

**Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage  
Collaborative on Reimagining Primary Health Care  
Invites you to our inaugural health financing session:**

**Sustainable health financing for Primary Health Care: from evidence to practice**

**April 6, 2023**

**7:30-9:00AM EST**

Simultaneous Russian, French and Portuguese interpretation will be available

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**Event description**

The Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage (JLN) Reimagining Primary Health Care (PHC) Collaborative brings together policymakers from a diversity of countries to learn from each other by sharing lessons and innovations, solving common challenges, and co-producing knowledge on building a fit-for-purpose PHC. The JLN is honored to invite you to the inaugural event of the Collaborative **on health financing**, a learning topic prioritized among its members.

An aim of the Reimagining PHC Collaborative is to bring practical and innovative approaches financing primary health care. This event is the first step in the process and aims to build a collective understanding of what constitutes health financing, the various pillars of health financing, and their interconnectedness. The session will be an entry point for ongoing conversations innovating in health financing for PHC, and the different approaches and applications of reforms.

At this event, we will reflect on the key findings of the Lancet Commission with lead author, **Professor Kara Hanson** of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. **Ajay Tandon**, Lead Economist at the World Bank, will offer further perspective on the Commission's implications, followed by reflections from **Erno Harzheim**, former Vice-Minister for PHC, Ministry of Health Brazil. Finally, the event will feature a vibrant panel discussion with our speakers and country policymakers: **Dr Davis Johnraj**, Senior Officer in the National Health Financing Section of the Planning Division in Ministry of Health Malaysia, **Dr Peter Yeboah**, Executive Director of Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG) and CHAG's Deputy Executive Director, **Dr James Duah**.

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## Agenda

Speakers and Role	Details
<b>Martin Lutalo</b> , Senior Knowledge Management Specialist, World Bank Co-lead of the RePHC Collaborative	Welcome and introductory remarks to the session  (5 mins)
<b>Kara Hanson</b> , Professor of Public Health and Policy at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	<b>Key findings of the Lancet Global Health Commission on financing primary health care: putting people at the center</b>  (15 mins)
<b>Ajay Tandon</b> , Lead Economist with the World Bank	<b>Perspective on the Lancet Commission findings</b>  (10 mins)
<b>Erno Harzheim</b> , former Vice-Minister for PHC, Ministry of Health Brazil, Professor in the Department of Social Medicine at the Medical School of Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and the Graduate Program in Epidemiology	<b>What can the reform of PHC funding in Brazil teach us?</b>  (15 mins)
<b>Somil Nagpal</b> , Senior Health Specialist, World Bank	<b>Panel discussion with speakers, joined by Dr Davis Johnraj</b> , Senior Officer in the National Health Financing Section of the Planning Division in Ministry of Health Malaysia, and <b>Dr James Duah</b> (Deputy Executive Director) and <b>Dr Peter Yeboah</b> , (Executive Director) of the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG)  (35 mins)
<b>Marelize Gorgens</b> , Senior Specialist at the World Bank, co-lead of the RePHC Collaborative	Closing remarks and participant feedback  (10 mins)

## PRESENTER BIOS



**KARA HANSON**, Professor of Health System Economics and Dean, Faculty of Public Health and Policy, **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**

Professor Hanson has spent 30 years researching the economics of health systems in low- and middle-income countries. Her research interests focus on how best to organize and finance the health system to ensure that priority public health services are available to those who need them. She chaired the recent Lancet Global Health Commission on Financing Primary Health Care, and has authored key publications on how strategic purchasing can help to improve health system performance. Her work on the private sector has contributed to our understanding of the opportunities and limitations of using the private sector to extend access to critical public health interventions and, more recently, to the challenges of regulating healthcare markets. She frequently advises national governments and international organizations on health system and financing issues. Finally, Professor Hanson is President-Elect of the International Health Economics Association.



**AJAY TANDON**, Lead Health Economist, World Bank

Ajay Tandon has spent over 30 years working on health financing in low- and middle-income countries. As a Lead Health Economist, he works on several countries including most recently on India, Indonesia, Bhutan, Laos, and the Philippines. Over 2004-2007, he worked with the research department of the Asian Development Bank in Manila where he worked on issues related to human development. He also worked with the Evidence and Information for Policy department of the World Health Organization from 1998-2003, primarily on measurement challenges including those related to correcting biases in self-reported responses in household survey data and on health system performance. He has written several publications on the issues of statistical methodology, health systems efficiency, health financing, domestic resource mobilization, and universal health coverage. Dr Tandon is a long-time technical facilitator for the JLN's health financing technical initiatives.



**ERNO HARZHEIM**, Former Vice-Minister for PHC, Ministry of Health Brazil, Professor in the Department of Social Medicine at the Medical School of Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and the Graduate Program in Epidemiology

Erno Harzheim has played multiple roles in the Ministry of Health, Brazil. In his former role as the Secretary of Primary Health Care, he led the Primary Care Reform in the country. Other roles included Secretary of Strategic and Participative Management and Deputy Executive Secretary, both in the Ministry of Health. Professor Harzheim has published more than sixty scientific papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals in Brazil and abroad on topics in medicine, health research and management, with a specific focus on primary healthcare. Between 2007 and 2017, he led a research center which aims to improve the quality of primary health care in the Unified Health System (SUS) through telemedicine technologies and innovations.