

Civil Society Meeting ahead of the 72nd World Health Assembly
Geneva, Maison des Associations, Saturday 18 May 2019

#WHA72

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



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Welcome!

The session will start at 10.45 hrs
Have coffee and be back on time!





Welcome

- § Meeting organized by the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2) and its members. Join/support us!
- § The public session (10.45-16.00 hrs) will be moderated by Susana Barria, People's Health Movement
Thomas Schwarz, G2H2 Secretariat, Medicus Mundi International.



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- 12.00 **Who cares about/for Planetary Health?**
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Fair medicine prices and expanded access for all:
What leadership and guidance can be expected from WHO?**
- 15.00 **How to influence the Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives
and Well-being (GAP)? The case of HRH**
- 16.15 Civil Society Roundtables
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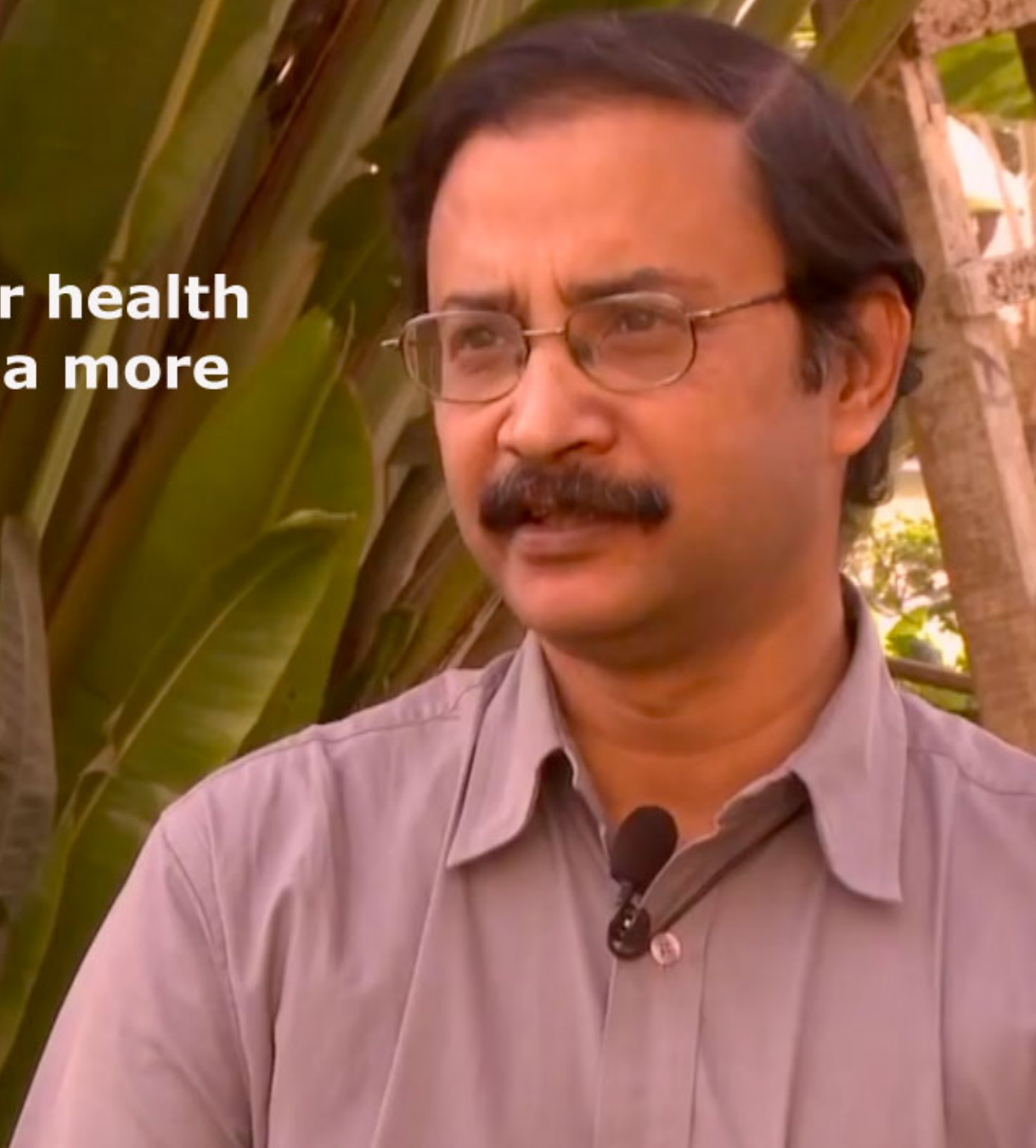
This meeting is dedicated
to you. We miss you!

> [Video](#)



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

Amit Sengupta



Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power

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 “multi-stakeholder” 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.

Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power

- **Ana Vracar, People's Health Movement Europe**
Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power
- **Baba Aye, Public Services International**
Health systems in times of deregulation and privatization
- **Panelists from WHO Secretariat and UHC2030**
Invited – could not make it



Who cares about/for Planetary Health?

Is the WHO Global strategy on health, environment and climate change 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.

Who cares about/for Planetary Health?

- **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**
Respondent and panellist



Before lunch

- § If registered for lunch (catering, 50 people):
please get your ticket – and food
- § Please sign the list of attendance
- § Please pay the registration fee and your contribution to cost of lunch
- § The next session will start at 14.00 hrs



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Moving from the Global Action Plan to AMR Implementation



Fair medicine prices and expanded access for all: What leadership and guidance can be expected from WHO?

At the 144th Session of the WHO EB in January 2019, several 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) will be considered again at the World Health Assembly, together with a resolution on transparency proposed by Italy.

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- **Sophie Gepp, People's Health Movement / UAEM**
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



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How to influence the Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being (GAP)? The case of Human Resources for Health

The Global Action Plan 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..

How to influence the Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being (GAP)? The case of Human Resources for Health

- **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, 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





ORATORY

Four “round” tables

- § UHC and privatization: Baba Aye
- § Planetary Health: Remco van de Pas
- § Medicines: Thiru Balasubramaniam
- § Global Action Plan: Daniel Gulati
- § ...other?



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“The 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.”

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