



World Health Organization
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via e-mail to WHO Secretariat

Welcome – and enquiry for a meeting

Dear Dr Tedros,

On behalf of the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2), it is our pleasure to convey you our cordial congratulations on your appointment as Director-General of the World Health Organization and our warm welcome to Geneva.

The recently founded G2H2 builds on a long tradition of civil society engagement with WHO and its policy and governance processes and on the related advocacy and analytical work undertaken by its members such as the People's Health Movement and the Medicus Mundi International Network. Founded in 2016 as a Geneva based association, G2H2 aims at building a strong civil society space in Geneva for more democratic global health governance and at contributing to longer-term strategic thinking and coherent and sustained action by civil society entities involved in global health. We do this by convening civil society meetings and by facilitating joint advocacy.

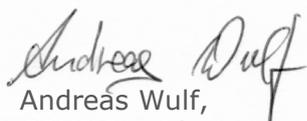
G2H2 and its members will certainly follow with great interest the World Health Organization's next steps under your leadership. Please be assured that all G2H2 members share your vision of "a world in which everyone can live healthy, productive lives, regardless of who they are or where they live". Being ourselves committed supporters of a enhanced and independent WHO, we appreciate your attention given to governance and your openness for a strong voice of civil society in global health policy.

We herewith take the opportunity to kindly enquire for an opportunity to meet you, with a small delegation (2-4 G2H2 representatives), in order to establish a personal contact.

At such an informal introductory meeting, we could give you an overview of the current work and programs of G2H2 and how they relate to WHO (G2H2 working groups include: FENSA watch; philanthrocapitalism and global health governance; 40 years of Alma Ata 2018; nutrition, food sovereignty, global health, and corporate power). And we would like to use the meeting to explore the feasibility of jointly organizing a larger briefing with civil society representatives, e.g. related to the 142th Session of the WHO Executive Board in January 2018, when many of our colleagues will be in Geneva.

We hope to receive soon your confirmation if such an short initial meeting can be arranged within the next weeks. Thanks in advance for your attention to this proposal.

Reiterating our warmest wishes, we remain, with best regards,


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