

Second announcement

Second day of the civil society meetings
ahead of the 72nd World Health Assembly
Geneva, 17-18 May 2019



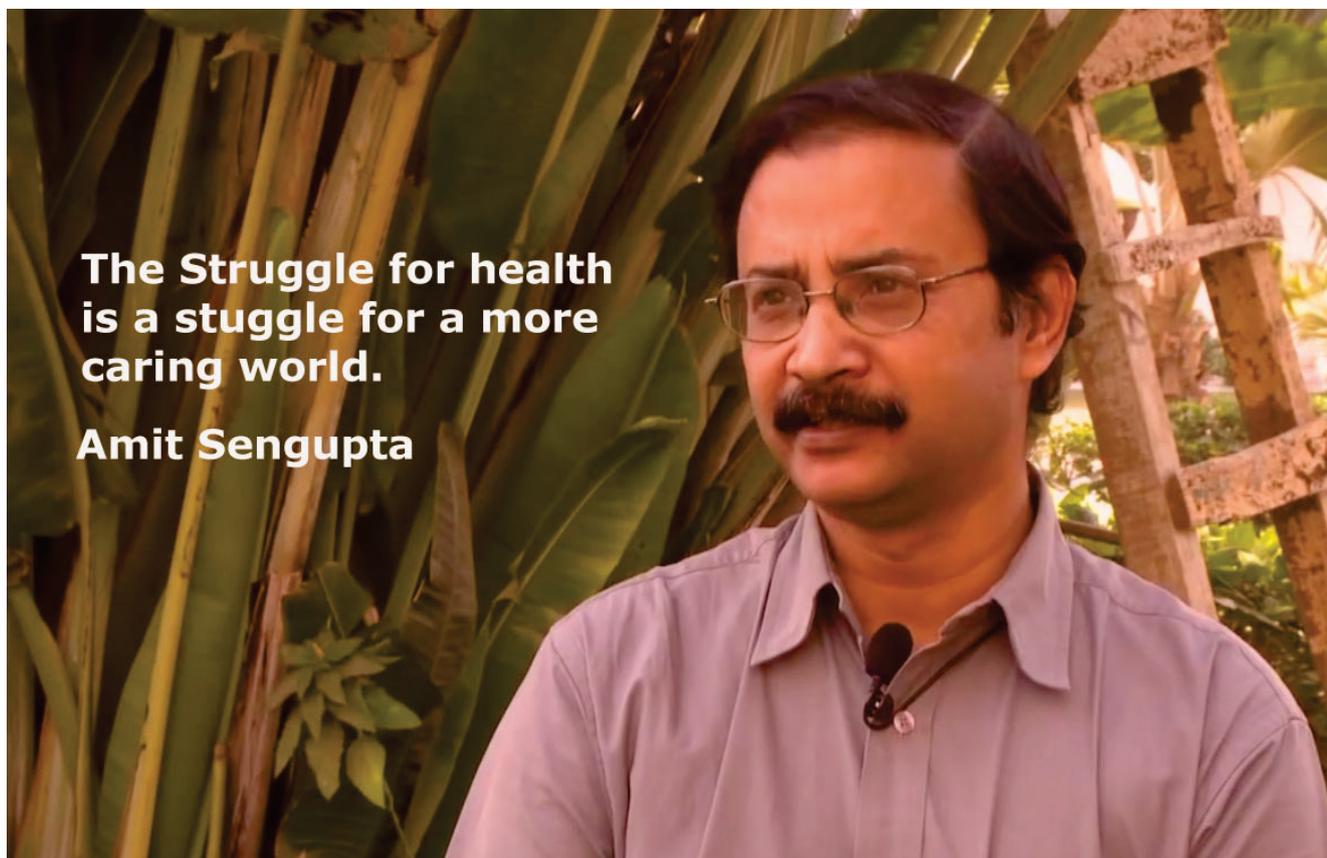
SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2019 IN GENEVA
AT THE MAISON DES ASSOCIATIONS

Civil society perspectives on selected global health topics: From analysing and sharing to strategizing and cooperating

The civil society meetings ahead of the 72nd World Health Assembly 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”.

The Saturday session will start with a series of four public briefings and debates on selected global health topics, based on a call to G2H2 members to propose and introduce topics. This session shall allow sharing and discussing civil society assessments. The briefings and debates are also open for delegates of WHO member states; invitations to WHO staff and Geneva missions will be sent out.

After the public session, four parallel roundtables will complement the public briefings and debates and shall allow deepening the analysis (what’s the problem) and moving towards strategizing and cooperating (what needs to be done, what we can do together). This session is closed, for civil society organizations only (G2H2 members and other contacts, by invitation).



**The Struggle for health
is a struggle for a more
caring world.**

Amit Sengupta

Registration is requested (deadline: Monday, 13 May 2019)

Programme updates and registration: <http://g2h2.org/posts/may2019/>

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SATURDAY PROGRAMME

08.30	G2H2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)
10.30	COFFEE, TEA, CROISSANTS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY
PUBLIC SESSION	CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES ON SELECTED GLOBAL HEALTH TOPICS 72ND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND BEYOND
10.45	WELCOME, INTRODUCTION
11.00 -12.00	<p>1. Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power</p> <p>Universal health coverage (UHC) means “that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship.”</p> <p>There is not much to oppose to this <i>task</i>, though. Indeed, 40 years after Alma-Ata, Universal Health Coverage could be understood as a today’s expression of the promotion of universal access to health care. But how to get there? The dominating “multistakeholder” paradigm in the discourse on UHC tends to neglect/disguise the adverse impact of financialization, privatisation, commodification and commercialisation of health services on universal access to health care.</p> <p>Therefore, how UHC is framed by UHC2030, WHO and World Bank in their preparation of the 2019 UN High-Level Meeting (A72/14) still needs and deserves a critical assessment.</p> <p>“This session is dedicated to Amit Sengupta, PHM (1958-2018).</p> <p>Invited speakers and panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of People’s Health Movement: Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power • Baba Aye, Public Services International: Health systems in times of deregulation and privatization • Marjolaine Nicod, UHC2030 (invited): Respondent and panellist • Peter Salama, WHO (invited): Respondent and panellist
12.00 -13.00	<p>2. Who cares about/for Planetary Health?</p> <p>A draft “WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments” will be discussed at the World Health Assembly (A72/15), together with an “Global plan of action on climate change and health in small island developing States” (A72/16). WHO’s work in the field of environment, climate change and health rightly acknowledges the multi-dimensional nature of the ecological crisis, and the fact that “we must live within Earth’s limits”.</p> <p>But is the WHO strategy more than “active-sounding phrases that suggest action without actually delivering it”, as a civil society colleague recently stated? The World Health Organization – and civil society organizations dealing with global health – still need to prove that they care about and for planetary health, with the urgency and dedication needed.</p>

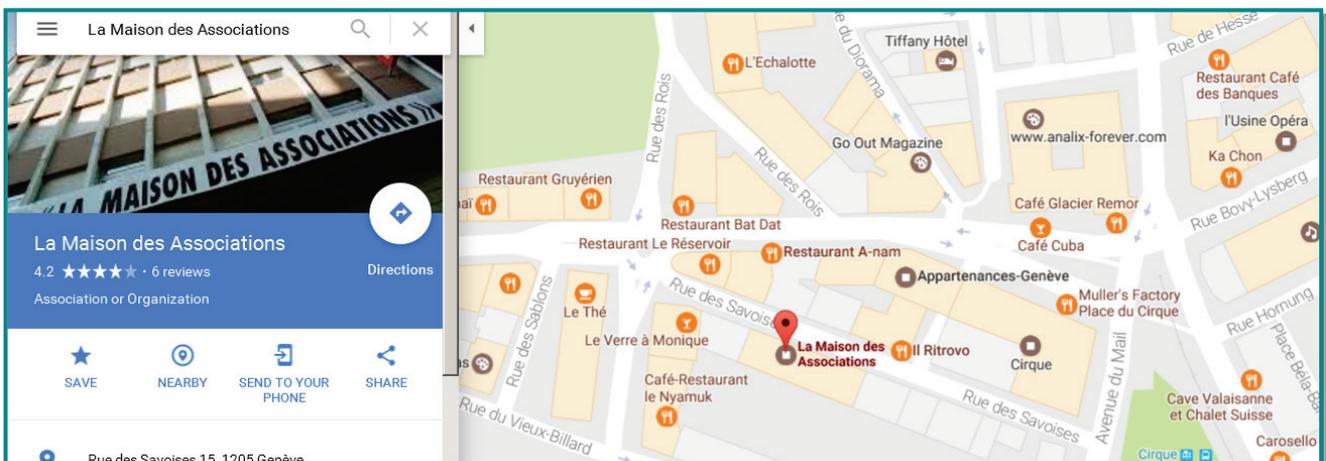
	<p>Invited speakers and panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Harmer, People’s Health Movement: Who cares about/for Planetary Health? • Anya Leetz, Global Climate and Health Alliance: The climate and health nexus, and the experience of building a global alliance • Garance Upham, Safe Observer International: Critique of the term "planetary health" • Maria Neira, WHO (invited): Respondent and panellist
13.00-14.00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Individually as brown bag, or register for lunch (Thai food by caterer)</p>
14.00-15.00	<p>3. Fair medicine prices and expanded access for all: What leadership and guidance can be expected from WHO?</p> <p>A joint statement signed by 64 civil society organizations issued on 10 April 2019 on the occasion of the WHO’s second Fair Pricing Forum states that there cannot be fair prices of medicines without affordable access and transparency of research and development (R&D) outlays, manufacturing costs, and pricing decisions.</p> <p>At the 144th Session of the WHO EB in January 2019, civil society organizations rejected WHO’s definition of “fair price” used in the draft “Road Map for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and other Health Products, 2019-2013”. The Road Map (A72/17) and a transparency <u>proposal</u> from the Italian government will be considered again at the World Health Assembly in the form of a resolution – and probably opposed by some governments and pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>What leadership can be expected from the WHO in the promotion of affordable access to medicines, and how to counter the power of the pharmaceutical lobby?</p> <p>Invited speakers and panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of People’s Health Movement: Fair medicine prices and expanded access for all: What leadership and guidance can be expected from WHO? • Thiru Balasubramaniam, Knowledge Ecology International: Access to medicines - key issues beyond the World Health Assembly • Representative of the Delegation of Italy (invited): The Italian proposal for a WHA Resolution on Transparent Drug Pricing • Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão, WHO ADG: Respondent and panellist
15.00 -16.00	<p>4. How to influence the Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being (GAP)? The case of HRH</p> <p>The <u>Global Action Plan</u> is an important new initiative to align global health actors to achieve SDG3 and move towards UHC. While many civil society organizations support the initiative, possibility for CSO input and strategizing on the GAP has been limited to date. As the timeline for the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC is similar to the GAP, it is timely to discuss it now. In this session, we will discuss the experience of participating in the GAP process using the example of human resources for health.</p>

	<p>Invited speakers and panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Seidelmann, Wemos: How to influence the Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being? The case of Human Resources for Health • Loyce Pace, Global Health Council, GAP Civil Society Advisory Group: The GAP process from within - a civil society perspective • Jan Hendrik Schmitz and Jim Campbell, WHO: Respondents and panellists • Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão, WHO ADG: Guest panellist
16.00	BREAK
CLOSED SESSION	CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES ON SELECTED GLOBAL HEALTH TOPICS FROM ANALYSING AND SHARING TO STRATEGIZING AND COOPERATING
16.15-17.15	<p>Four parallel roundtables on the same topics will allow for deeper analysis and movement towards strategizing and cooperating among those particularly engaged in a topic, in view of the WHA and beyond. There will be no formal report or follow-up of these roundtables.</p> <p>This session is closed, for civil society organizations only.</p>
17.15	WRAP UP AND CLOSURE

VENUE

Maison Internationale des Associations (www.mia-ge.ch), Salle Mahatma Gandhi
Rue des Savoises 15, Geneva (South of Rhone river, near Plainpalais)

How to get there: From the Cornavin railway station, take tram No. 15 (direction Grand-Lancy, Palettes) or bus No. 1 (direction Thônex, Hôpital Trois-Chêne) until the stop “Cirque” (third stop). From there it is a short walk across the corner of the Plainpalais square and into Rue des Savoises.



REGISTRATION

Registration is requested for all sessions

Deadline: Tuesday, 14 May 2019

Register here: <http://g2h2.org/posts/may2019/>, bottom of the page

Non-members are requested to pay a small registration fee.

A list of registered participants can be ordered at the [G2H2 Secretariat](#).

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