The private sector plays a central, although often contested, role in low and middle-income country health systems, yet informed discussion of these roles, and their policy implications are often lacking.

Key areas of debate include:
- How can quality of care be assured and improved among very varied types of private providers?
- How can regulation be implemented effectively and efficiently?
- What are the equity implications of public-private engagement? and
- How is the private sector changing and innovating and what should be the policy response?

These and many other questions will be debated and discussed during this one-day satellite session, organised by the Private Sector in Health Thematic Working Group. One of the four main themes for this year’s Global Symposium is “Polemic and pragmatism: engaging the private sector in moving towards universal health coverage”, and this satellite session provides a unique opportunity for researchers, policy makers, implementors and entrepreneurs concerned with this theme to gather together for a day of discussion, debate and networking.

Session themes
We will explore the very varied roles and implications of private sector participation in low and middle-income country (LMIC) health sectors, with discussions organised around the three key themes of:
- Strengthening Quality of Care
- Effective Regulation
- Change and Innovation in the Private Sector

See below for the full agenda.

Do come and join us from 9-5.30pm, Suite 3, 4 and 5, Jury’s Inn Hotel. For further information, please contact Catherine Goodman Catherine.Goodman@lshtm.ac.uk and Phyllis Awor pawor@musph.ac.ug

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