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Towards Global Access to Health



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A joint initiative launched in partnership with the major international organizations active in health in Geneva and around the world, the Geneva Health Forum brings together the many stakeholders in global access to health – from actors in the field to policy-makers. The GHF, as a developing global network for international and inter-sectoral dialogue, has the vision of facilitating the strengthening of health systems and basic health services, thus striving to keep global access to health active on the international agenda.

WELCOME TO THE GENEVA HEALTH FORUM 2010

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Over the last decade, global health has undergone substantial transformations: initially a somewhat neglected political field, global health issues have acquired prominence among States, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and non-State actors. This momentum, however, is currently challenged by four crises - the food, fuel, economic, and climate crises - the full effects of which are still unfolding. These crises jeopardize some recent health accomplishments, and further exacerbate the strains on healthcare services, health professionals, and local communities. Pandemics, the rise of non-communicable diseases, the increasing mobility of health professionals, and the rapid diversification of actors in the health sector are examples of such challenges that call for more comprehensive and integrated approaches.

The 2010 Geneva Health Forum aims to identify sustainable responses to crises, placing emphasis on lessons learned from local and regional initiatives. These crises, by revealing existing weaknesses and disparities, offer the GHF participants the opportunity to formulate potential reforms and innovation. Creating a dynamic confrontation of perspectives, including all stakeholders active in the health sector, new forms of governance and partnering can be explored. In addition, the GHF will also investigate how innovative research and technologies can influence practice to facilitate access to health and care. Special emphasis will be given to e-health technologies, which create unique opportunities to disseminate information to improve practices.

GENEVA HEALTH FORUM 2010 THEMES

HEALTH GOVERNANCE AND POLICIES

ROLE OF EUROPE IN GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE WITHIN
CURRENT POWER SHIFTS
'HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES' AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT
USE OF SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AS A GUIDE FOR
POLICIES
IMPACT OF GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

HEALTH THREATS AND ACCESS TO HEALTH AT TIMES OF CRISIS

HEALTH CRISES AND URBAN SETTINGS
ETHICAL ISSUES IN PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS
HUMANITARIAN PARADIGM IN CRISIS?
HEALTH SYSTEMS DURING CONFLICT AND RECOVERY
LOCAL IMPACTS ON HEALTH SYSTEMS OF ECONOMIC CRISIS

TRADE, MARKETS, AND HEALTH

TRADE IN HEALTH-RELATED GOODS AND SERVICES
PRIVATIZATION OF HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THE ROLE OF PUBLIC
SERVICES
IMPACT OF TRADE AGREEMENTS (TRIPS) ON HEALTH SYSTEM

HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES

NEGLECTED DISEASES
INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE FOR CHRONIC DISEASES
NEW THREATS TO ACCESS TO MEDICINES: DRUG RESISTANCE,
COUNTERFEITS, ETC.
HEALTH WORKFORCE: TASK SHIFTING
PRIMARY HEALTHCARE: MEASURING PROGRESS
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH SYSTEMS
ACCESS TO EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC CARE
HOSPITALS: NEW CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF
GLOBALIZATION

HEALTH INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNOLOGIES

DATA COLLECTION AND HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TELEMEDICINE AND E-LEARNING
E-HEALTH AND SELF-INFORMED PATIENTS
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WEB-BASED NETWORKS
EDUCATION IN GLOBAL HEALTH

MOBILITY AND MIGRATION

ACCESS TO HEALTH FOR MIGRANTS
WAR, REGIONAL CONFLICTS, AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED
PERSONS
ROAD TRAFFIC INJURY AND IMPACT ON HEALTH SYSTEMS

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