



“Building Quality for Safer Healthcare”

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<p>Speaker’s profile (maximum 150 words)</p>	<p>Name: Dr. Akihiro Seita</p> <p>Title (as you want to appear in all conferences’ materials): Director of Health Program, UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) Jordan, World Health Organization Special Representative</p> <p>Bio:</p> <p>Dr. Akihiro Seita is the Director of Health and WHO Special Representative at UNRWA since November 2010. During his time as Director, he started and expanded a package of health reform with Family Health Team and e-Health: by the end of 2014, 99 out of 138 health centers of UNRWA had already adopted the Family Health Team.</p> <p>Dr. Seita manages changes effectively. He shows vision and coordinates and leads stakeholders by delivering results. In UNRWA health reform, he engaged the key stakeholders (Palestine refugees, UNRWA staff, host countries and donors), and brought needed changes by delivering results. He initiated an innovative monitoring system for patients with diabetes and hypertension with e-health, which was appreciated by the Lancet journal.</p> <p>UNRWA provides assistance, protection, advocacy and human development for around 5 million Palestine refugees registered in West Bank, Gaza, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. UNRWA operates under extremely complex political, social and economic situations that include the Palestine-Israel peace process. Working within such a complex environment, Dr. Seita has managed to reform the UNRWA health services that include 3,000 staff at 137 health centers, and an annual expenditure of USD 100 million.</p> <p>Prior to joining UNRWA, Dr. Seita has a long tenure in the Middle East, with over 15 years of experience at the World Health Organization, Regional Office in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (WHO/EMRO), Egypt. While there, he was in charge of TB, AIDS and malaria at WHO/EMRO, which covers 22 countries in North Africa and the Middle East. He managed to work effectively with national governments and global partners – in particular the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria – by effectively expanding the global TB control strategy widely known as DOTS.</p>
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