

PARALLEL SESSION

Healthy People, Healthy Cities

Session organized by the World Health Organization



Date: 7 October 2014

Time: 16:30 – 18:00h

Venue: TBD

PROGRAM

Opening

Facilitator:

Alex Ross, *Director of the World Health Organization*

Speakers:

- **Amit Prasad**, Technical Officer, WHO Centre for Health Development, Japan
- **K Srinath Reddy**, President, Public Health Foundation of India, India
- **David Okello**, Director (PHE), Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda
- **Karen Lee**, Global Healthy Built Environment Consultant, USA

Discussion with the audience

Closing remarks for the session Facilitator

SUMMARY

Urban populations have increased by 1 billion people, globally, since 2000. More than 90% of this rise has taken place in low and middle-income countries. This trend is likely to continue for the next few decades. While urbanization has historically been related to improving economic prosperity, there are some negative consequences of a rapid rise in population of meagrely resourced cities, especially on population health. Therefore, cities around the world will have to develop policies and take deliberate actions to mitigate the negative impacts of rapid unplanned urbanization on health and health equity. In this session, a global movement for achieving health for all in cities will be introduced, and experts from cities in different parts of the world will present strategies, policies and actions to improve population health and health equity in cities.