The Birth of Primary Health Care: Celebrating 40 Years of the Declaration of Alma-Ata

On 25-26 October 2018, WHO and the world will come together in Astana, Kazakhstan to mark 40 years since the landmark 1978 International Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC), and to renew a commitment to PHC and achieving universal health coverage (UHC) and Health for All (HFA) by 2030 with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

This seminar will investigate the historical and public health contexts and global significance of the Declaration of Alma-Ata as the World Health Organization celebrates its 70th anniversary. The panel will explore the birth and early development of PHC, and the redefining of health and future of PHC. This introductory presentation will aim to set the stage for creating an international Global Health Histories network on documenting the history of WHO and PHC in the past from 1978 to 2018 and in the future from 2019-2028.