

IAPO Intervention

Agenda Item 9.4 Patient Safety contributing to sustainable universal health coverage

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Thank you Chair, Regional Director General, Member States, non-State actors and observers.

The International Alliance of patients Organizations (IAPO) is a non-State actor in official relationship with the WHO and an international alliance with over 260 patients' organisation members in over 70 countries.

IAPO welcomed the WHO Director General's Report A72/26 at the World Health Assembly. The report had come at a very opportunistic movement as the WHO South East Asia Regional Member States start investing in and developing their healthcare workforce and health systems needed to deliver universal health coverage by 2030.

We congratulate WHO SEAR Member States who will be joining us patients on 17th September 2019 to mark the first World Patient Safety Day.

Patient safety is a central pillar of sustainable, compassionate and effective healthcare. Putting patient safety first in universal health coverage will reassure communities that they can trust their health care systems to keep them and their families safe. WHO SEAR Member States, by implementing the report and the evidence base provided, will be ensuring that during the planning and resourcing of their vision of universal health coverage, they are not using flawed and wasteful models of care.

IAPO also thanks the WHO SEAR Member States and Ministers who have kept the momentum going on patient safety by attending the Global Ministerial Summits on Patient Safety in London, Berlin, Tokyo and Jeddah.

We urge WHO SEAR Member States to take note of the WHO DG's Report A72/26 Patient Safety Global action on patient safety and to implement the Resolution WHA 72.6 under Agenda Item 12.5 28 May 2019.

Thank you for your attention.