

## **Working Group 6**

### **Involving Stakeholders – the role of non-state actors in the implementation of "Health in All Policies"**

The involvement of stakeholders in decision-making is becoming increasingly common as evidence shows that involving diverse views and opinions increases the likelihood of better, and more accepted outcomes. This is especially important in policy making, where not only can fierce opposition to proposals from stakeholders cause undue delays in the decision making process, but also ultimately delays the positive outcome a policy is expected to have.

Health in All Policies brings an additional layer of difficulty for health stakeholders, as the 'ownership' of these policies lies outside the health departments. Not only are health stakeholders often left unrecognized as valid stakeholders in these decision-making processes, but there is a danger that the outcomes on health of a particular decision are poorly understood if at all.

In addition to this, in order to deliver 'Health in All Policies', we need the commitment and engagement of a broad range of non-health stakeholders. Schools, employers, businesses, youth clubs, and citizens themselves need to take ownership of delivering good health outcomes in order to deliver a holistic approach and achieve better population health.

The workshop during the Health Open Forum will explore the involvement of health stakeholders in non-health decision-making processes and the involvement of non-health stakeholders in delivering public health.