

Geneva Forum Towards Global Access to Health

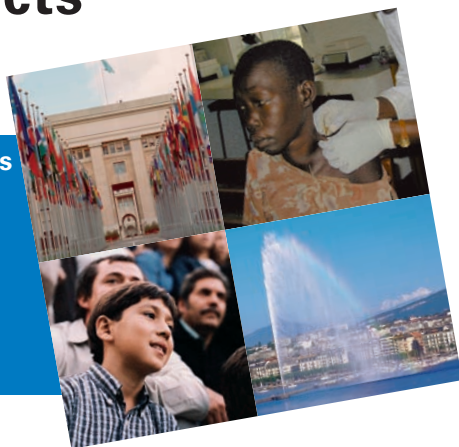
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Welcome to the Geneva Forum

It is widely recognized that health is key to prosperity.

Faced with a globalizing economy, the challenges involved in ensuring access to health have become a matter of great concern and debate. While the availability of means to improve health is increasing, access nonetheless remains very low in many parts of the world.

As stated in the Millennium Development Goals, the crucial question that must be considered relates to how health systems can respond to a growing need for action particularly in reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases as well as developing a global partnership for development. Health and especially access to health are preliminary

conditions or determinants that can improve social welfare and societal stability. Insuring access to essential drugs, care and preventive measures such as vaccinations, clean water and sanitation, access to training and information, reaching vulnerable populations to offer basic services, are challenges the international community must address.

The Geneva Forum, under the flags of equity, training and partnership, will provide a unique opportunity for all participants to present and explore innovative partnerships and programmes facilitating access to health.



The Forum takes place in Geneva, world capital of health, which provides a platform for an increasing number of health organizations as well as most major meetings. The Forum will aim to define how Hospitals/Universities, individually and through networks, in collaboration with all international organizations active in health and humanitarian fields located in Geneva as well as representatives of the civil society, can improve access to health.

Considering that a broad collaboration is essential to address these important challenges, it is our great pleasure to welcome you at the "Geneva Forum: Towards global access to health." The Forum is jointly organized by the Geneva University Hospitals and the Medical School of the University of Geneva, on

the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Geneva Hospital, which has already a long standing tradition of international cooperation in the field of health.

Bernard Gruson
Chief Executive Officer
Geneva University Hospitals

Preliminary Programme

The Geneva Forum offers six plenary sessions, five sets of parallel sessions composed of symposia, workshops and free communications as well as exhibition and poster areas

Wednesday 30 August 2006

08:00-12:00 - Registration

Plenary I: Access to health, where do we stand?

	Social determinants, an overview	CSDH, WHO
Dr Bruno Gryseels	Healthcare for all	Prince Leopold Tropical Institute, Belgium
Dr Richard Horton*	Access to health: who is accountable?	The Lancet, UK

Coffee break - Posters - Market place

Parallel sessions

Track I	Track II	Track III	Track IV	Track V
Do global funds really improve access to health?	Determinants of inequity in access to health	Most neglected diseases	Civil society: a key partner to improve access to health	Can we trust medical information on-line?

Opening ceremony/ Keynote addresses

Mr Jakob Kellenberger	Access to victims of conflicts and catastrophes	President, ICRC
Ms Micheline Calmy-Rey	Development and access to health	Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
Ms Mary Robinson	Access to health, a right for all?	President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

Get together party

08:00-09:00 Parallel sessions / Free communications

Plenary II: Equity in access to Health, dream or reality?

Dr Timothy Evans*	Chair	ADG EIP, WHO
Dr Davidson Gwatkin	Need for equity in health sector reforms	The World Bank
Dr German Velasquez	(Non) Access to essential drugs	HTP/TCM, WHO
Sir Liam Donaldson	Access to safer care: a world-wide challenge	Chief Medical Officer Department of Health, UK

Coffee break - Posters - Market place

Parallel sessions

Track I	Track II	Track III	Track IV	Track V
Financing health system pro poor	Health inequalities in modern Europe	Vaccine: obstacles & solutions	Community in action for health	Access to safe healthcare

Lunch & satellite symposia

Plenary III: Public private partnerships: the solution for the future?

Mr Louis J. Currat	Chair	
Mr Pascal Lamy*	Can World Trade Organization facilitate access to health?	Director General, WTO
Prof. Klaus Leisinger	Social responsibility of the private sector	CEO, Novartis Foundation
Dr Pascoal Mocumbi	Strengthening the long term capacity of the public sector	Former Prime Minister of Mozambique, EDCTP
Mr Roy Widdus	Public/private partnerships	Global Health Futures Network

Coffee break - Posters - Market place

Parallel sessions

PPPs beneficial or undermining?	Access to health for migrants	Access to health at times of global crisis	Role of university networks	Research & access to health: ethical concerns
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Coffee break

Plenary IV: Critical view on the role of hospitals in increasing access to health

Dame Gill Morgan	Hospitals promoting access to healthcare	CEO, NHS Confederation, UK
Dr Leke Pitan	Needs and opportunities in urban Africa	Commissioner for Health, Nigeria
	Health promoting Hospitals: worth the effort?	
Dr Saleh Meky*	Optimizing Hospitals in the health sector	Association of MOH, WHO Africa Region

*to be confirmed. N. B.: Title/time of sessions and speakers might be subject to change

Thursday 31 August 2006

14:00-15:30

16:00-17:30

17:45

09:00-10:30

11:00-12:30

14:00-15:30

16:00-17:30

18:00-19:30

08:00-09:00 Parallel sessions / Free communications

Plenary V: Global gaps in research, capacity building and human resources

Prof. N.K. Ganguly	Putting research evidence into practice	Indian Council of Medical Research
Dr Manuel Dayrit	Capacity building, self defeating or beneficial?	HRH, WHO
Prof. Stephen A. Matlin	Can research make a difference in global access to health?	Global Forum For Health Research

Coffee break - Posters - Market place

Parallel sessions

Track I	Track II	Track III	Track IV	Track V
Access and integrated health care services	Managing the mobility of international health professionals	Challenges in long term drug delivery (HIV/TB)	Access to health for people with disability: a right or a favor?	How to increase access to medical information?

Lunch & satellite symposia

Parallel sessions

Gender related issues/reproductive health and access	Malaria	Access to victims in natural & humanitarian crises	Training in partnerships: capacity building for whom?
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Coffee break - Posters - Market place

Plenary VI: Global access to health: an agenda for the future

Prof. Marcel Tanner	Chair and conclusion	Swiss Tropical Institute
Dr David L. Heymann	Partnership to promote global security	Polio Eradication Programme, WHO
Ms Ruth Dreifuss	Access: opportunities and challenges	Former MOH of Switzerland

Parallel Sessions

Track I Access to health systems

- Do global funds really facilitate access to health?
- Overcoming financial constraints that limit access to services?
- Balancing disease specific interventions with health systems strengthening?
- Opportunities and challenges presented by public private partnerships.

Track II Health and inequities

- Responding to disparities created by gender, socio-economic status or geographic location?
- Health inequalities in modern Europe.
- Ensuring adequate access for migrants.
- Managing the mobility of international health professionals

Track III Access to drugs, vaccines and diagnosis

- Strategies to improve access to drugs, vaccines and diagnosis.

- Sustaining the long term delivery of drugs.
- Ensuring access in times of global crisis.

Track IV Civil society and social issues in health

- The key roles played by community-based initiatives and the civil society in sustainability and empowerment.
- Linking community and national/international programmes.
- Challenges in accessing the vulnerables in times of complex emergencies

Track V Capacity building and partnerships

- Can local capacity building in research and training reduce brain drain?
- Putting research evidence into practice?
- The growing importance of information and communication technologies.
- Can universities and hospitals promote partnerships for better access to health?

Come and use the various market places of the Geneva Forum to get information about innovative initiatives, to promote projects/programmes and to establish new partnerships

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Important dates

15 November 2005: opening for registrations and call for abstracts submission

1 May 2006: deadline for abstracts submission

5 June 2006: deadline for reduced registration fees

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