



2015 marks the start of the 'post-MDG' era and while the Millennium Development Goals could not reach all their targets, health system strengthening (HSS) is key to all programme interventions in health. It is also increasingly recognized that quality improvement (QI) mechanisms in health care are a determinant of health system strengthening. At a time when the next generation of priorities for global health is being defined, however, it appears that it is crucial to examine the evidence of this impact.

In particular, the 2nd International Quality Forum will specifically discuss *how* QI mechanisms can contribute to health system strengthening and how this contribution can be best measured. This will be illustrated by four aspects affecting health systems: disease outbreaks – with a focus on Ebola; post-conflict settings; patient safety and, finally, the linkages of QI mechanisms within a facility as well as between levels of health systems.

The aim of the Forum is therefore to critically analyse QI mechanisms and approaches against HSS targets and to formulate recommendations to ensure QI mechanisms have an impact on upcoming health system strengthening measures.

**Dates:** Thursday, 2 July (12:00 – 18:30) and Friday, 3 July 2015 (09:00 – 16:30)

**Venue:** Print Media Academy (PMA), Kurfürsten-Anlage 52- 60, 69115 Heidelberg, Germany

**Registration:** Please confirm your participation by Monday 15 June at [quality-forum@evaplan.org](mailto:quality-forum@evaplan.org) or online under [www.qi-forum.org](http://www.qi-forum.org)

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Student rate: 90€

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Please note that the number of participants is **limited to 90**. We will operate on a **first-come, first-served** basis.



## 2nd International Quality Forum

*Quality Improvement Mechanisms  
in Health System Strengthening:  
Where is the Evidence?*

**Heidelberg, 2 – 3 July 2015**

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## Quality Improvement Mechanisms in Health System Strengthening: Where is the Evidence?

### Thursday 2 July, 2015

12:00 – 13:00	<i>Registration</i>
13:00 – 13:05	Welcome speech and introduction Michael Marx (IPH <sup>1</sup> /evaplan)
13:05 – 13:15	Schedule overview, announcements and moderation Sylvia Sax (IPH <sup>1</sup> )
13:15 – 13:45	Keynote speech - Ed Kelley, tbc (WHO <sup>2</sup> )
13:45 – 15:00	Plenary presentations and discussions <b>Linking QI and Health System Strengthening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.L. Dramé (BTC<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>• Cornelius Oepen (EU/GIZ<sup>4</sup>)</li> <li>• M. Rashad Massoud (URC<sup>5</sup>/USAID<sup>6</sup>)</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 17:30	Case Studies – 3 case studies in breakout rooms <b>How do you measure the impact of QI mechanisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in situations of disease outbreaks (focus on Ebola)</li> <li>• in post- conflict settings</li> <li>• within a facility and between levels</li> </ul> <b>... in order to ensure health system strengthening?</b>
17:30	<i>Networking Reception</i>

<sup>1</sup>Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg <sup>2</sup>World Health Organization <sup>3</sup>Belgian Technical Cooperation <sup>4</sup>German Agency for International Cooperation <sup>5</sup>University Research Co. <sup>6</sup>United States Agency for International Development

### Friday 3 July, 2015

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary presentations and discussions <b>Evidence and Accreditation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen Nafula (IHPMR<sup>7</sup>)</li> <li>• Charles Shaw (WHO<sup>2</sup> consultant)</li> <li>• Joachim Szecsenyi (University Heidelberg/AQUA<sup>8</sup>)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Case Studies – 3 case studies in breakout rooms <b>How do you measure the impact of QI mechanisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in situations of disease outbreaks (focus on Ebola)</li> <li>• in addressing patient safety</li> <li>• within a facility and between levels</li> </ul> <b>... in order to ensure health system strengthening?</b>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Joint session - <b>Recommendations for ensuring HSS through QI mechanisms</b> Rotating small group discussions <i>Coffee available in room</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Reporting back on group results, plenary discussion, formulating steps ahead - Amardeep Thind (WUO <sup>9</sup> )
16:00 – 16:30	Wrap- up and closing Remarks Sylvia Sax (IPH <sup>1</sup> ) & Joachim Szecsenyi (AQUA <sup>8</sup> )

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