

# Health is a political choice!

## Webinar



### OPENING THE DISCUSSION ON HEALTH AS A POLITICAL CHOICE



Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

13:00 CET / 14:00 TSi

Online

#### SPEAKER

Mustafa Taşdemir is a Professor of Public Health. He has a distinguished and varied career in both the public and private sectors in Türkiye. After earning his medical degree from Marmara University School of Medicine in 1990, he initially worked as a general practitioner before moving into public health with a residency at the same university. His career includes significant roles in quality management, healthcare administration, and academia. His academic appointments span various positions at Marmara University, Bezmiâlem Vakıf University, and Istanbul Medeniyet University. Prof. Taşdemir also played a key role in national health governance, participating in the Steering Committee of the National Healthcare Accreditation System and serving as the first Public Health Director of Istanbul. His leadership extended to significant training and research responsibilities within the Turkish Ministry of Health, culminating in his role as the General Director of Health Promotion until 2022. He serves as a scientific advisor to various organizations, including the Turkish Green Crescent, Teknopark Istanbul, and the Society for Public Health Thinking and Innovation.



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### GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGES: POPULATIONS, PEACE, POLITICAL DECISIONS

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#### DESCRIPTION

Countries around the globe, be it in Europe or Sub-Saharan Africa, face ongoing challenges with their healthcare systems due to shifting populations. The burden of health expenditures on budgets, evolving health technologies, rising non-communicable diseases (NCDs), potential emerging health risks, and the crucial role of peace as an important determinant of health make healthcare a critical political decision. Let's initiate a dialogue on these issues.

#### SPEAKERS

Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu is the Ambassador of Türkiye to Dar es Salaam. He is a medical doctor, and he holds a PhD in Public Health. He has management experience in Ministry of Health, Turkish Red Crescent, the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) of Türkiye. Dr. Güllüoğlu has worked as a volunteer doctor in many countries by participating in aid projects with many non-governmental organizations.

Dr. Sabanur Çavdar is a public health specialist from Türkiye. She has experience in managing public health and primary healthcare services at the local Ministry of Health levels in Istanbul. Dr. Çavdar earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Gazi University and completed a specialty in Public Health at Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty. She is a Fulbright Humphrey Program alumna of Emory University and she is pursuing a PhD in health management at Üsküdar University, focusing on evidence-based public health research.



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# Mental health: People at the centre

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### MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL:

### IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

16:30 CET / 17:30 TSI

Online

#### DESCRIPTION

Immigrants face multiple stressors that may cause or exacerbate mental health problems, but they access less to mental health services compared to general population. By addressing these disparities, we can work towards ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, have access to the mental health support they need.

#### SPEAKERS

Yasemin Denizli is PhD Candidate in the Department of Public Health, University of Health Sciences. Her research focuses on mental health, immigrant health, health education and promotion. Dr. Denizli earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Istanbul Medeniyet University.

Yusuf Ozdemir is a PhD Researcher in the Health Economics Unit, University of Birmingham. His research focuses on public mental health, health attitudes and behaviour, healthcare resource management and global health. Dr. Ozdemir earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Istanbul University and Master of Science (MSc) in Global Public Health and Policy from the Queen Mary University of London.



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# Planetary health: A *glocal* approach

## Webinar



### BUILDING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: INSIGHTS INTO AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

13:00 CET / 14:00 TSi

Online

#### DESCRIPTION

Cities play a crucial role in fostering the well-being and inclusivity of their residents, particularly as populations age. A locally conducted qualitative study illuminates the experiences of older residents in shaping inclusive and livable urban environments.

#### SPEAKER

Ayşe Seval Palteki, an Assistant Professor at Istanbul Medipol University's Department of Public Health, holds degrees in environmental engineering, MPH (Master of Public Health), and PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) from Istanbul University. Her research focuses mainly on the health effects of the built environment.



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### UHC PROGRESS & CHALLENGES IN AN AGING WORLD



Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

13:00 CET / 14:00 TSI

Online

#### DESCRIPTION

Delve into the concept of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), examining indicators, country-specific situations, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target 3.8. Gain insights into the current landscape, challenges, successes, and pathways for improvement in UHC across different countries amidst demographic shifts towards an aging world.

#### SPEAKER

Dr. Sabanur Çavdar is a public health specialist from Türkiye. She works at Istanbul Eyüpsultan District Health Directorate and has experience in managing public health and primary healthcare services at local Ministry of Health levels in Istanbul. Dr. Cavdar earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Gazi University and completed her medical specialty in Public Health at Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty. She is a Fulbright Humphrey Program alumna of Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and is pursuing a PhD in health management at Üsküdar University, focusing on evidence-based public health research.



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## SYNERGY FOR HEALTH: BRIDGING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

16:30 CET / 17:30 TSI

Online

### DESCRIPTION

The collaboration between public and private sectors is crucial for building a healthier tomorrow. Through the integration of resources, expertise, and innovation, health challenges can be effectively addressed, leading to improved well-being for communities worldwide.

### SPEAKER

Ömer Ataç is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health, Istanbul Medipol University and Visiting Post Doctorate Scholar in the Department of Health Management and Policy, University of Kentucky. His research focuses on primary care services, evidence-based public health, diabetes epidemiology and pharmacoepidemiology. Dr. Ataç earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Marmara University, and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health from the Istanbul University.



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