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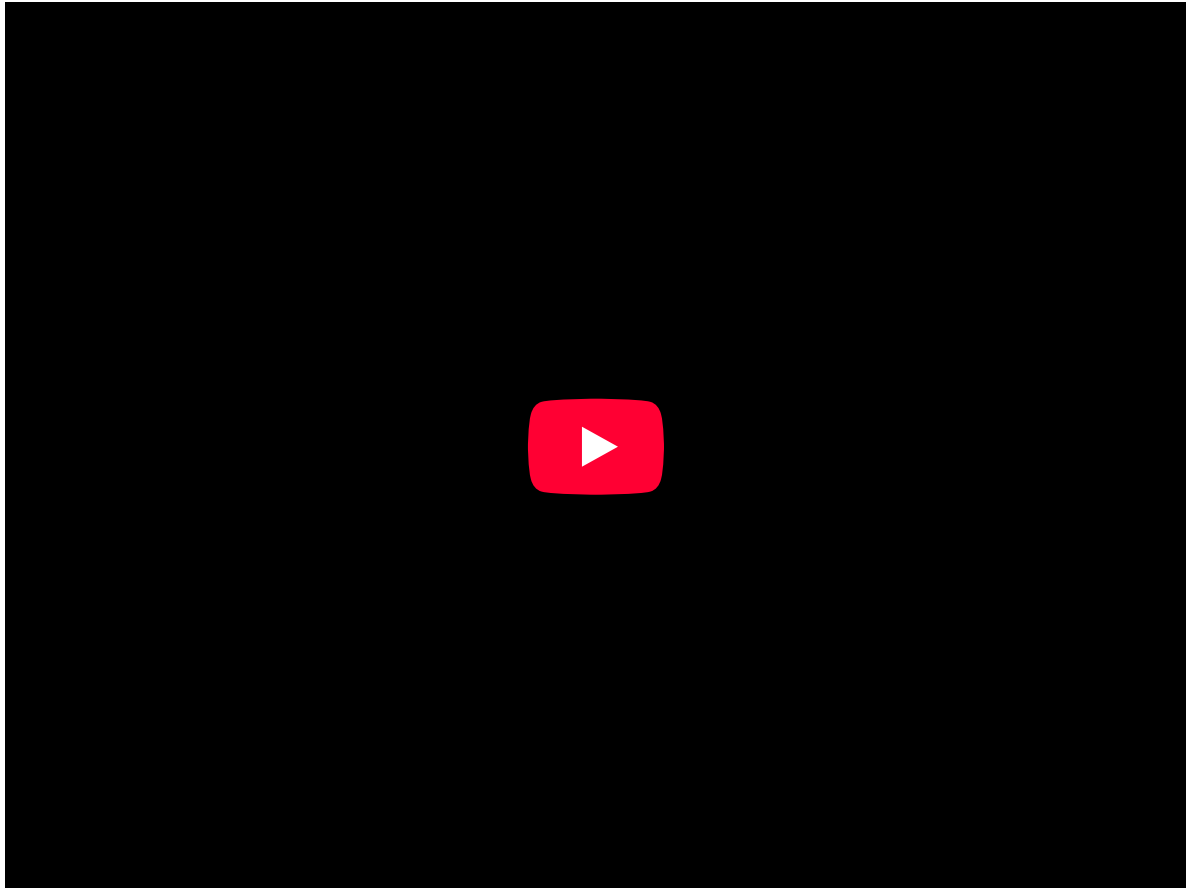
**Health system strengthening in a changing world**

Von Jochen Ehmer

*Primary Healthcare is not merely about health services for vulnerable groups, strengthened community participation or even a set of values. It is a way of looking at our world, to observe, document, monitor, interpret and eliminate illness and harm. But as the world changes, primary healthcare needs to innovate and change, too. By 2050, one quarter of the world's population will live in Africa.*



This talk will explore the opportunities and challenges for primary healthcare to cope with these changes, its preconditions, the formidable return of investments and what is needed to close the health equity gap in the coming generation.



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