



Call to Action – Universal Health Coverage in Emergencies

Round-Table with Swiss Organisations working in the field of international health cooperation

In fragile contexts, armed conflicts and other emergencies, access to health services is often difficult for the population. In these situations, health systems often can no longer function properly and ensuring the continuum of care is a critical challenge.



This is why Switzerland and Afghanistan have launched a [Call to Action on Universal Health Coverage in Emergencies](#). The Call should contribute to put the issue of UHC in Emergencies on the international agenda. It aims to promote coherent approaches to ensure the continuum of care for people affected by armed conflicts, in fragile contexts as well as in health and other emergencies. The initiative is also to be seen in the context of the upcoming high-level meeting of the United Nations on Universal Health Coverage in September 2019.

This Round Table is organised jointly by the Federal Office of Public Health and the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland to foster the dialogue between Swiss organisations working in the field of international health cooperation (members of MMS) and the federal offices involved. The following issues will be discussed:

- **UHC in emergencies**
 - What are concrete approaches for UHC in emergencies?
 - What is already being done? How can the Call of Action be used?
- **Nexus between development cooperation and humanitarian aid**
 - What are the opportunities and challenges of the nexus?
- **Switzerland's comparative advantages**
 - What is Switzerland's added value in this context?
 - In which activities should Switzerland get stronger? What does it need for it?

What: Round-Table on the Call to Action – UHC in Emergencies

Where: Federal Office of Public Health
Schwarzenburgstrasse 157
3097 Liebefeld

When: 21 March 2019, 13:30 – 16:30

Registration: international@bag.admin.ch (until 15 March 2019)

Programm:

Round-Tables: Call to Action – UHC in Emergencies		
Time	Input	Speaker
13:30	Welcome and introduction	Nora Kronig & Martin Le-schhorn
	Up-Date Call to Action	
13:50	Input Swiss TPH	Bernadette Peterhans (TBC)
14:10	Input CEEM	Martina Brodmann
14:30	Group discussions in parallel sessions	
	<i>Pause</i>	
15:30	Presentation/ discussion of the results in the plenary	Groups
16:00	Wrap-up	Nora Kronig & Martin Le-schhorn

Direction:

With the car

There are parking slots in the south-east of the Campus Liebefeld. They can be reached by the Wabersackerstrasse.

With the rail way:

from Central Station Berne

Train S 6, direction Schwarzenburg until Liebefeld

Bus 10, direction Köniz Schliern until Liebefeld Park

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