Global to Local Lessons and Shared Experiences of Institutions Advancing Health Equity

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Background
Many public health institutions around the world are increasingly prioritizing a health equity approach, through more deliberate investments of public health resources. Innovative approaches based on data and science can help institutions reach populations that have been historically, socially, economically, or economically marginalized. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has committed to using data and science to eliminate rather than simply document health inequities. This session will share lessons from leading public health institutions and global health thought leaders on policies and practices to address social determinants of health and address health disparities for socially, economically, geographically or environmentally disadvantaged populations.

Panel 1: The role of public health institutions advancing the global health equity agenda
Public health institutions can advance health equity by developing innovative, evidence-based policies and programs that address the root causes of health inequities. Through educating students, health professionals, and policy makers about health disparities and evidence-based approaches to advance health equity, public health institutions can play a key role in improving overall population health. A health equity approach prioritizes health as a human right, requiring institutions to closely collaborate with communities to design and implement locally relevant health equity initiatives. This session will share strategies, lessons learned, and best practices to educate peers, policymakers and students to reduce health disparities and ultimately improve health outcomes for all.

Panel 2: Policy and practices to prevent and control NCDs
Noncommunicable diseases are the largest burden of mortality globally and contribute to 85% of premature deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), oftentimes impacting most heavily on those in LMICs with the least resources and limited access to services. Public health institutions must more effectively work to address SDOH to be successful in reducing the growing burden of NCDs on LMICs, including through focusing on upstream, place-based and population-level strategies. This session will share successful approaches to preventing and controlling NCDs in the Americas region, including through addressing SDOH.

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