



Ubuntu 2024 Workshop:

Title:

Developing an Online Course on “Health Equity in the Context of Integrated Rural Development Planning”

Facilitators:

Prof Ian Couper



Director of the Ukwanda Centre for Rural Health and Professor of Rural Health in the Department of Global Health at Stellenbosch University. He is past Chair of Rural WONCA and was active in forming the Rural Doctors Association of Southern Africa (RuDASA).

Dr Veronika Rasic



Dr Veronika Rasic is a Consultant for Rural Health Equity with the WHO Health Equity Unit. She is also the founder of Rural Health Compass, a social enterprise working at the intersection of rural health and policy and co-founder of Rural Seeds.

Prof Alan Bruce Chater



Chair of Rural Wonca (World Organization of General Practitioners Working Party on Rural Practice). He was the founding convenor of the Rural Doctors Associations of Queensland and Australia.

Theadora Swift Koller



Theadora Swift Koller is Senior Technical Lead/Unit Head, Health Equity/GRE/WHO/HQ, and leads multiple activities on rural health, including WHO work on rural proofing and national assessments of barriers to health services experienced by rural and remote populations.

Synopsis

A course for "Health Equity in the context of Integrated Rural Development Planning " is being produced by through a collaborative effort led by WHO, commissioned to Ukwanda Centre for Rural Health and engaging as partners both Rural WONCA and OECD. The course aims to build cross-sectoral capacity for ensuring that health and rural development policies and programming address inequitable health service coverage and adverse social and environmental determinants of health in rural areas. With a multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral audience, the course will primarily target learners from national authorities for health and rural development sectors.

During the workshop participants will engage in breakout sessions to provide feedback on the proposed course ahead of its launch.

Learning Outcomes

- Reflect on the role of integrated rural development planning in shaping rural health.

- Provide ideas relevant to the contents (for the intended target audiences) and use of the forthcoming WHO course on rural health equity.

Workshop Outline

Time	Activities
5 minutes	Welcome comments Ubuntu 2024 Moderator
7 minutes	Welcome remarks by Dr Veronika Rasic and Prof Bruce Chater
8 minutes	Introduction by WHO - Theadora Swift Koller (registered online)
20 minutes	Course overview - Prof Ian Couper
5 minutes	Explanation of breakout groups - Dr Veronika Rasic
50 minutes	Breakout groups and discussion
15 minutes	Summary of discussion points
5 minutes	Wrap-Up - Prof Bruce Chater
5 minutes	Closing comments Ubuntu 2024 Moderator