


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 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).

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 This session is dedicated to Amit Sengupta, PHM (1958-2018). 	1. 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. Invited speakers and panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
12.00 -13.00	2. Who cares about/for Planetary Health? Is the WHO "WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments" more than "active-sounding phrases that suggest action without actually delivering it", as a civil society colleague recently stated? WHO 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>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	LUNCH BREAK
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>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) will be considered again at the World Health Assembly, as well as a resolution on transparency proposed by Italy.</p> <p>Invited speakers and panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Gepp, PHM/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
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.</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
16.15 -17.15	<p>CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES ON SELECTED GLOBAL HEALTH TOPICS FROM ANALYSING AND SHARING TO STRATEGIZING AND COOPERATING</p>