



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Epilepsy: A Public Health Priority

Side event at the 72<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly

**Date and time:** Wednesday 22 May 2019, 12.30-14.00 **Venue:** Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

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Epilepsy affects over 50 million people worldwide. Among neurological diseases, it accounts for the highest disability life year rates and carries a high risk of premature mortality. Persons with epilepsy are stigmatized in all societies, with the consequences of prejudice and discrimination adding to the medical burden of the disease. Epilepsy affects people of all ages, genders, race and income levels, but poor populations and those living in vulnerable situations, in particular in low- and middle-income countries, bear a disproportionate burden, posing a threat to public health and economic and social development.

Epilepsy is the only severe and disabling neurological disease that is fully treatable in the majority of cases. About two thirds of persons with epilepsy achieve complete seizure control with inexpensive medications.

This side event will bring together policy makers, NGOs, patients, health care leaders and Member States to develop next steps for the implementation of WHA68.20. The Global Epilepsy Report will be presented and key directions of the Epilepsy Action Plan will be identified.



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**Refreshments and a light lunch will be served**  
*Interpretation from/to Russian and English provided*

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