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High-level panel

“Global health? Local answers: resilient health systems and medical training”**Tuesday 21 June 17:55 - 18:55** (interpretation EN/FR)

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Description of the panel

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted global inequities in access to healthcare and vaccination as well as structural weaknesses of the health sector in developing countries. Africa is particularly hit by major diseases other than COVID-19, which are seeing a resurgence while 96% of its vaccines are imported. How can technology transfers and capacity-building offer a response to these challenges?

Resilient health systems rely on qualified health workers, which in turn requires improving the capacity for their training and the quality of their education. This panel will explore how EU initiatives could contribute to more resilient, sustainable and accessible health systems and training and will provide insights on policy responses as well as best practices from the field.

Subpanel 1: “How can the health systems in Sub-Saharan Africa that are facing multiple epidemics be best supported? Which best practices can inform the transfer of health technologies and capacity-building initiatives?”

Speakers:

- **Mr Udo Bullmann**, Member of the Committee on Development, European Parliament
- **Dr Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija**, co-chair of the African Union’s African Vaccine Delivery Alliance, WHO Special Envoy for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator
- **Mr Amadou Hott**, Minister of Economy and International Cooperation, Senegal

Q&A with the audience remote/present

Subpanel 2: “How to support education of healthcare professionals in order to expand the reach and enhance the resilience of health systems in Sub-Saharan Africa? What initiatives can be successful to provide medical training and health care in remote areas?”

Speakers:

- **Mr György Hölvényi**, Member of the Committee on Development, European Parliament
- **Dr Richard Hardi**, Ophthalmologist, leader of ophthalmologic clinic in Mbuji Mayi, DR Congo
- **Mrs. Miryan Djamila Sena Vieira**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Republic of Cabo Verde

Q&A with the audience remote/present

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