

International Public Health University (IPHU)

Day 2 – 07/11/2018

The days activities started with the presentation of the committees explaining their tasks done on the previous day and the ones planned for the day.

The first session of the day was held by David on Health Systems. He highlighted four main themes

- Language of the Health Systems Policy
 - Subjectivity of terms like Universal Health Coverage vs Universal Health Care
- How health systems are structured
 - Building blocks approach vs Systems approach
- How health systems evolve, understand the dynamics of change
 - Health systems cannot be divorced from their history, evolution depends on the specific country contexts and finance
- Generic Policy skills
 - Sharing a vision of change, critical policy engagement

Groups were created with participants from different countries. Discussions were held on two issues

1. What are the Health systems reforms that matter most to you?
2. What are the learnings from the readings

Post lunch session, there was the presentation on Social Determinants & Determination of Health, outlining the contributions of Chadwick, McKwelon, Szreter, Preston, Caldwell, Marmot, Whitehall studies in developing the understanding on social determinants and Virchow, Bethune and Allende in developing the understanding on social determination of health. Key ideas of Alma-Ata declaration were discussed.

Role-play was conducted to illustrate the theoretical aspects of the session with an example of how the death of a child due to dengue could be better understood from a social perspective as against a bio-medical perspective. Along the lines of the role play, the groups came back and discussed on the following themes

- In what perspectives are the Social determinants / determination more meaningful to you?
- What are the learning from the readings shared for Social Determinants of Health

The write-ups the groups can be seen [here](#).

Some photos from Days 1 & 2 are [here](#)



