# HSSTF Panel 1

**People Over Profit: Towards implementation of the PSI Programme of Action (2018-2022)**

# Background

The Programme of Action: 2018-2022 adopted by the 30th PSI World Congress aims at fighting for **People Over Profit**, with an overarching vision to: defend a strong democratic state and an inclusive society; ensure gender equality, respect and dignity for all; economic development which benefits all; redistribution of wealth and strengthened workers’ power.

In section 7, the PoA commits to making sectors stronger by strengthening sectoral networks, and organising to defend affiliates and their members. Equalities, cross-cutting issues, fighting privatisation and defence of trade union rights are to be incorporated and driven through sector work.

Section 7.2 dwells on the health sector. It notes the contradictory context of international covenants to achieve health for all and improvement in employment and working conditions in the health services on one hand and austerity measures, privatisation and the increasing role of multinational corporations in international health.

Towards addressing the challenges and boosting the opportunities for growth and development, the PoA commits health affiliates to: *mobilise public opinion and intervene in the policy-formulation processes at national, regional and global levels to advocate for universal public health coverage; fight to reverse privatisation of health services and return them to the public sector, and; union growth*.

The panel discussion will aim at identifying ways and manners that PSI health affiliates could implement the tasks outlined in the PoA, which take note of the peculiarities and priorities in different regions towards consolidating our collective strengths and capacities for action. On this basis, it will equally lay a template for Working groups’ formulation of a Workplan that will be considered at the end of the Task Force meeting.

# Proposed Panellists

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**For background information:**

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