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| BACKGROUND

The global health landscape continues to evolve, presenting new challenges and opportunities due to demographic transitions and regime changes, including ageing populations, urbanization, and migration. The recent geopolitical context further complicates this scenario, influencing domestic resource allocation, financial and technical support from leading donor agencies, and the stability of multilateral systems worldwide. These shifts demand transformative approaches to sustainable financing to ensure that health systems remain robust and responsive to evolving health and care needs.

With only five years left until 2030, addressing the multifaceted aspects of health financing systems is imperative, ensuring that resources are effectively mobilized, allocated, and utilized to achieve universal health coverage (UHC), other health-related sustainable development goals (SDGs), and other global health commitments, including the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing. This session explores strategies for reorienting financing and service delivery around a life course approach, building systems that can equitably pool risks, improving resilience to external shocks, and aligning public investment with evolving population needs and social goals.

| OBJECTIVES

- Examining how demographic shifts, particularly ageing populations, changing employment patterns, and urbanization, challenge the sustainability of domestic health financing systems.
- To explore how a life course approach can inform strategic priority setting and resource allocation across diBerent age groups and the population's health needs.
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