

Preliminary program for the parallel and organized sessions  
 „Health Priorities in a World of Change“, 2026

| WEDNESDAY, 7 October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 11.00<br>–<br>12.30       | <p>Parallel session 01</p> <p><b>Understanding Priority Setting</b></p> <p>Andrea Melberg: <i>What we talk about when we talk about priority-setting in health</i></p> <p>Ann-Charlotte Nedlund: <i>The Bricolage of Priority Setting: A theoretical framework on how to understand the ambiguity of governance and practices of resource allocation and priorities in healthcare – an example from Swedish palliative care</i></p> <p>Yael Peled: <i>“The Physician treats with Words”: Language Awareness as a Cornerstone of Health Priority-Setting</i></p> | <p>Parallel session 02</p> <p><b>Priority setting and scarcity</b></p> <p>Matthias Barra: <i>Calibration Implies Boundedness – Reassessing Calibration Arguments for Prioritarian Social Welfare Functions</i></p> <p>Srijana Khatiwada: <i>Health Investment Package for Low-Income Countries: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Using FairChoices for Global Development Aid Donors</i></p> <p>Lelisa Assebe: <i>Prioritizing and Costing RMNCH Innovations for Scalable Impact: A Combined MCDA and Costing Approach from Ethiopia</i></p> | <p>Organized session 01</p> <p><b>Just Pricing of pharmaceuticals</b></p> <p>Anton Klockhoff, Lars Sandman, Martin Henriksson, Niklas Juth, Moa Dahlin, Erik Gustavsson, David Lindqvist</p> | <p>Organized session 02</p> <p><b>What Implementation Teaches Priority-Setting Processes for Essential Packages of Health Services</b></p> <p>Reza Majdzadeh, Rob Baltussen, Maryam Huda, Kulembekova Lyazzat, Ahmed Esawi</p> |

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| 14.00<br>–<br>15.30 | <p>Parallel session 03</p> <p><b>Finance and Purchasing</b></p> <p>Caleb Mulongo: <i>Trust as a Priority-Setting Outcome: Scheme Performance, Constitutional Failure, and Reform Correction in Kenya's Social Health Authority</i></p> <p>Wudalew Meselu Tesfaye: <i>Social Health Insurance in Ethiopia: A Synthesis of Evidence on Willingness to Enroll, Institutional Preparedness, Fiscal Space, and Service Readiness as a Platform for Policy Action</i></p> <p>Habtamu Wollebo: <i>Prioritizing Provider Payment for Primary Health Care: Lessons from Ethiopia's Capitation Payment Reform under Community-Based Health Insurance</i></p> <p>Prajita Mali: <i>Cost Estimation of Diabetes Care in Nepal: Applying Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing (TDABC) Approach across Level of Care</i></p> | <p>Parallel session 04</p> <p><b>Systems under pressure</b></p> <p>Deepak Paudel: <i>Applying Critical Systems Thinking for Health and Climate Policy Making: Insights from Nepal's Interdisciplinary Review Across Governance Levels</i></p> <p>Ajay Verma: <i>Does Parental Migration Affect a Child's Immunization Coverage? Evidence from India</i></p> <p>My Eklund Saksberg: <i>Policy integration under pressure: Priority-setting in potential times of crises and war in Municipal Health Care and Social Care in Sweden</i></p> | <p>Organized session 03</p> <p><b>Using FairChoices for Value Informed Priority Setting</b></p> <p>Tarun Shankar Choudhary, Kjell Arne Johansson</p> | <p>Organized session 04</p> <p><b>Difficult choices, rapid decisions: adapting priority setting to time and resource constraints</b></p> <p>Altea Sitruk, Cassandra Nemzoff, Tom Sesay, Andrew Mirelman, Anna Vassall, Shufang Zhang, Rob Baltussen</p> |

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| THURSDAY, 8 October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 11.00<br>–<br>12.30      | <p>Parallel session 05</p> <p><b>Developing Health Benefits Packages</b></p> <p>Nouran ElDesouky: <i>From Global Framework to National Practice: Adapting the 10-Step Approach for Universal Health Coverage Benefits Package Development in Egypt</i></p> <p>Gavin Surgey: <i>Reducing the Complexity of Health Benefits Package Revision: A Practical Application of the WHO UHC Compendium</i></p> <p>Krishna Kumar Aryal: <i>Evidence Informed Priority Setting: Design and application of priority setting criteria in Nepal's health benefit package revision</i></p> | <p>Parallel session 06</p> <p><b>Health Technology Assessment</b></p> <p>Yashika Chugh: <i>Determining Discount Rates for Costs and Health Outcomes for Health Technology Assessment in India</i></p> <p>Samuel Abera Zwedie: <i>Institutionalizing Health Technology Assessment in Ethiopia: Development and Strategic Framework of a National Roadmap</i></p> <p>Maartje Tromm: <i>What is normal health? Reflecting on the equity consequences of using an age- and sex adjusted population reference group in absolute and proportional shortfall estimations</i></p> <p>Annapoorna Prakash: <i>Patient-Related Evidence For the Assessment Of Digital Health Technologies to Inform Priority Setting</i></p> | <p>Organized session 05</p> <p><b>Big, Bold Ideas for Priority Setting 2.0</b></p> <p>Cassandra Nemzoff, Edwine Barasa, Krishna Aryal, Rob Baltussen, Altea Sitruk</p> | <p>Organized session 06</p> <p><b>When Crisis becomes the Setting for Health Priorities: Governance, Deliberation, and Resilience under Structural Constraint</b></p> <p>Reza Majdzadeh, Mojtaba Nouhi, Maryam Rahbari Bonab, Musa Mohamed, Sajadi Haniye Sadat</p> |

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| 14.00<br>–<br>15.30 | <p>Parallel session 07</p> <p><b>Pricing and accountability</b></p> <p>Joseph Millum: <i>Should governments pay more for treatments for rare diseases?</i></p> <p>Jon Kanavin: <i>What Makes Drug Procurement Fair? Minimal Requirements for Accountability</i></p> <p>Tania Stafinski: <i>Managing Uncertainty in Public Funding of High-Cost Therapies for Rare Diseases: A Citizens Jury</i></p> <p>Siegfried Adelhoefer: <i>Same Pressures, Different Priorities: Hospital and Pharmaceutical Reforms in China and Germany, 2023–2025</i></p> | <p>Parallel session 08</p> <p><b>Values and Processes</b></p> <p>Ritha Willilo: <i>Setting Criteria for Prioritising Health Interventions in Tanzania: A Stakeholder-Participatory Approach</i></p> <p>Kristine Bærøe: <i>Power of the people: What to do when just processes for health resource allocation perpetuate cultural, social and epistemic injustice?</i></p> <p>Abhijith Jose: <i>Should Age Count? Ethical, Economic and Policy Perspectives on Age-Based Health Rationing</i></p> <p>Matthias Gröschel: <i>Eliciting the role of values embedded in generative AI models in priority research</i></p> | <p>Organized session 07</p> <p><b>From Evidence to Legitimate Decisions: Comparing FairChoices and Evidence-Informed Deliberative Processes in Zanzibar and Rwanda</b></p> <p>Lumbwe Chola,<br/>Kjell Arne Johansson, Mwalim Omar, Baltussen Rob,<br/>Sitruk Altea</p> | <p>Organized session 08</p> <p><b>Expert Elicitation for Health Prioritisation: Methods, Applications, and Future Directions</b></p> <p>Abigail Colson, Nemzoff Cassandra, Hane Tina,<br/>Mirelman Andrew</p> |

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| FRIDAY, 9 October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 11.00<br>–<br>12.30    | Parallel session 09<br><br><b>Willingness to pay and cost-effectiveness</b><br><br>Lelissa Assebe: <i>Scoping review of extended cost-effectiveness analysis in health policy assessment</i><br><br>Navneet Kaur: <i>FULL VALUE OF SINGLE-DOSE HPV VACCINATION IN INDIA: AN ECONOMIC EVALUATION</i><br><br>Yashika Chugh: <i>Establishing Validity and Developing a Predictor Tool for Estimation of Willingness to Pay based Threshold for India</i><br><br>Prakash Singh: <i>Bridging India's Missing Middle: Willingness to Pay for Premium-Based Public Health Insurance Beyond Ayushman Bharat</i> | Parallel session 10<br><br><b>Priority setting in practice</b><br><br>Eva Arvidsson: <i>Priority Setting, Patient Safety and De-implementation: A Qualitative Study of Health-Care Professionals' and Patients' Perspectives</i><br><br>Andrea Melberg: <i>Grey Priority-Setting: An Ethnographic Study of Hospital Budgeting in Norway</i><br><br>Yasin Adil: <i>When Macro-Level Priority Policies Meet Bedside Reality: A Qualitative Study in a Universal Healthcare System</i> | Parallel session 11<br><br><b>Health System performance</b><br><br>Wafa Aftab: <i>How Intersectoral Priority Setting Can Support Action on Social Determinants of Health: A Qualitative Case Study from Pakistan's Federal Health Ministry</i><br><br>Achyut Raj Pandey: <i>Temporal Trends and Inequities in the Continuum of Care for Maternal and Newborn Health Services in Nepal, 2006-2022</i><br><br>Ravi Kanta Mishra: <i>Doing More with Less: Health System Efficiency of Local Governments in Nepal</i><br><br>Evelyn Thsehla: <i>Factors Associated with Hospitalization of Diabetes Patients in a Medical Scheme</i> | Organized session 09<br><br><b>Equity by Integrated Metrics or Standalone Criteria? A Live Debate on Health Benefit Package Design</b><br><br>Rob Baltussen,<br>Kjell Arne Johansson |
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| 14.00<br>–<br>15.30 | <p>Parallel session 12</p> <p><b>Setting Health priorities</b></p> <p>Abubakar Alhassan: <i>Global News Media and Global Health Priorities: BBC News and Universal Health Coverage</i></p> <p>Ritha Willilo: Fair Processes, Uneven Practice: Institutionalising Procedural Fairness in Tanzania's Health Priority-Setting</p> <p>Omar Mwalim: <i>Operationalizing Evidence- and Values-Informed Priority Setting: A Step-by-Step Case Study of Zanzibar's Essential Health Care Package Using FairChoices</i></p> <p>Sanaa Said: <i>CLOSING THE NCD GAP: PRIORITIZATION OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS CARE IN ZANZIBAR'S ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE PACKAGE</i></p> | <p>Parallel session 13</p> <p><b>Advancing UHC</b></p> <p>Deepshikha Sharma: Lessons for Priority Setting through Publicly-funded Health Insurance Schemes: Evidence from a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis in India</p> <p>Felegush Birhane: <i>From Volume to Value: Designing and Piloting Ethiopia's Department-Based Grouping Case Payment System for Community Health Insurance</i></p> <p>Shiva Raj Adhikari: <i>Creating Fiscal Space for health care services through Strategic Reprioritization: Evidence from Nepal</i></p> <p>David Shamale: Validation of AI-Powered Remote Photoplethysmography for Blood Pressure and Pulse Rate Estimation among Adults in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</p> | <p>Organized session 10</p> <p><b>From Country Application to a Global Public Good: Costing Health Benefit Packages with the WHO UHC Compendium</b></p> <p>Rob Baltussen, Gerard Abou Jaoude, Gavin Surgey, Charlie Nederpelt, Wajeeha Raza, Mizan Kiros Mirutse, Filip Meheus</p> |  |
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