

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) & Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Finland (STM) joint event

High-level Meeting on
**Pandemic & the Economy 2023:
“A Pandemic-Resilient Society”**

6-7 June 2023
Helsinki, Finland

PROGRAMME

DAY 0: Monday, 5 June 2023 (Optional)

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Reception | Venue: Lounge & Bar SUO, @ VALO Hotel**

DAY 1: Tuesday, 6 June 2023

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration | Venue: Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Sali 1 & 2 (Hall 1 & 2)**

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Prof. Mika SALMINEN, Director, Department of Public Health and Welfare, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

Prof. Taneli PUUMALAINEN, Director General, Department for Safety, Security and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

H.E. Mr. Kazuhiro FUJIMURA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Finland

Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Photo Session for Opening and Keynote speakers

09:30 - 10:30 **Keynote Speech**

“Leadership in times of Multiple International Crisis”

H.E. Ms Annika SAARIKKO, Minister of Finance, the Government of Finland

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break (Group Photo Session)**

11:00 - 12:30 **Panel Discussion 1 | Reflecting on our response to COVID-19 pandemic – what did the pandemic teach us?**

Purpose: In this session, the non-health sectors’ point of view on pandemic preparedness and response will be shared. Understanding different viewpoints will help lead to better multisectoral pandemic preparedness and response in the future.

Case Studies:

Moderated by Dr Ramona LUDOLPH, World Health Organization (WHO)

- Mr Natapanu NOPAKUN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- Mr Piotr ARAK, Polish Economic Institute
- Ms Hjh Rozaidah HJ ABD RAHMAN, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Brunei Darussalam
- Professor José-Manuel FREIRE, National School of Public Health, Spain

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 - 15:00 **Panel Discussion 2 | Shifting to new-normal – how can we choose the best possible policy options to minimise economic disruptions while protecting public health?**

Purpose: This session aims to share the good practices and lessons learnt from the COVID-19 policies in shifting to new normal from a pandemic response mode. Necessary internal communication/coordination in order to reach optimal consensus among different stakeholders will be discussed.

Case Studies:

Moderated by Professor Ilmo KESKIMÄKI, THL

- Dr Iris HUNGER, Robert Koch Institute (RKI), Germany



- Prof Juhwan OH, Seoul National University, Korea
- Ms Angela PAJA, Hellenic National Public Health Organization, Greece
- Ms Karen TAN, Ministry of Communication and Information, Singapore

15:00 - 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 - 17:00 **Group Discussion & Feedback to Plenary**

Purpose: To understand different viewpoints from the COVID-19 lessons learnt in order to explore the balanced policy options to overcome pandemics

Moderated by Ms Favelle LAMB, European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) & Prof Thomas ABRAHAM, University of Hong Kong

17:00 - 17:15 **Wrap up of day 1**

Ms Riko KIMOTO, ASEF

18:00 onwards **Dinner | Venue: Kanavasali, @ Restaurant Sipuli**

DAY 2: Wednesday, 7 June 2023

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration | Venue: Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Sali 1 & 2 (Hall 1 & 2)**

09:00 - 09:15 **Recap of day 1**

Mr Thomas WOLFGARTEN, Warwick University

09:15 - 10:30 **Panel Discussion 3 | Avoiding the “panic-then-neglect” cycle**

Purpose: This session aims to discuss ways to establish sustainable financing mechanism based on the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic in each country's setting.

Moderated by Ms Riko KIMOTO, ASEF

- Dr Sutayut OSORNPRASOP, the World Bank (online presentation)
- Dr NGOC Hoang Van, Ministry of Health, Viet Nam
- Dr Fergus CUMMING, UK Health Security Agency

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:30 **Group Work Discussion & Feedback to Plenary**

Purpose: To explore effective cross-sectoral and international collaborations for future pandemics

Facilitated by Ms Favelle LAMB, ECDC & Prof Thomas ABRAHAM, University of Hong Kong

12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30 - 15:00 **Group Work Discussion & Feedback to Plenary**

Purpose: To explore options for sustainably financed pandemic preparedness and response plans that can translate government's commitment to action.

Facilitated by Ms Favelle LAMB, ECDC & Prof Thomas ABRAHAM, University of Hong Kong

15:00 - 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 - 16:15 **Conclusions | Defining Solutions – Summary of the High-level Meeting & Recommendations on: “A Pandemic Resilient Society”**

Purpose: Participants will deliberate and develop a final consensus on recommendations and conclusions from the High-level Meeting.

Moderated by Ms Riko KIMOTO & Mr Thomas WOLFGARTEN, Warwick University

16:15 - 16:30 **Closing Remarks**

Ms Laure du TEILHET, Director, Governance and Sustainable Development Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Prof. Mika SALMINEN, Director, Department of Public Health and Welfare, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

Prof. Taneli PUUMALAINEN, Director General for the Department for Safety, Security and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland



DAY 3: Thursday, 8 June 2023 (optional)

09:00 - 13:00 **Boat Trip with Lunch in the Helsinki Archipelago**



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