



## WHO GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT: THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

GENEVA, ECUMENICAL CENTRE, 19-20 JANUARY 2018

The civil society meetings ahead of the 142nd session of the WHO Executive Board build on a long history of civil society engagement in the governance and reform of the WHO and on joint reflection and strategizing on global health governance, undertaken by civil society institutions considering themselves as “acting in the public interest”.

### FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY 2018

8.30-9.00	COFFEE AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS
<b>PUBLIC SESSIONS</b>	<b>WHO GOVERNANCE: UNDER RECONSTRUCTION</b>
9.00-10.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WHO 13th General Programme of Work (Strategy 2019-23)</b> Strategic and organizational shifts seen through a governance lens</li> <li>• <b>WHO financing and independence</b> Donors’ chokehold over WHO finances; approach and calls by the new DG</li> </ul> <p>Introductions by representatives of the WHO Secretariat and by civil society advocates and global health researchers followed by a plenary discussion.</p>
10.45-12.00*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The WHO we want</b></li> </ul> <p>Conclusions of the first session compared with the <u>civil society message published in March 2017</u>: How to move from analysis to strategic alternative proposals on WHO governance and financing?</p>
12.00-13.00	LUNCH BREAK
<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>FOCUS ON: FENSA, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b>
13.00-15.00*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WHO Framework on Engagement with non-State actors FENSA</b> A topic on the EB agenda, and a matter of concern for civil society</li> <li>• <b>Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition</b> How are “conflicts of interest” defined in this EB agenda item?</li> </ul> <p>Introductions by civil society advocates and first responses by representatives of the WHO Secretariat followed by a plenary discussion.</p>
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>	<b>“PUBLIC INTEREST”: SHADES OF GREY - OR BLACK AND WHITE?</b>
15.00-17.00	<p>Can your institution be considered as “public interest”...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if your membership includes pharmaceutical companies?</li> <li>• if a third of your budget is covered by grants from private sector?</li> <li>• if you are engaged in public-private partnerships including transnational corporations?</li> </ul> <p>Hearing(s) and debate about a core concept of civil society engagement in global health (session and cases to be featured are still to be confirmed)</p>
17:00-19.00	RECEPTION AND BUFFET DINNER

\*The order of these two sessions might be changed last minute, according to the availability of key WHO representatives who are also engaged in the WHO PBAC meeting.

**SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2018**

<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>KEY ITEMS ON THE EB AGENDA</b>
9.15- 11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview presentation by the PHM WHO Watch team</li><li>• Key EB agenda items</li></ul> Introductions by representatives of PHM WHO Watch and other participants followed by a plenary discussion.
<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>GLOBAL HEALTH WATCH 5</b>
11.45-12.30	Introducing the 5 <sup>th</sup> edition of the “Alternative World Health Report”
12.30-13.30	LUNCH BREAK
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>	<b>G2H2: REVIEW AND PLANNING</b>
13.30-15.30	This meeting of the Steering Committee of the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2) is open to all project members and to civil society colleagues interested in our work and considering joining the Hub in the mid-term.

### **ORGANIZERS AND HOST**

The Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2) set up by a group of civil society organizations in 2016 intends to contribute to longer-term strategic thinking and coherent and sustained action by civil society entities involved in global health advocacy in Geneva. WHO Watch, a project organized by the People’s Health Movement, is a resource for advocacy and mobilisation and an intervention in global health governance. The Third World Network is an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, developing countries and North-South affairs. The meetings are kindly hosted by the World Council of Churches.

### **REGISTRATION, UPDATES, CONTACTS**

- Online registration for all sessions is requested: Please register [here](#).
- Registration deadline: **Monday 15 January 2018**
- Closed sessions are by invitation only. Contact for enquiries: [G2H2 Secretariat](#)
- Programme and updates: see [www.g2h2.org/posts/event/january2018/](http://www.g2h2.org/posts/event/january2018/)
- In the week of the meetings, a final programme and documentation will be sent to the registered participants
- Enquiries and proposals: [Mirza Alas](#) (Saturday morning) and [Thomas Schwarz](#) (Friday)

### **VENUE**

Ecumenical Centre, Route de Ferney 150  
Grand-Saconnex, Geneva

How to get there: From the Cornavin railway station or the Airport, take bus No. 5 (direction Airport) or bus No. 28 (direction Vernier). From the Airport, take bus No. 5 (direction Thônex). Leave the bus at Crêts de Morillon (stop on demand). The entrance is at Route des Morillons 1.

