



PMAC PRINCE MAHIDOL
AWARD CONFERENCE **2026**

PS 2.2

**SECURING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL
AGES: SUSTAINABLE FINANCING SOLUTIONS**

| 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 different age groups and the population's health needs.
- To identify country experiences and innovative strategies for core health financing functions (i.e., revenue raising, pooling, purchasing, benefit design) that enhance financial sustainability, equity, and responsiveness to health and care needs across the life course.
- To identify country experiences and innovative strategies for core health financing functions (i.e., revenue raising, pooling, purchasing, benefit design) that enhance financial sustainability, equity, and responsiveness to health and care needs across the life course.



Chair / Panelist

Malebona Precious Matsoso

Director

Health Regulatory Science Platform, Wits Health Consortium
South Africa

Precious Matsoso, is the former Director-General of the South African National Department of Health. She was the World Health Organisation Director of Public Health Innovation and Intellectual Property. She was the Head of the Medicines Control Council, for six years. She has served on various advisory bodies both nationally and internationally. She was Chair of the WHO Executive Board, member of the UN High-Level Panel on Access to Health Technologies, Chairperson of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme. She served as a member of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. She is currently the Director of the Health Regulatory Science Platform, a division of the Wits Health Consortium and was an Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology, University of the Witwatersrand. She is the member of the Interim Executive Committee of the College for Africa Regulatory Science Professionals (CARSP). She was the Cochair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body for a Pandemic Agreement. She was appointed Adjunct Professor at Sunway University, Malaysia. She is the recipient of the South African MRC Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. She received Le Forum Galien Afrique award. Cochair of G20 Health Working Group.