

Date and hours: Friday 30th August from 13:00 to 15:00

Location: Silk Room at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand

Can innovation change health in Africa?

Background

Innovation in health and medicine has prolonged the lives of many people who had been considered incurable decades ago. However, new technologies sometimes demand high prices and can only be available for those who can afford them. In Africa, particularly in rural areas, many people still face difficulties in accessing quality health services and also nutrition. New technologies should be made available equally for all people.

Can innovation change health in Africa? To answer this question, we will deepen discussions on the ingredients of innovation that can truly help to solve the health problems in Africa.

Objectives

To discuss with the audience on the ingredients of innovation that can truly help to solve the health problems in Africa, highlighting both health equity and fiscal constraints.

Key Questions

- ▶ What can health innovation do in the context of Africa?
- ▶ What kind of health innovation can work in Africa?
- ▶ How can innovation occur and be embedded in the health system?

Speakers

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