



POLIO LEGACY AND TRANSITION

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FOR SDGs, GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE AND HEALTH DIPLOMACY?

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PUBLIC EVENT

Thursday, 2 June 2016, 14:00 – 17:30
Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus, Luisenstrasse 58/59, Berlin
Room "Robert Koch", 5th floor

The implementation of the SDGs demands a global commitment and a more holistic approach towards health: to act at the interface of health, foreign policy, development and security is essential to ensure healthy lives and promoting well-being for all. A transition process is now underway from the more narrowly defined MDGs towards a broader sustainable development agenda. In this regard, much can and must be learnt from the polio eradication efforts of the last three decades while recognising and overcoming the remaining challenges in the polio 'endgame' as the international community expects to live in a world free of polio in 2019.

In this policy dialogue, the discussion will focus on ensuring the polio legacy is captured and a smooth transition enabled from the current polio eradication assets to developing strong health systems. Some of the questions asked at this event will include:

- How can the lessons learned and assets built up during the last three decades of the eradication initiative be conserved and used to help achieve the implementation of the SDGs and strengthen universal health coverage and public health infrastructures? What are the roles European countries should play in this transition?
- How far can and should the polio eradication efforts be embedded not only in a development process, but also anchored within the public health and security domain? How can 'silos' be broken to allow for a more interconnected approach towards the final 'endgame' and a sustainable future? In which ways, European countries and especially Germany can contribute to fostering the intersection of health, foreign policy, security and development?
- What are the implications of the polio eradication efforts for global health governance and what can we learn from those towards the practice of global health diplomacy? Should Europe play a key role and how can Germany contribute towards these wider governance and diplomacy challenges?

The policy dialogue will be held shortly after the World Health Assembly and will thereby bring the global health debate from Geneva to Berlin. **Thomas Silberhorn**, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development will deliver the keynote address which will be followed by two panel discussions with distinguished speakers from governments, international organisations, civil society, and think tanks.