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| 9:30–9:40 | Welcome and objectives
Shirin Kiani, Technical Officer
Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit
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| 9:40–9:50 | Leaving no one behind: Enabling persons with hearing loss to participate fully in society
Tomas Zapata, Regional Advisor and Unit Head
Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit
WHO Regional Office for Europe |
| 9:50–9:55 | The transformative power of access to quality assistive technology
TBC
ATscale, the global partnership for Assistive Technology, hosted by UNOPS |
| 9:55–10:10 | Towards quality assistive products
Emma M. Smith, Technical Specialist
Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit
WHO Regional Office for Europe |
| 10:10–10:25 | International and national quality standards and specifications for hearing aids
Ariane Laplante-Lévesque, Technical Specialist
Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit
WHO Regional Office for Europe |
| 10:25–10:40 | WHO technical support towards quality hearing aids
Shelly Chadha, Technical Lead
Ear and Hearing Care Programme
WHO Headquarters |
| 10:40–11:00 | Questions and closure
Shirin Kiani, Technical Officer
Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit
WHO Regional Office for Europe |