



Side event of the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland:

Swiss Health NGOs for Implementation Research

Launch of an Initiative

Basel, 9 September 2015

10.30 – 12.00

Technical Information

Titel of the Event: Swiss Health NGOs for Implementation Research

Subtitle: Launch of an Initiative

Date & Hour: 09.09.2015, 10:30 – 12:00

Room: Kairo 2

Context

There is a strong call within the international health cooperation to transform evidence based research into policy and action. Implementation research is often driven by the scientific community. In this side event, the organisers want to turn this argument upside down: NGO want to strengthen applied research in their projects and programmes. They argue that embedding implementation research in their programmes will create applied knowledge and evidence for the scaling up successful NGO interventions.

Initiative

To strengthen implementation research within NGO programmes, there is a need for building up research skills and capacities within the organisations and for training programmes for NGO staff both at Headquarter and field level. Moreover, it is a challenge for many NGOs to find the necessary financial means. Implementation research should be stronger supported by donors. The organisers would like to launch the idea of an exchange platform for implementation health research.

Aims of the Side Event

- Participants get to know different approaches and best practices of implementation research embedded within NGO health programmes and discuss scenarios and possible instruments to strengthen implementation research in Switzerland
- The side event opens the debate on the Initiative
- PR for an Implementation Research Platform within the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland

Side Event

10.30	Martin Leschhorn Strebel Director Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland	Welcome Address
10.35	John Reeder Director, Special Programme for Research & Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), World Health Organization, Geneva	The role of NGOs in implementation research
10.55	Jochen Ehmer Director SolidarMed, Switzerland	The way forward for NGO driven implementation research in Switzerland
11.10	Nicole Moran Consultant, Germany	Implementation Research in Switzerland - a vision
11.20	Panel Debate	John Reeder , TDR/WHO Ingrid Mason , FAIRMED Thomas Schwarz , Network Medicus Mundi International Susanna Hausmann , Agency for Swiss Development Cooperation Kaspar Wyss , Swiss TPH
11.55	Thomas Gass Head Strategy and Concept Development, International Cooperation Swiss Red Cross	Summary and next steps

Organisers

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