

**Progress towards universal access to sexual and reproductive health services. What is the role of evidence in policy and programme decision-making?**

**Date: Thursday, 7 July 2022**

**Time: 14:00-15:30 (CEST)**

**Languages: English, French, Spanish & Portuguese**

**Agenda:**

TIME	TALK	PANELLISTS
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b><u>Chair:</u> Dr Ian Askew:</b>  <i>WHO's Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) Former SRH Director, WHO Former Director HRP UNDP-UNFPA- UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research</i>
14:15 – 14:20	<b>Background presentation</b>	<b>Dr Georges Danhoundo</b>  <i>Technical Officer, SRH/WHO</i>
14:20 - 15:05	<b>Moderated discussion.</b>  The role of evidence in decision-making from a policymaker's perspective  The role of researchers in public policy decision-making processes  The role of evidence for Civil Society Organizations to carry out their mandate	<b><u>Moderator:</u> Dr Ian Askew</b>  <b>Dr Sabeen Afzal:</b>  <i>Deputy Director (Technical/health system) at the Federal Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations &amp; Coordination (M/o NHSRC), Pakistan</i>  <b>Prof. John Ataguba:</b>  <i>Canada Research Chair in Health Economics at the University of Manitoba. Executive Director of the African Health Economics and Policy Association (AfHEA), Canada</i>  <b>Deepa Venkatachalam:</b>  <i>Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, Delhi, India</i>
15:05 - 15:25	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A with the audience</b>	<b>Dr Ian Askew</b>
15:30	<b>Closing remarks and event closure</b>	<b>Dr Veloshnee Govender</b>  <i>Scientist, SRH/WHO</i>