

Civil Society Meetings ahead of the 71st World Health Assembly  
Friday 18 May and Saturday 19 May 2018

## TRANSLATING “HEALTH FOR ALL” INTO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE KEY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR): ARE WE OFF TRACK?



The civil society meetings ahead of the 71<sup>st</sup> World Health Assembly, in May 2018, build on a long history of civil society engagement in global health governance and policy. The meetings organized by the Geneva Global Health Hub aim at contributing to joint reflection and strategizing undertaken by civil society institutions considering themselves as “acting in the public interest”.

### PROGRAMME, REGISTRATION, UPDATES, CONTACTS

- Detailed programmes for all sessions are available on the next pages.  
Online programme and updates: [www.g2h2.org/posts/event/may2018/](http://www.g2h2.org/posts/event/may2018/)  
A final programme will be sent to registered participants ahead of the meetings.
- Registration for all sessions is requested (deadline: Monday, 14 May 2018): [REGISTER HERE](#)  
A list of registered participants can be ordered at the [G2H2 Secretariat](#).
- Enquiries: [Thomas Schwarz](#) (registration problems, Friday workshop and G2H2 AGM), [Mirza Alas](#) (Saturday morning session) and [Garance Upham](#) (Saturday afternoon session)

The [Geneva Global Health Hub](#) (G2H2) set up in 2016 intends to contribute to longer-term strategic thinking and coherent and sustained action by civil society entities involved in global health advocacy. G2H2 will have its second Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning, 19 May.

### VENUE

The civil society meetings are kindly hosted by the [World Council of Churches](#) at the Ecumenical Centre, Route de Ferney 150, Grand-Saconnex, Geneva.

How to get there: From the Cornavin railway station, 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.

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018 IN GENEVA

## 40 YEARS OF ALMA-ATA: TRANSLATING “HEALTH FOR ALL” INTO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE. A CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

The Alma-Ata Declaration of 1978 emerged as a major milestone in the field of global public health. Referring to the social, political and structural determinants of health, emphasizing the importance of accountability to the people, and proposing comprehensive Primary Health Care (PHC) as key to the attainment of the goal of Health for All, the Declaration still reads as a visionary and revolutionary text.

2018 is the year of commemorating and celebrating 40 years of the Alma-Ata declaration. The official “AA40” celebration will take place on 25-26 October 2018 in Kazakhstan in a “Second International Conference on Primary Health Care”. On 13-14 February, a “WHO global workshop on PHC to prepare for the jubilee conference in Almaty and for a high-level meeting on UHC in 2019” took place at the WHO headquarters. Since then, the WHO Secretariat also invited selected actors to join an “International Advisory Group on PHC for UHC for the 40th Anniversary of the Alma Ata Declaration”.

The G2H2 “Task Group 40 Years of Alma-Ata” was set up in summer 2017 in view of exploring options for a civil society led event in Geneva in 2018 to commemorate the jubilee of the Alma-Ata Declaration. The task group also submitted to the WHO Secretariat a concept for an official WHA side event on “40 Years of Alma-Ata: Translating ‘Health for All’ into the Future”.

### OBJECTIVES

- **Provide a space for political analysis, reflection and mobilization:** We will critically revisit the Alma-Ata Declaration and the core principles expressed in it (in particular: addressing determinants of health; global solidarity for health equity; accountability to the people and communities, access to comprehensive health care services for all through a system structured around the principles of Comprehensive Primary Health Care) for its potential to be used as inspiration and guidance in our quest for Health for All.
- **Prepare/provide civil society input to a broader conversation:** Referring to a similar process ahead of the Alma-Ata conference in 1978 when NGOs submitted a position paper on PHC to WHO and UNICEF and to the current drafting process for a “renewed vision on PHC”, we will prepare and discuss a meeting statement on “Translating ‘Health for All’ into the Present and Future”.

### FORMAT

- **Full day civil society workshop**
- **Participants:** G2H2 members and other civil society representatives (registration required)
- **Overall approach:** We want to provide an open and democratic space for joint reflection and brainstorming, learning and sharing among civil society activists engaged in global health (in a broad, interdisciplinary sense), counting on all participants as experts and committed to engage.
- **Enquiries:** Thomas Schwarz, +41 79 645 01 37, [info@g2h2.org](mailto:info@g2h2.org)

## FRIDAY PROGRAMME

8.30-9.00	COFFEE AND NETWORKING
<b>PUBLIC SESSIONS</b>	<b>PLENARY: REFERENCES AND STARTING POINTS</b>
9.30-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introduction</li> <li>• <b>Reading of the Alma-Ata Declaration</b></li> <li>• <b>What the Alma-Ata Declaration and related processes meant for my engagement for Health for All</b> Testimonials by senior PHC/global health activists</li> <li>• <b>Translating “Health for all” into the present and future</b> A team of young health activists compares the 40 year old Alma-Ata Declaration with their 2018 realities: Inspirations and irritations</li> <li>• <b>Documentary “A Dream of Health” (Jill Turner, 1988)</b> This movie on health promotion and PHC is a tribute to the former WHO DG Mahler. Shown at the World Health Assembly in 1988 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration, the movie is still an inspiration.</li> </ul>
12.30-13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Translating “Health for All” into the present and future</b> Introductions to the afternoon parallel sessions</li> </ul>
13.00-14.00	LUNCH BREAK
<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	<b>TRANSLATING “HEALTH FOR ALL” INTO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE</b>
14.00-16.00	<p>Introduced and facilitated by civil society colleagues (G2H2 members/partners: let us know if you want to play this role), these sessions provide spaces for joint reflection and brainstorming, learning and sharing on key elements of the Alma-Ata declaration that remain highly relevant for our work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary Health Care compared with UHC:</b> Universality and people-centeredness of health policies and systems</li> <li>• <b>Communities: From objects to full participation and ownership</b> including a particular focus on the role of community health worker and family physicians</li> <li>• <b>Cooperation and solidarity beyond charity:</b> Health and social justice as a human right and a global public obligation</li> <li>• <b>Beyond the health sector:</b> Addressing root causes and determinants of health inequity</li> </ul> <p>The groups will also discuss the respective sections of the meeting statement.</p>
16.00-16.30	COFFEE BREAK
<b>PLENARY SESSIONS</b>	<b>TRANSLATING GLOBAL VISIONS INTO SOCIETAL CHANGE</b>
16.30-17.30	Finalization of the meeting statement, based on a draft provided by a working group and discussed in the parallel sessions
17.30-18.30	Workshop conclusions and way forward
18.30	CLOSURE

## ORGANIZERS

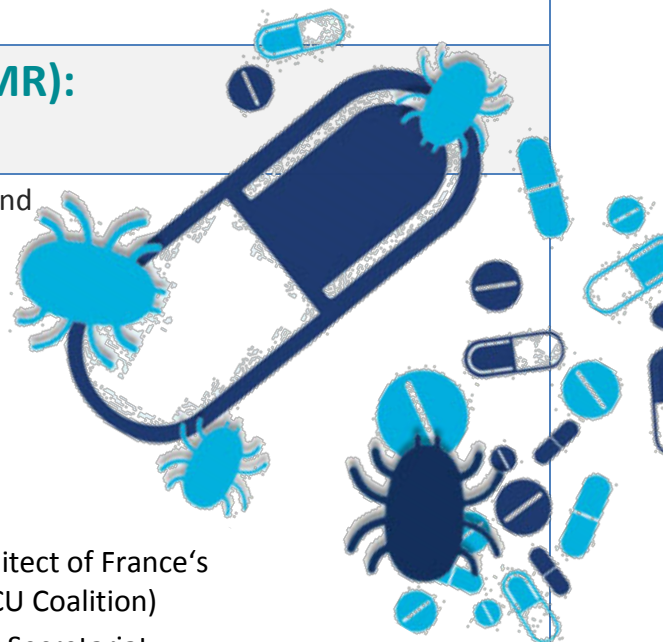
The workshop “40 Years of Alma-Ata: Translating ‘Health for All’ into the Present and Future” is organized by the **G2H2 Task Group “40 Years of Alma-Ata”**, with representatives of Brot für die Welt, Difäm, medico international, MMI Network, People’s Health Movement, World Council of Churches and World Federation of Mental Health and supported by the G2H2 Secretariat.

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SATURDAY 19 MAY 2018 IN GENEVA

## CIVIL SOCIETY MEETINGS AHEAD OF THE 71<sup>ST</sup> WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

8.30-9.00	COFFEE AND NETWORKING
<b>CLOSED MEETING</b>	<b>G2H2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
9.00- 10.45	<p>The Members of the Geneva Global Health Hub will discuss and adopt the 2017 financial statement and narrative report and the budget for the current year 2018 and elect the G2H2 Steering Committee for the period 2018-2020.</p> <p>The AGM is open for G2H2 members. Civil society partners are welcome to attend the Meeting as observers.</p>
<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>KEY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE 71<sup>ST</sup> WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE 143<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>
11.00- 13.15	Introductions by the <b>WHO Watch team</b> (People’s Health Movement) followed by plenary discussions. The official WHA and EB documentation can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
13.15-14.00	LUNCH BREAK
<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR): ARE WE OFF TRACK?</b>
14.00-17.00 followed by networking and tasting buffet	<p>The AMR session will take the form of Round Tables with extensive discussions with the audience.</p> <p>We believe that everyone has something to contribute and wish to conduct this as brainstorming rather than questions and answers.</p> <p><b>Invited guest speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Jean Carlet</b>, President WAAAR, architect of France’s AMR plan, chair ANTARTICA (AMR in ICU Coalition)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Marc Sprenger</b>, Director WHO AMR Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Dr Mirfin Mpundu</b>, Head of ReAct Africa, Executive Director of the Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN) Kenya, and STAG (WHO Advisory Tech. Group) member</li> <li>• <b>Mireille Martini</b>, Finance Watch, Sustainable Finance Research and Advocacy Officer, and High level Commission on Carbon pricing advisor (Stern/Stiglitz Commission),</li> <li>• <b>Baba Aye</b>, Health sector, Public Services International</li> <li>• Further guest speakers to be confirmed</li> </ul>



	<p><b>AMR Control off track? Some food for thoughts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why so little interest in infection prevention and control (IPC) after Ebola?</li> <li>• LMIC structures are run down, little IPC put patients' lives at risk. In the USA, the CDC take pride in containment, what of the rest of the world?</li> <li>• Why emphasis on the production of new antibiotics alone? And under what form: private investments, PPPs or public investments? Where is the money?</li> <li>• Why stewardship is focusing on the poor patient at the end of the line rather than marketing, such as FDCs of antibiotics being produced and marketed?</li> <li>• Why no attention to the acute shortages in production of old yet effective generics?</li> <li>• Should we put antibiotics on the UNESCO list and put AMR under the SDGs?</li> <li>• Surveillance is great, but what of building laboratories in poor countries?</li> <li>• What role for water and sanitation, as waste is a main source of AMR?</li> <li>• Can we deal with the transmission and care for AMR infections in patients without more funding for health personnel and better health care delivery systems?</li> <li>• Is AMR control feasible without implementation of UHC and achievements of Alma Ata's goals of Health for All?</li> </ul> <p><b>Session organizer and chair</b></p> <p>The session "AMR: Are We Off Track?" is organized and chaired by <b>Garance Upham, Vice President, WAAAR</b>. The session topic was selected by G2H2 based on a call for proposals.</p>
17.00-19.00	<p><b>"CHEESE, WINE AND CHOCOLATE"</b></p> <p>Networking and tasting buffet for meeting participants and guests prepared and hosted by <b>Garance Upham and her great team</b></p>

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