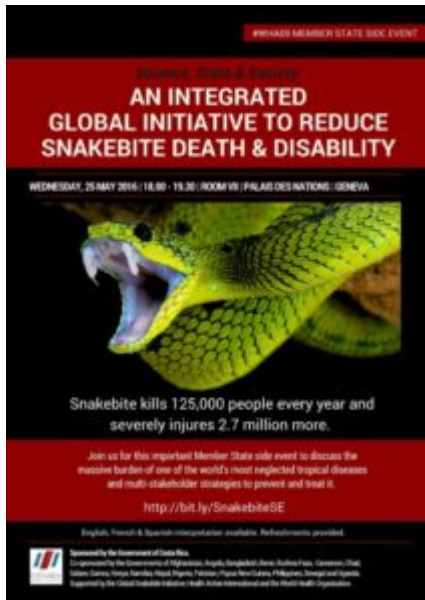


# Top Experts to Discuss Global Initiatives to Reduce Snakebite Death & Disability at WHA69 Side Event



Every year, snakebite kills 125,000 people around the world and gravely injures 2.7 million more. For the first time at a World Health Assembly (WHA) side event, leading venom and snakebite experts, government representatives and medicine policy experts will discuss global challenges, initiatives and strategies to reduce death and disability from snakebite envenoming—one of the world’s most tragic and neglected tropical diseases.

Be sure to join us for this important discussion to ensure that snakebite envenoming is properly recognised as global health problem that requires immediate action.

The event will be held on Wednesday, 25 May, from 18.00-19.30 in Room VII in the Palais des Nations. [Click here](http://bit.ly/SnakebiteSE) for the full line-up of speakers, which includes leading venom and snakebite experts, government representatives, researchers and medicine policy experts.

The event is being sponsored by the Government of Costa Rica and co-sponsored by 19 other WHO member states (Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Senegal and Uganda). The Global Snakebite Initiative, Health Action International and the World Health Organization are pleased to support it.