All) (20 minutes)

19:00-22:00 Cocktail reception

End of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday, 11 February 2025

09:00-10:00 *Plenary Session 5: Combating Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in the ECSA region*

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Malawi (10 minutes)
- Statements by Member States (3 minutes each)
- Presentation by Uniting to End NTDS
- Plenary

09:00 – 11:00 *Plenary Session 6: Investing in the Health Workforce in the ECSA-HC region*

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Zambia (10 minutes)
- Evidence from the Health Labour Market Analysis conducted in ECSA-HC Member States: What are the implications on implementation of the African Charter on Health Workforce Investment? (WHO-AFRO)
- Progress report on scaling up the Collegiate Model of Learning: Challenges and Opportunities (ECSA College of Health Sciences)
- Statements Member States (3 minutes each)
- Panel Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 TEA BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 *Plenary Session 7: Towards Universal Health Coverage in challenging geographical contexts*

- Keynote address by the Hon. Minister of Health- Kingdom of Lesotho (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Plenary (20 minutes)

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 *Plenary Session 8: Progress on Integrating Regional Health Data in the ECSA Region*

Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Zimbabwe (10 minutes)

- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Lessons from operationalizing the Cross-Border Referral System (CBRS) and the TB Dashboard
- Plenary (20 minutes)

15:30-16:00 TEA BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 *Plenary Session 9: Implementation of Health Financing strategy in the region*

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Mauritius (10 minutes)
- Statements by Member States (3 Minutes each)
- Presentation on the Thanzi La Onse Project (TLO)
- Plenary (All)

1715-1915 Closed Session of the Health Ministers Conference

1930-22:00 Dinner hosted by Minister of Health, Republic of Malawi

Day 3: Tuesday, 12 February 2025

09:00 – 10:00 *Plenary Session 9: Strengthening capacity for diagnostics in the ECSA Region and beyond*

- Keynote address by the Hon Minister of Health- Uganda (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes each)
- Presentation on the Regional TB Laboratory Strengthening Project
- Plenary (All) (20 minutes)

10:00 – 11:00 *Plenary Session 10: Local Manufacturing of Medicines and Medical Supplies: Opportunities and Challenges*

- Keynote address by the Hon. Cabinet Secretary of Health- Kenya (10 minutes)
- Statements from Member States (3 minutes)
- Experience of Kenyan based pharmaceutical firm
- Plenary (All) (20 minutes)

11:00-11:30 TEA BREAK

11:30-13:00 Closing ceremony

13:00 Lunch

End of 74th Health Ministers Conference