

# 3rd ESTHER Ireland Partnership Forum

How have we progressed and what can Ireland learn?

NOVEMBER 29TH | RCPI | DUBLIN



9 AM

REGISTRATION

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

SETTING THE SCENE FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS GLOBALLY

**MODERATOR: NADINE FERRIS FRANCE, ESTHER IRELAND**

*Mr Ruairi de Burca, Director-General, Irish Aid: Role of North-South health partnerships in Ireland's International Development Programme*

*Dr David Weakliam, Lead, Global Health Programme, HSE: The Landscape of Health Partnerships*

*Dr Shams Syed, Coordinator, Quality Services and Resilience Unit, World Health Organization: Keynote Address: How to Ensure Quality in Health Partnerships*

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

QUICK FIRE ROUND 1: MODELS OF HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

**MODERATOR: ERIC O'FLYNN, COSECSA**

*Dr Douglas Hamilton, Global Health Programme: Capacity building to improve quality of services in the Mozambique-Ireland Partnership*

*Ms Carol O'Dea, Edenpark Surgery: Edenpark Surgery-Malawi*

*Ms Suzanne Dunne, UCH Limerick: Limerick Hospitals Group/ University of Limerick and Ghana Health Services*

*Dr Stuart Garrett, St. James's Hospital: Involving Health Professionals in Partnerships*

*Dr Eoghan McKernan, UCC: Irish Centre for Neonatal Translation Research (INFANT) and Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute*

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11:45 AM - 1 PM

QUICK FIRE ROUND 2: EXPERIENCES OF THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNEY

**MODERATOR: EMMA WARWICK, IRISH AID**

*Ms Taimse Tracey, RCPI & Dr Karl Bergin, Coombe Hospital: EQUALS Initiative-Zambia*

*Dr Isaac Ziba, St John's Hospital, Mzuzu, Malawi: Gorey-Malawi Partnership*

*Dr Richard Firth: Togo-Ireland*

*Dr Ayat Abu-Agla, CGH: Centre for Global Health Trinity-Sudan*

**1 PM - 2 PM**

**LUNCH**

**2 PM - 3 PM**

**ROUNDTABLE: WHAT CAN IRELAND LEARN?**

**MODERATOR: DR PHILIP CROWLEY, HSE**

*Ms Lorraine Murphy, HSE: Ireland-Mozambique Partnership*

*Dr Sami Ahmed, Cork University Maternity Hospital: Ireland-Sudan partnership*

*Mr Graeme Chisholm, Tropical Health Education Trust (THET), UK*

*Dr Méabh Ni Bhuinneáin, Mayo General Hospital: Mayo-Londiani, (Kenya) partnership*

**Respondent: Dr Shams Syed, WHO**

**3:15 PM**

**FORUM WRAP-UP**

**MODERATOR: ANNE MATTHEWS, IFGH CHAIR**

*ESTHER Small Grant Fund 2019*

*Evaluating Health Partnerships: ESTHER Effect Tool*

*Presentation to New ESTHER Ireland Partners*

*Dr Shams Syed: WHO Key Learnings from the Day*

*Evaluation*

**4 PM**

**RECEPTION**

*KC Peaches, St Stephen's Green*

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## About ESTHER Ireland

ESTHER Ireland is a joint HSE-Irish Aid health development cooperation initiative and has been a part of the ESTHER Alliance for Global Health Partnerships (EA) since 2012. The ESTHER Alliance was established in 2002 to improve hospital care for patients with HIV, but now has a much broader approach. Today the EA works to improve health systems, institutional capacity and the health workforce so as to provide for health needs in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

ESTHER Ireland uses the twinning model to foster effective north-south and south-south partnerships. Through ESTHER Ireland, the HSE aims to facilitate Irish hospitals and other health institutions to engage in partnerships with similar institutions in less developed countries. This provides a mechanism for health staff to contribute to health needs in low-income countries while continuing to be based in Ireland.

Besides making a contribution to the health outcomes in developing countries these partnerships have also been shown to have advantages and benefits for developed countries.

Accordingly, ESTHER-supported partnerships are “agents of change” in a multiplicity of intervention areas that focus on the creation of a sustainable and resilient partnerships with positive changes at all stages of the results continuum. Self-mobilisation and financial leverage are considered key output performance indicators from a quality partnership and are expected to make a contribution to an improved health outcome.

Since 2018, ESTHER Ireland has been managed under the HSE Global Health Programme, with the support of the Irish Forum for Global Health. ESTHER Ireland works closely with its European Partners and collaborates with WHO and the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) in the UK.

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