Programme: Swiss TPH Spring Symposium 2011

Improving Access through Effective Health Financing
April 5, 2011, UBS Training and Conference Centre, Basel, Switzerland

09:30 Opening and Welcome, Nicolas Lorenz and Manfred Stoermer, SCIH, Swiss TPH

09:40 Improving Access through Effective Health Financing: Policy Perspectives, Moderator: Patrick Hanlon, SCIH, Swiss TPH

09:40 Key Note Address: The Challenges Ahead for Improving Access through Effective Health Financing, David Evans, WHO, Switzerland

10:00 Experiences with Demand-side Financing and Voucher Schemes, Wolfgang Bichmann, KfW Development Bank, Germany

10:20 Supporting Governments in Improving Access through Health Financing: Policy Perspectives of GIZ, and the Framework of the Providing for Health Initiative, Jenni Kehler, GIZ / P4H, Germany

10:40 Policy Perspectives of SDC for Improving Access through Health Financing, Debora Kern, SDC, Switzerland

11:00 Questions and Discussion

11:15 Coffee Break

11:45 Principles in Practice: Programmes and Services, Moderator: Cyril Nogier, SCIH, Swiss TPH

11:45 Transforming Community Health Funds in Tanzania into Viable Social Health Insurance Schemes: the Challenges Ahead, Manfred Stoermer, SCIH, Swiss TPH

12:05 Improving Access through Mutual Health Organisations: The Case of Mali, Alexander Schulze, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development, Switzerland

12:25 Tajikistan - Too Poor for Health Insurance?, Joao Costa, SCIH, Swiss TPH, Tajikistan

12:45 Questions and Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Health Insurance under Scrutiny: Which Way to go? (I), Moderator: Don de Savigny, EPH, Swiss TPH

14:15 Building up Health Insurance: the Experience of Ghana, Caroline Jehu-Appiah, Ghana Health Services, Ghana

14:35 Reaching People through Micro Insurance: The Case of India, David Dror, Director Microinsurance Academy, India

14:55 Pioneering Social Health Insurance in Tanzania: The Case of the National Health Insurance Fund, Emmanuel Humba, Director General NHIF, Tanzania

15:15 Questions and Discussion

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Health Insurance under Scrutiny: Which Way to go? (II), Moderator: Manfred Stoermer, SCIH, Swiss TPH

16:00 The Value of Health Insurances for the Poor - An Economic Research Perspective, Isabel Günther, NADEL, Switzerland

16:20 To Give, to Share, to Exchange – A Call for Collaboration Between Insurers and Providers, Thomas Szucs, Director Institute of Pharmaceutical Medicine, Univ. of Basel, Switzerland

16:40 The Role of Health Insurance within a Systems Thinking Approach, Don de Savigny, EPH, Swiss TPH

17:00 Questions and Discussion

17:15 Wrapping up and Closing Remarks, Marcel Tanner, Director, Swiss TPH
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