

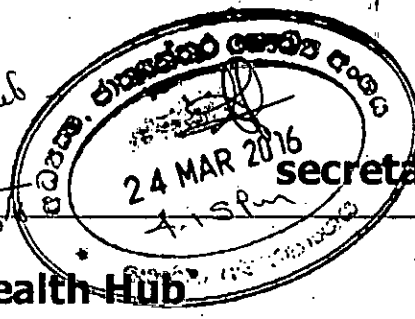
Introducing Commonwealth Health Hub

Please find a copy of the communication send by the Commonwealth Secretariat with regard to introducing Commonwealth Health Hub.

The Commonwealth Health Hub invites professionals and other relevant persons who are willing, to join the Health Hub. A copy of the communication with details is attached.

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Dr Ananda/ Please advise if interested in joining Health Hub
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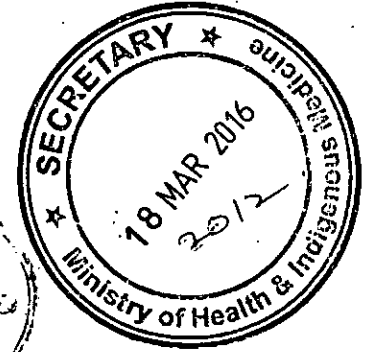
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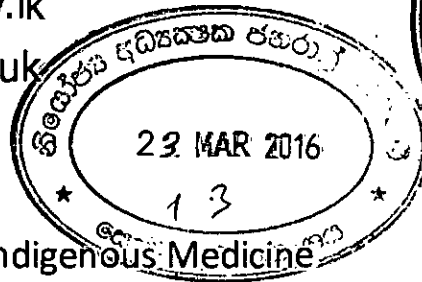
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Please find forwarded an email received from the Commonwealth Secretariat with regard to introducing Commonwealth Health Hub.

Forwarded for information and suitable action please.

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Sent: 08 March 2016 16:26

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Subject: Introducing the Commonwealth Health Hub

We are very pleased to introduce you to the new Commonwealth Health Hub.

Over the past two decades, many Commonwealth countries have made great progress in increasing life expectancy, however significant challenges remain to protect and improve the health of Commonwealth citizens and to provide robust, effective and efficient health and public health services.

The Commonwealth Health Hub aims to address this by promoting the sharing of knowledge and good practices among policy-makers and planners in order to strengthen health systems and deliver the Sustainable development Goals (SDGs). It serves as a 'network of networks' within the matrices of Commonwealth connections and is conceived as a virtual "one stop" dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of all Commonwealth citizens.

In particular the Health Hub aims to:

1. Support member countries to achieve their health and wellbeing goals using technology to augment the existing capacity to deliver its work across the Commonwealth
2. Enhance member countries health and wellbeing capacity through the sharing of knowledge, lessons, experiences and information

3. Enhance partnership and collaborative opportunities among member countries and the Secretariat
4. Provide a platform for the convening role of the Secretariat to engage with member countries on policy issues between the annual Commonwealth Health Ministers Meetings (CHMM)
5. Facilitate discussions on key issues that affect equity, security and sustainability of health and wellbeing in the Commonwealth and promote linkages to global progress

Areas of Focus

The Health Hub looks at issues of critical significance to its health community, including the relevance of health for delivering the SDGs. It focuses on system strengthening and policy responses in areas that include Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

The 'Community of Practice' and Health Hub discussions

The Community of Practice is a structured and moderated peer learning network of key partners across the Commonwealth, it includes monthly discussions moderated and supported by the Secretariat's health experts.

The first of these hub discussions will begin this week, which will look at the topical issue of Global Health Security. The recent outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, Zika in South America and the Cyclone in Fiji have each had significant health and economic impacts threatening global security. This first Hub discussion will allow the Community of Practice to engage in a global conversation about the global health security challenges faced by Commonwealth countries and their citizens.

2016 planned discussion topics*:

6. Global Health Security - Challenges and policy responses

7. Sustainability of Funding Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
8. World Health Day 2016: Diabetes and Non -Communicable Diseases (NCDs)
9. Health Protection Policy and UHC
10. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and the role of Health
11. Health and education: the benefits of a collaborative approach
12. Health systems strengthening and Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)
13. Health security and climate change
14. Role of health in preventing violence
15. Cross sector approaches for health and sustainable development

* The Commonwealth Secretariat reserves the right to change edit or adjust the order of hub discussions

Membership

Membership is free and open to health policy makers, professionals and planners from the Commonwealth and currently includes:

16. Government policy makers at central, regional and local levels
17. Health administrators and professional groups
18. Researchers and academics
19. Officials of foundations, bilateral and multilateral donor funding agencies
20. Professionals working in non-governmental organisations, advocacy groups and civil society organisations
21. Private sector professionals participating in or supporting the health field

If you would like to opt out of the Community of Practice please email the Health Hub at the address provided below. Conversely if you have colleagues who would like to join the Health Hub please direct them to the sign up page available <https://www.thecommonwealth-healthhub.net/about/join/sign-up/>.

Find out more

To find out more about the Commonwealth Health Hub, email the Facilitation Team at healthhub@commonwealth.int or visit the website at www.thecommonwealth-healthhub.net.

Best wishes,

The Commonwealth Health Hub

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