

WHO GOVERNANCE: 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”.

PROGRAMME: FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY 2018

8.30-9.00	COFFEE AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS
PUBLIC SESSIONS	WHO GOVERNANCE: UNDER RECONSTRUCTION
9.00-10.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO 13th General Programme of Work (Strategy 2019-23) Strategic and organizational shifts seen through a governance lens • WHO financing and independence Donors’ chokehold over WHO finances; approach and calls by the new DG <p>Introductions by a representative 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"> • The WHO we want <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
PUBLIC SESSION	ENGAGING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH?
13.00-15.00*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Framework on Engagement with non-State actors FENSA A topic on the EB agenda, and a matter of concern for civil society • How “Conflicts of Interest” are being redefined by WHO Referring to document EB142.23 “Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes”, but extending the analysis. <p>Introductions by civil society advocates and first responses by representatives of the WHO Secretariat followed by a plenary discussion.</p>
CLOSED SESSION	WHO: IN THE CLUTCHES OF LOBBYISTS?
15.00-17.00	<p><i>“For years human rights activists for health have staunchly defended and have depended on WHO. However, WHO is increasingly perceived to be under the influence of private actors. Underfunded, and hugely dependent on private donors, can WHO still carry out its mission to protect public health, or is it controlled by vested interests?”</i></p> <p>Screening of the Arte movie (2017, 90 Min, English subtitles) produced last year with input by various civil society activists, followed by plenary discussion of the stories and analysis provided by the movie.</p>
17:00-19.30	RECEPTION AND BUFFET DINNER



PROGRAMME: SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2018

PUBLIC SESSION	KEY ITEMS ON THE EB AGENDA
9.15- 11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview presentation by the PHM WHO Watch team• Key EB agenda items Introductions by representatives of PHM WHO Watch and other participants followed by a plenary discussion.
PUBLIC SESSION	GLOBAL HEALTH WATCH 5
11.45-12.30	Introducing the 5 th edition of the “Alternative World Health Report”
12.30-13.30	LUNCH BREAK
CLOSED SESSION	G2H2: REVIEW AND PLANNING
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 was requested (deadline: Monday, 15 January 2018). A list of registered participants can be ordered at the G2H2 Secretariat.
- Programme and updates: see www.g2h2.org/posts/event/january2018/
- In the week of the meetings, a final programme and documentation was sent to the registered participants
- Enquiries and proposals: Mirza Alas (Saturday morning) and Thomas Schwarz (Friday)

VENUE

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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.

