

# Advancing Health Equity: Universal Access to Health Products

Side Event, 58th Session  
of the Commission on  
Population and  
Development



**Date and time:** Thursday **10 April 2025** from 13:15-14:30 (New York Time Zone, UTC-4)

**Venue:** Conference Room 8, General Assembly Building, UN Headquarters, NY, and [live on UN Web TV](#)

**Hosted by:** World Health Organization, Uganda, Thailand, in collaboration with PATH, US Pharmacopeia, Management Sciences for Health, International Federation on Ageing

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**Medicines, vaccines, medical devices, assistive products and other health products are used by all, at all ages, and at all levels of the health system.**

However, equitable access to safe, effective, and quality-assured health products is far from uniform, with the greatest gaps being in low- and middle-income countries. Almost 2 billion people – one-third of the global population – do not have regular access to essential medicines.

Join us as we mobilize stakeholders towards a **shared vision for equitable access to health products, for the health and well-being of all, at all ages.**

This side event will highlight current barriers to access in the context of changing demographics and showcase initiatives to overcome them. Confirmed speakers (*more names to come*):

- **H.E. Godfrey Kwoba**, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations in New York
- **Mr Francis Aboagye-Nyame**, Portfolio Director, Management Sciences for Health
- **Mr David Constantine MBE**, President, International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics and Co-founder, Motivation Charitable Trust
- **Dr Kimberly Green**, Global Program Director, Primary Health Care, PATH
- **Dr Emily Kaine**, Senior Vice President, Global Health & Manufacturing Services, US Pharmacopeia
- **Mr Deusdedit Mubangizi**, Director Health Products, Policy and Standards and Director *a.i.* Innovation and Emerging Technologies, World Health Organization
- **Dr Isaac Odame**, Medical Director, Global Sickle Cell Disease Network and Professor of Paediatrics, University of Toronto