

Launch of the 2020 WHO Global progress report on Accelerating access to hepatitis C diagnostics and treatment - Overcoming barriers in low- and middle-income countries

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Recent advances in the global landscape of hepatitis C diagnostics and treatments provides a powerful momentum in low- and middle-income countries to scale up their public health response towards the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. This third global report highlights the impressive recent gains achieved by some high-burden countries latest and the developments in the key enablers of a successful response – market conditions related to product availability, pricing and patents, access to diagnostics, norms and standards; national policy and regulatory environments; and options for leveraging efficiencies in service delivery. Join the World Health Organization (WHO) at a virtual event to launch the new 2020 report - Accelerating access to hepatitis C diagnostics and treatment: Overcoming barriers in low- and middle-income countries.

Time	Topic	Speaker
15h00	Opening remarks and introduction	Dr Minghui Ren , Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO Dr Mariangela Simao , Assistant Director General, Access to Medicines and Health Products (MHP), WHO
15h10	<i>Report 2020 Key Messages</i> Evolving access landscape for a successful public health response - challenges and opportunities	Meg Doherty , Director, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes (HHS), WHO Françoise Renaud , Technical lead, WHO/HHS
15h30	<i>Report 2020 Key Messages</i> Focus on access to diagnostics – a game changer? Highlights on intellectual property rights and HCV diagnostics and treatment	Adriana Velazquez , Team Lead, Medical Devices and Diagnostics WHO/MHP Mercedes Perez Gonzales , Technical officer, Medical Devices and Diagnostics, WHO/MHP Erika Duenas Loayaz , Technical officer, Intellectual Property Management, WHO/MHP
15h45	Panel session – voices and experiences from countries and organization’s working on access	Olufunmilayo LESI , Team Lead, Global Hepatitis Programme, WHO/HHS Janvier Serumondo , Director Hepatitis Program, Ministry of Health, Rwanda Ukraine (tbc) Charles Gore , Executive Director, Medicines Patent Pool

		Craig McClure , Senior Director, Viral Hepatitis, Clinton Health Access Initiative Othman Mellouk , International Treatment Preparedness Coalition
16h15	Questions and Answers	Moderator – Daniel Low-Beer , Team Lead, Strategic Information and Analysis, WHO/HHS
16h30	Closing remarks	Meg Doherty , Director, WHO/HHS