

2015 marks the start of the ‘post-MDG’ era and while the Millennium Development Goals could not reach all their targets, health system strengthening (HSS) is key to all programme interventions in health. It is also increasingly recognised that quality improvement (QI) mechanisms in health care are a determinant of health system strengthening. At a time when the next generation of priorities for global health is being defined, however, it appears that it is crucial to examine the evidence of this impact.

In particular, the 2nd International Quality Forum will specifically discuss *how* QI mechanisms can contribute to health system strengthening and how this contribution can be best measured. This will be illustrated by five aspects affecting health systems: disease outbreaks – with a focus on Ebola; post-conflict settings; patient safety; accreditation and, finally, the linkages of QI mechanisms within a facility as well as between levels of health systems.

The aim of the Forum is therefore to critically analyse QI mechanisms and approaches against HSS targets and to formulate recommendations to ensure QI mechanisms have an impact on upcoming health system strengthening measures.



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Dates: Thursday, 2 July (12:00 – 18:30) and Friday, 3 July 2015 (09:00 – 16:30)

Venue: Print Media Academy (PMA), Kurfürsten-Anlage 52-60, 69115 Heidelberg, Germany

Registration: Please confirm your participation by Monday 15 June at quality-forum@evaplan.org or online under www.qi-forum.org

Full rate: 130€

Student rate: 90€

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Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of the fee.

Please note that the number of participants is **limited to 90**. We will operate on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

2nd International Quality Forum

*Quality Improvement Mechanisms
in Health System Strengthening:
Where is the Evidence?*

Heidelberg, 2 – 3 July 2015

Organised by evaplan GmbH at the University Hospital, Heidelberg,
the AQUA Institute, Göttingen and
the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg,
with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Thursday 2 July, 2015

Friday 3 July, 2015

12:00 – 13:00	<i>Registration</i>		
13:00 – 13:05	Welcome speech and introduction Michael Marx (IPH ¹ /evaplan)		
13:05 – 13:15	Schedule overview, announcements and moderation Sylvia Sax (IPH ¹)		
13:15 – 13:45	Keynote speech — Agnès Leotsakos (WHO ²)		
13:45 – 14:45	Plenary presentations and discussions Linking QI and Health System Strengthening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornelius Oepen (EU/GIZ³) Michael Marx (IPH¹/evaplan) 		
14:45 – 15:00	Where is the evidence? M. Rashad Massoud (URC ⁴ /USAID ⁵)		
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
15:30 – 17:30	Case Studies – 3 case studies in breakout rooms How do you measure the impact of QI mechanisms in order to ensure health system strengthening?		
	In situations of disease outbreaks (focus on Ebola) Cyril Pervilhac ⁶	In post-conflict settings Roland Kersten (CIM ⁷)	Within a facility and between levels Irmgard Marx ⁶
17:30	<i>Networking Reception</i>		

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary presentations and discussions Evidence and Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen Nafula (IHPMR⁸) Charles Shaw (WHO² consultant) Joachim Szecsenyi (University of Heidelberg/AQUA⁹) 		
	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00 – 12:30	Case Studies – 3 case studies in breakout rooms How do you measure the impact of QI mechanisms in order to ensure health system strengthening?		
	In situations of disease outbreaks Joost Butenop (KfW ¹⁰)	In addressing patient safety Peter Lachman (GOSH ¹¹)	With regard to accreditation Ghafur Khodjamurodov (MoH TJ ¹²)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
13:30 – 15:00	Joint session - Recommendations for ensuring HSS through QI mechanisms Rotating small group discussions <i>Coffee available in room</i>		
15:00 – 16:00	Reporting back on group results and plenary discussion Formulating steps ahead		
16:00 – 16:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks Sylvia Sax (IPH ¹) & Joachim Szecsenyi (AQUA ⁸)		

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