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## ***Fighting Pneumonia: An Agenda for Action***

**Virtual World Pneumonia Day Webinar Event**

**14 November 2022**

**12.00-13.45 CET (Paris Time)**

**Pneumonia is the leading infectious disease killer in the world, claiming the lives of an estimated 2.5 million people in 2019, including 672,000 children under five and 1.2 million adults over 70 years, according to the Global Burden of Disease.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the burden of respiratory infection deaths to more than 6 million in 2021.

Urgent action is needed to both reduce the massive burden of sickness and death from pneumonia and reduce the risk that future respiratory pandemics will kill millions more.

This will require all governments to develop and implement national pneumonia control strategies that both reduce the risks of pneumonia infection by improving nutrition, air quality, and vaccination rates, as well as improving the diagnosis and treatment of pneumonia, by expanding the use of tools such as pulse oximetry and increasing access to medical oxygen and recommended antibiotics, only when needed.

For **World Pneumonia Day 2022**, the Fondation Mérioux and Every Breath Counts are joining forces to host a critical conversation on what governments must do to reduce pneumonia deaths and the risk of future respiratory pandemics, and how global health agencies can support them.

The **Virtual World Pneumonia Day Webinar** will be held on **14 November** from **12.00-13.35 CET** and will showcase video footage from the winners of the World Pneumonia Week of Action Small Grants Awards from 7 to 12 November 2022.



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<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
12.00-12.10	<b>WELCOME</b>	Dr Valentina Picot, Fondation Mérieux, France Leith Greenslade, Every Breath Counts, USA
12.10-12.23	<b>KEYNOTE OPENING</b>	<i>"Pneumonia and the Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities,"</i> Professor Eric McCollum, Johns Hopkins University, Lesotho
12.23-12.28	<b>World Pneumonia Day Week of Action</b>	Short video or photographs from WPD Week of Action Small Grants Awards, sponsored by Mérieux Foundation
12.28-12.40	<b>PROTECT</b>	<i>"Reducing a Critical Pneumonia Risk: Household Air Pollution,"</i> Professor Kalpana Balakrishnan, Sri Ramachandra Institute for Higher Education and Research, India
12.40-12.45	<b>World Pneumonia Day Week of Action</b>	Short video or photographs from WPD Week of Action Small Grants Awards, sponsored by Mérieux Foundation
12.45-12.58	<b>PREVENT</b>	<i>"The Power of the Pneumonia-Fighting Vaccines,"</i> Dr Chizoba Wonodi, International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC), Nigeria
12.58-13.10	<b>DIAGNOSE</b>	<i>"The Critical Role of Pulse Oximetry in Reducing Child Pneumonia Deaths,"</i> Dr Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman, icddr,b, Bangladesh
13.10-13.15	<b>World Pneumonia Day Week of Action</b>	Short video or photographs from the World Pneumonia Day Week of Action Small Grants Awards, sponsored by Mérieux Foundation
13.15-13.28	<b>TREAT</b>	<i>"Increasing Access to Medical Oxygen: Leveraging COVID-19 Support,"</i> Dr Hamish Graham, University of Melbourne and Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), Australia
13.30-13.43	<b>KEYNOTE CLOSING</b>	<i>"Exciting New Vaccines to Reduce Pneumonia Deaths in Children,"</i> Dr Keith Klugman, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
13.45	<b>CLOSING</b>	Dr Valentina Picot, Fondation Mérieux, France Leith Greenslade, Every Breath Counts, USA

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