





# 12 Caribbean Conference

on National Health Financing Initiatives





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In spite of a dynamic and challenging healthcare environment, SZF continues to seek strategic ways to support those in need of health insurance. We continue to work with local, regional and international key partners to improve our capacity and strengthen systems and procedures that will ensure adequate and effective coverage for our insured.

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# Message from Conference Host

# Professor Karl Theodore

Director, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, The UWI

Warm greetings and welcome to our 12th Caribbean
Conference on Health Financing Initiatives.
Sadly, we had to postpone our planned Conference in
Anguilla last year due to the devastation caused by
hurricanes. This year, we are delighted to join with the
State Health Insurance Foundation (SZF) of Suriname in
convening the 12th Conference.



As Caribbean populations strive to achieve Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable

Development, we are all required to implement creative strategies to confront the rising demand for and cost of health services given our triple burden of infectious and chronic diseases, as well as trauma.

The Conference—with the central theme of 'Health Financing: Strategic Management, Spending Wisely-2'—provides an ideal forum where, as colleagues, as frontline professionals we can openly share these strategies and critically discuss what we are doing well and what not so well.

So...join us in Suriname for another valuable learning opportunity to gain new knowledge and sharpen our commitment to enhance the health and thereby the wealth of the Caribbean.



# Message from Conference Host

Mr. Rick R. Kromodihardjo

CEO, State Health Foundation (SZF)

As your hosts, we extend a warm and special welcome to Suriname and to the 12th Caribbean Conference on Health Financing Initiatives. The SZF is Suriname's premier health financing agency with almost forty (40) years in the health insurance business and dedicated to 'securing futures, enhancing lives'. Since 2015, we have been entrusted with the mission of managing the country's universal health insurance plans.



So we are excited to partner with The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics in bringing to you a focused Conference program of expert presentations, panel discussions and 'open mike' comments on the theme 'Health Financing: Strategic Management, Spending Wisely-2'.

Like you, we are also keen to hear from and interact with experts and frontline managers on how best to sustain financing given our mix of disease and economic challenges.

But we also want you to enjoy your time so we have planned a full social program to balance your hard work with true Suriname hospitality.

See you soon in Suriname.



# Message from Conference Coordinator



#### Dr. Stanley Lalta

Research Fellow
HEU, Centre for Health Economics, The UWI



Hello to all...special welcome to returning participants and particularly first-timers as we gather in Suriname for the 12th Caribbean Health Financing Conference from October 8-10, 2018.

We are pleased to collaborate with the State Health Insurance Foundation (SZF) not just to share knowledge of its nearly four (4) decades in health insurance operations, but to reflect on its new role as the country's universal health insurance manager.

This year our Program continues to focus on issues and approaches pertaining to 'Health Financing: Strategic Management, Spending Wisely-2' with emphasis on hospital, pharmaceutical, mental health and 'catastrophic care' concerns.

So... participate, interrogate and interact with experts, frontline managers and policy advisors....and lift your voices as individually and collectively we seek to enhance our knowledge for doing more, doing better in health financing matters.

#### **Previous Conferences**

Year	Location	Hosts
2006	Turks & Caicos Islands	National Insurance Board (NIB)
2007	Aruba	General Health Insurance (AZV)
2008	Trinidad & Tobago	National Insurance Board (NIB) & Ministry of Health (MOH)
2009	St Maarten	Department of Public Health (DPH)
2010	Belize	Social Security Board (SSB)
2011	Bermuda	Bermuda Health Council (BHEC) & Health Insurance Department (HID)
2012	Curacao	Social Insurance Bank (SVB)
2013	Jamaica	National Health Fund (NHF)
2014	Trinidad &Tobago	The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics (UWI-HEU)
2015	Turks & Caicos Islands	National Health Insurance Board (NHIB)
2016	Bonaire	Health Insurance Office (ZVK)









#### PROGRAMME

#### 12<sup>th</sup> CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH FINANCING INITIATIVES

SURINAME - October 8-10, 2018

THEME - Health Financing: Strategic Management, Spending Wisely-2

Pre-Conference Day: October 7, 2018		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
5.30p - 7.30	Early Registration	SZF Conference Secretariat
	Day 1: Octobe	er 8, 2018
	Opening Pro	gramme
	Host - Ms Claudine	Amattabri, SZF
7.00a - 8.15	Registration	Conference Secretariat
8.15 - 8.30	Call to Order	Conference Host
8.30 - 8.35	National Song	Ms Anne-Marie Sanches,
		SZF
8.35 - 8.45	Welcome Video and Advertorial	Taped Video: SZF
	on Suriname	
8.45 - 8.50	Welcome Message	Mr Rick Kromodihardjo,
		CEO, SZF
8.50 - 8.55	Conference Remarks	Prof Karl Theodore,
		Director, HEU, Centre for Health Economics,
		UWI
8.55 - 9.00	Greetings from Host of 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Angel Bermudez,
	Conference	CEO, ZVK, Bonaire
9.00 - 9.05	Conference Remarks	Mr Timothy Hodge,
		Director, Anguilla Social Security Board
9.05 - 9.15	Overview of Conference	Dr Stanley Lalta,
		Programme Coordinator
9.15 - 9.30	Address and Formal Opening of	Honourable Mr Antoine Elias,
	Conference	Minister of Health, Suriname
9.30 - 9.35	Vote of Thanks and Introduction	Mr Rick Kromodihardjo
	of SZF Conference Team	CEO, SZF
9.35 - 9.45	Group Photograph	
	SZF Official Photographer	
9.45 - 10.00		BREAK



	Day 1: Octobe	er 8, 2018
TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Session 1: Co	onfronting Economic and Health Ch	allenges in the Universal Coverage Agenda
	Chairman – Mr Timothy Ho	odge, SSB/Anguilla
10.00 - 10.30		
	St. Maarten	
10.30 - 11.00	Dr Jennifer Geerlings-Simons,	Universal Health Care and the Economy:
	Suriname	Facing the Challenge
11.00 - 11.30	Prof. Henk Bilo,	Controlling the Health and Financial Impact
	ISALA, Netherlands	of Diabetes
11.30 - 11.45	OP	EN DISCUSSION
11.45 - 12.00n	Lunchtime Presentation a	nd Video by Fundacion Cardiovascular
	(F	CV, Colombia)
12.00 - 1.00p		LUNCH
	Session 2: P	ANEL 1
Objective	: Addressing Macroeconomic Challe	enges and the Economic Burden of NCDs
	Chairman – Dr Ricky Braith	waite, BHEC/Bermuda
1.00 - 1.20	Mr Dindial Ramrattan,	Caribbean Economic Review and Outlook:
	CDB	Blueprint for Caribbean Economies
1.20 - 1.40	Mr Samuel Gabriel,	Economic Models to Evaluate Taxes on NCDs
	HEU, Centre for Health	Risk Factors: Applications to Alcohol,
	Economics, UWI	Tobacco and Sugar Sweetened Beverages
1.40 - 2.00	Dr Leslie Walwyn,	Wellbeing: Redefining the Ounce of
	Antigua	Prevention
2.00 - 2.30	OP	EN DISCUSSION
2.30 - 2.45		BREAK
	Session 3: P	ANEL 2
	Objective: Tracking Performance in	
	Chairman – Dr Sharon	
2.45 - 3.05	Mr Rick Kromodihardjo,	The State Health Foundation's Progress
	SZF, Suriname	Towards Universal Health Coverage
3.05 - 3.25	Dr Robin Roberts,	The Bahamas NHI Plan—Progress,
	NHIA, The Bahamas	Challenges and Strategies to Enhance
		Performance
3.25 - 3.45	Mr Roy Barry,	Health Financing Strategic Mgt, Spending
	NHIP, Virgin Islands (UK)	Wisely-2 : Tracking Performance of New
		HFPs
3.45 - 4.05	Mr Gerbert Spijker,	The Curacao Universal Basic Insurance Plan:
1	SVB, Curacao	Evaluation on Objectives, Lessons of
1		Implementation and Experienced 'Best'
4.05 4.00		Practices
4.05 - 4.20		EN DISCUSSION
7.00 - 10.00	CON	FERENCE DINNER



	Day 2: Octobe	er 9, 2018
	Session 4: I	
O	bjective: Optimising Performance o	of Pharmaceuticals Management
	Chairman – Ms Char	_
TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
8.30a - 9.00	Mr Francis Burnett,	Efficiency in Managing Pharmaceuticals:
	OECS	Selection, Procurement and Protocols in the
		OECS
9.00 - 9.30	Mr Anco R.O. Ringeling,	Pharmaceutical Management in Aruba:
	AZV Aruba	Coverage, Distribution, Pricing, Claims
		processing and Cost-control
9.30 - 10.00	Dr Joseph Gough,	NHI Belize: Efficiency Gains in Pharmacy
	Dr Natalie Castillo-Rodriguez,	Services
	Social Security Board, Belize	
10.00 - 10.45		
10.45 - 11.00		BREAK
	Session 5: P	ANEL 4
Objective:	Spending Wisely—Approaches in N	Managing Hospitals and Catastrophic Care
	Chairman – Ms Jennifer	James, NHI-Grenada
11.00 - 11.20	Dr Javier Asin,	Value Based Healthcare and Hospital
	ACSION	Efficiency
11.20 - 11.40	Ms Tiara Carlington,	Managing Catastrophic Care in Bermuda
	Bermuda Health Council	
11.40 - 12.00n	Ms Teresa Maitland,	Managing Catastrophic Care in TCI: The
	NHIP, TCI	Experience of the NHI
12.00 - 12.15	OF	PEN DISCUSSION
12.15 - 12.30	Lunchtime Preser	ntation by FinaBank, Suriname
12.30 - 1.15		LUNCH
	Session	n 6
(	Objective: Spending Wisely—Issues	of Efficiency and Resilience (1)
	Chairman – Ms Brooke	Atmosoeradjo, SZF
1.15 - 1.45	Mr Derek Osborne,	Efficiency in Managing the Transition to
	Morneau Shepell	Universal Health Insurance
1.45 - 2.15	Mr Casimiro Diaz,	Advancing Action from the Sub-regional
	PAHO Advisor	Dialogue on Health Financing in the
		Caribbean
2.15 - 2.45	Mr Timothy A. Hodge,	Resilience in Healthcare Systems: Research
	Social Security Board, Anguilla	on the USVI Following 2017 Hurricanes
2.45 - 3.00	OF	PEN DISCUSSION
3.00 - 3.15		BREAK



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(	Objective: Spending Wisely—Issues	
	Chairman – Ms Claudi	
TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
3.15 - 3.35	Ms Samantha Profijt,	Road towards Population Health
	ACSION	Management
3.35 - 3.55	Dr Johanne Perez,	Update on Elderly Care in NHI Belize
	Social Security Board, Belize	
3.55 - 4.15	Dr Lex De Jong,	Aligning Interests of Health Purchasers and
	Aruba	Providers: 5 crucial steps to have your health
		care system survive
4.15 - 4.35		PEN DISCUSSION
7.00 - 10.00		ONESIAN NIGHT
	Day 3: Octobe	
	Session 8: P	
	Objective: New Directions in Na	0
	Chairman – Dr Stanle	
8.30a - 8.45	Dr James Hospedales,	New Approaches to Managing NCDs: The
	CARPHA	Pawn and Knight Moves
8.45 - 9.15	Ms Claudette James,	NHI Project: Progress in Preparation for NHI
	NHI Project Secretariat, Grenada	
9.15 - 9.45	Honourable Minister Emile Lee,	Update on Plans for Universal Health
	St Maarten	Insurance in St Maarten
9.45 - 10.00	Mr Timothy Hodge,	Update on Plans for National Health
	Social Security Board, Anguilla	Insurance in Anguilla
10.00 - 10.30	Claudia Pescetto,	Optimising Benefits of the PAHO Strategic
	PAHO, Advisor	Drug Fund
10.30 - 10.45	OF	PEN DISCUSSION
10.45 - 11.00		BREAK
	Session 9: P	ANEL 6
	Objective: New Directions in Na	ational Health Financing (2)
	Chairman – Dr Stanle	y Lalta, HEU/UWI
11.00 - 11.15		Tracking Health Care Spending in Five (5)
	HEU, Centre for Health	Caribbean Countries: Findings from National
	Economics, UWI	Health Accounts
11.15 - 11.35	Ms Jeanine Kook,	"Un Korsou Salú" A Healthy Curaçao:
	Curacao	Towards Managing Health and Wellness
11.35 - 11.55	Ms Karen Yaw,	Guyana Health Accounts 2016
	Guyana	
11.55 - 12.15p	Ms Claudia Pescetto,	Hospital Efficiency—Lessons from
1	PAHO, Advisor	International Experiences
12.15 - 12.30	OP	PEN DISCUSSION
12.30 - 1.00	E	EXPERT PANEL



1.00 - 1.15	OPEN MIKE
1.15 - 1.25	Dr Lalta Progress Report on Conferences
1.25 - 1.30	CLOSURE
1.30 - 2.30	LUNCH
7.00 - 12.00	FAREWELL PARTY







#### Minister Emil Lee

Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labour St Maarten

Emil Lee is currently Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labour on the island of St Maarten. Self described as an accidental or reluctant politician, Minister Lee comes from an active private sector background.

Minister Lee previously held the positions of first vice president and eventually president of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA). He was also the general manager, developer and builder of Princess Heights Hotel and general manager of Atlas Construction Company, both in St. Maarten. Minister Lee was chairman of the Board of the St Maarten Medical Centre where together with the staff and

board, he led a near bankrupt-institution into financial stability.

Minister Lee was the president of the St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association (SHTA) from 2001 - 2014 where, together with the staff and Board, he turned SHTA into an influential and vocal strategic partner in St. Maarten. At SHTA, he was responsible for guiding the activities of the Association which included advocacy, marketing, product improvement and private sector partnering with government projects.

Eventually believing that despite active advocacy programs, fundamental and structural change of government was most effectively done from the inside, Minister Lee ran in the 2014 Parliamentary Elections in St Maarten beginning a career in politics as Minister since December 2015.

Lee holds degrees in biology and philosophy, making him analytical and argumentative. He is the father of three beautiful children, Maxime, Samantha and Sebastian.



# Mrs. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons Speaker of the House of Parliament, Suriname

Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, Speaker of the House of Parliament, can be described in certain core values: before anything else come family and her love for the nation and people of Suriname. A national icon for the independent woman, she is a visionary, inspiring, energetic and a firm believer of self-determination and life-long learning.

Born on the 5th of September 1953, she grew up in a family of 4, with her mother being a nurse and her father a civilian worker in the military.

Her compassion for people motivated her to study medicine, a discipline in which she has been active as a practitioner (MD), as a university lecturer and as a policymaker in public health areas such as HIV and Dermatology.

In addition her involvement in education innovation and development includes the founding of EDUCONS an NGO promoting ICT in education, distance learning, setting up computers in schools and training over 40.000 students and workers in basic to advanced ICT skills. She introduced distance education in Suriname.

In 1996 she entered politics as a representative of the National Democratic Party (NDP) and since she has been elected three times for Parliament.

In 2010 she was voted Speaker of the House, using her previous experience as a member to initiate an ambitious Institutional Strengthening Program for Parliament.

She also initiated the "Stichting Parlementariërs voor de Ontwikkeling van Kinderen en Jongeren", the Association of Parliamentarians for the Development of Children and Youth.

Mrs. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons is married to Glenn Geerlings with 3 children and 2 grandchildren.





#### Professor H J G Bilo

Professor H J G Bilo is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) and a specialist in Internal Medicine at the Groningen University Medical Center in The Netherlands. He completed his medical training at the Free University Faculty of Medicine in 1977 and at the Tropical Medicine Institute in Amsterdam in 1979. He has served as medical specialist at several hospitals in The Netherlands as well as Senior Medical Officer in Seychelles.

Professor Bilo's main research interests are in the epidemiology, treatment, management and costs of Type-2 diabetes. He is a key member of three (3) Commissions in The Netherlands and Europe working on care guidelines for Type-2 diabetes and diabetic nephropathy.



Mr. Francis Burnett

As head of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States/Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (OECS/PPS), Francis Burnett transformed the institution into one of the world's leading multi-country pooled procurement programs for medical products achieving a 20% reduction in the unit cost of medicines.

In 2006, the Caribbean Pharmacy Association conferred him with the highest award of the Caribbean Pharmacist Primus (CPP) for having a unique transforming and enduring influence on pharmacy in the Caribbean. The Pan

American Health Organisation (PAHO) conferred him with "Excellence in Health Journalism" in 1996 for the best feature article in the newspaper category.



#### Ms. Claudia Pescetto

Ms. Claudia Pescetto is a Regional Advisor in Health Economics and Financing at PAHO/WHO. One of her main responsibilities is the design and implementation of technical cooperation projects at the country, sub-regional and regional levels, related to the sustainability and efficiency of health financing systems. Her work focuses on the institutionalization of the production of health accounts using SHA2011 methodology and the promotion of its use to inform public

health policies design, as well as the design and delivery of capacity building programs in health economics and health financing issues to technical staff and decision-makers of health and health related sectors, in coordination with other UN agencies and academia.

#### Dr. C. James Hospedales

Dr. C. James Hospedales, a citizen of Trinidad & Tobago, is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency since February 2013. From 2006-2012, Dr Hospedales was responsible for the PAHO program for prevention and control of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). He played a key role in increasing priority and resources for NCDs, including helping organize the CARICOM and UN Summits on NCDs. He pioneered the Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs, which brings together governments, civil society, academia & business. He has also been a champion for civil society involvement in efforts to improve health, and helped catalyze the formation of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition.

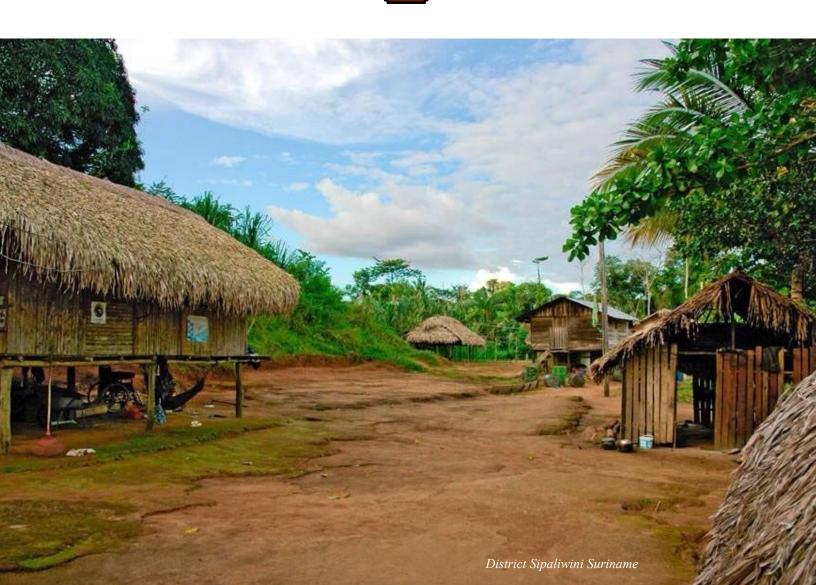
From 1998–2006, Dr. Hospedales was Director of the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre. He was instrumental in developing donor partnerships for HIV/AIDS prevention, and a partnership with the Caribbean tourism industry to improve health, safety and environment conditions. Dr. Hospedales was a member of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development, which made policy recommendations in 2005 to the Heads of Government and named chronic diseases as a super-priority for the Region. Dr. Hospedales' career has included service as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the US Centers for Disease Control, as an epidemiologist at CAREC, and several years working in public health for the UK National Health Service.

Dr. Hospedales graduated with honors in medicine from the University of the West Indies. He has a Masters of Science degree in community medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, is a Fellow of UK Faculty of Public Health, and an accredited partnership broker with the Partnering Institute of the UK. He has published more than 60 papers and reports.



#### Dr. Justin Ram

Justin Ram is Director of Economics at the Caribbean Development Bank. His specialisations are in energy, and development economics. He has previously worked as Senior Global Economist with WorleyParsons, as an economist with the United Kingdom's (UK) Government's Department for Transport and as Supervisory Economist with the Greater London Authority. Justin has also been a Class Teacher at the London School of Economics and Political Science and was Lecturer in Economics at the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. He has also worked as a consultant on many oil and gas and energy-related projects in Central Asia and Africa and with the World Bank, United Nations and the International Labour Organization. Justin has a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, he also holds an M.Sc. in



# Photos from Previous Conferences



The 11th Conference - Bonaire







The 10th Conference - Turks and Caicos Islands



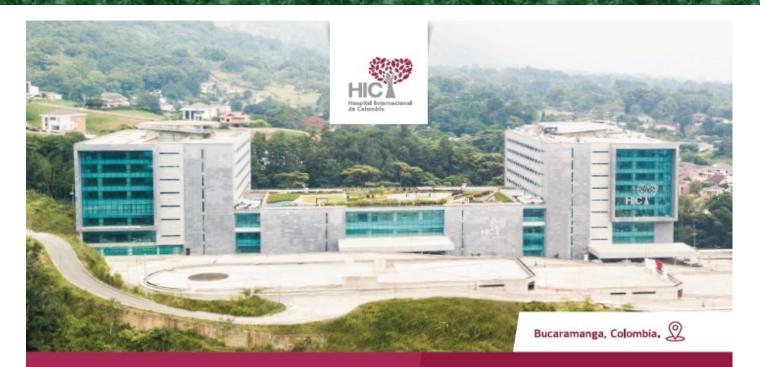


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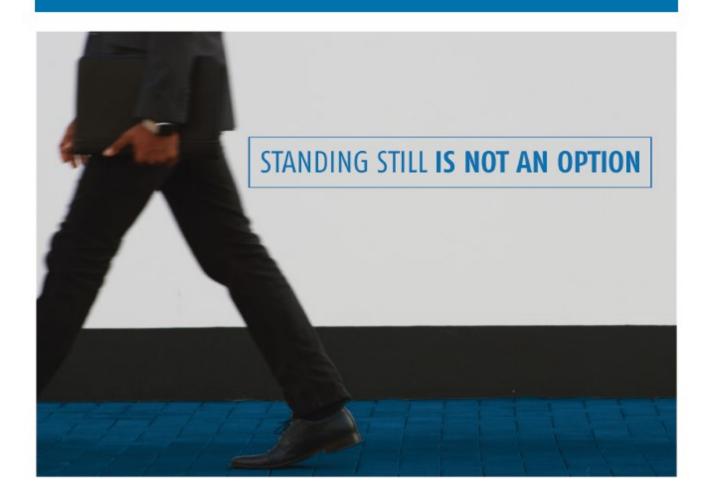


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Monday 8, October 2018 19.00-22.00 Conference Dinner

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Tuesday 9, October 2018 19.00 - 22.00 Indonesian Night Casual

Wednesday 10, October 2018 19.00-00:00pm

Farewell Event Casual



#### HEU, CENTRE FOR HEALTH ECONOMICS







The Health Economics Unit (HEU) was established in 1995, as one of the research clusters in the Department of

Economics at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. In 2008, the HEU was granted the status of a semi-autonomous and its name was subsequently changed to the HEU, Centre for Health Economics.

The HEU fills a regional need for continuity of research and technical support efforts in a number of areas that have a direct bearing on health and social policy formulation and implementation.

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- **♦ Health and Development**
- **♦ Health Financing and Health Accounts**
- **Economic Evaluations**
- ♦ Health Policy and Reform
- ♦ HIV/AIDS
- **♦ Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs)**
- ♦ Ageing
- Climate Change and Health
- **♦ Health and Poverty**
- **♦ Children and Women**
- ♦ Taxes on Tobacco, Alcohol and Sugar-sweetened Beverages

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