148th Session of the WHO Executive Board: Another waste of time – or time to restore WHO as directing global health authority?

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Welcome!

Today’s session will start at 16.30 CET

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Referring to overall title of the series of briefings/debates: “EB148 - Another waste of time, or time to restore WHO as directing global health authority?”

The WHO Executive Board needs to reclaim its executive role in WHO governance and take the lead the process of a thorough reform of WHO governing bodies beyond some procedural aspects that will be discussed once more at EB148. We do not want to see the governing bodies of the WHO just being a waste of time, but a place where transformation is initiated and shaped, and where global health leadership takes place.

Wrapping up a series of civil society briefings and debates ahead of EB148, we ask what should be on the agenda of an EB retreat (members only) announced for 2021.

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- **Monday, 11 January 2021, 12.30-14.00 CET**
  Human rights and the Covid-19 response: Lessons for the future, action for now
  Session organized by the People’s Health Movement

- **Tuesday, 12 January 2021, 16.30-18.00 CET**
  What can WHO contribute to making COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and technologies global public good?
  Session organized by Viva Salud

- **Wednesday, 13 January 2021, 16.30-18.00 CET**
  Private sector engagement for strong health systems?
  Session organized by WSFHSS and CSEND

- **Thursday, 14 January 2021, 16.30-18.00 CET**
  Rescue the World Health Organization from itself?
  Session organized by Society for International Development

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In a series of public briefings and debates hosted by the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2), civil society organizations ask how the World Health Organization can live up to its constitutional mandate of being the directing and coordinating authority on international health work.

The content of the briefings and debates was shaped through the feedback received from G2H2 members, based on their scrutiny of the topics to be taken up by the Executive Board.

In the tradition of G2H2 briefings ahead of WHO governing body meetings, all sessions will start with analysis and proposals provided by civil society organizations, followed by responses by representatives of WHO members and the Secretariat (if available) and a general debate.

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Meeting website/registration: http://g2hx.org
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Geneva Global Health Hub

G2H2 is set up as a membership based association, founded in 2016. We want to provide a space and enable civil society to meet, share knowledge and create initiatives to advocate for more democratic global health governance.

The values that guide and drive the work of G2H2 are belief in democracy with equity in diversity; dignity; accountability and transparency; and ethics and justice.

Civil society organizations: Join us! Support us!

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