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Oral AmB Paper Wins 2013 Gattefossé Canada CSPS Award

The Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences will be awarding Dr. Ellen Wasan as a co-winner of the 2013 Gattefossé Canada CSPS Award in Lipid-Based Drug Delivery in June at the CSPS Annual Conference held in Vancouver this June. The paper entitled: A

Novel Tropically Stable Oral Amphotericin B Formulation (iCo-010) Exhibits Efficacy against Visceral Leishmaniasis in a Murine Model was co-authored by , Pavel Gershkovich, Jinying Zhao, Xiaohua Zhu, Karl Werbovets, Richard R. Tidwell, John G. Clement, Sheila J. Thornton, Kishor M. Wasan, published in *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*.

NGDI Members Urs Hafeli and Tobias Kollmann Receive Funding for Novel Vaccine Technology

NGDI congratulates the Transcutaneous Microsphere Vaccine Technology team headed by Dr. Jan Dutz from the Skin Care Centre at BC Children's Hospital. Co-investigators are Dr. Urs Hafeli, Dr. Tobias Kollmann, and Dr. Boris Stoeber. The three-year grant is for \$600,000 and is funded through the CIHR/NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects. The abstract for the project is below:

Common "killed" microbe vaccines such as hepatitis vaccine, must be given repeatedly to be effective. Influenza vaccine must be given yearly. This is costly and inconvenient. In recent work we have shown that vaccines can be incorporated into dissolving spheres that release bursts of vaccine in the skin at timed intervals. We will use this system to obtain the same effect as repeated administration, but with a single administration. The spheres will be delivered into the skin painlessly using new microscopic hollow needles that allow painless administration. We plan to optimize this new method of vaccination by combining the skills of an immunologist, a pharmacy scientist, a mechanical engineer and a clinical vaccinologist. The projected advantages of this new vaccine system are lowered cost, pain free administration, and increased efficacy.

Tier One Canada Research Chair in Global Health

The School of Population and Public Health (SPPH), University of British Columbia (UBC) is seeking a senior scientist eligible to be appointed at the rank of Professor with tenure to fill a newly created Tier One Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Global Health. UBC recognizes the inherent power of international learning to reveal new worlds, open spirits, and change lives through success in international capacity building, research, and service to increase engagement at every level. The School offers five graduate programs, a residency program in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and an excellent team of researchers whose field of research interests includes global health.

The incumbent will lead the SPPH and UBC as a whole in strengthening its participation in implementation research as applied to global population health and global health systems. She/he will provide leadership in strategically aligning UBC's participation in global health knowledge generation and translation. This will include fostering interdisciplinary global health research activities across the UBC campus, with the aim of strengthening UBC's role in international development. Building upon the excellent basic science, discovery and population health research base that currently exists at UBC, this individual will define a research agenda that takes existing knowledge and promising innovations and translates these through development, delivery and scale-up research to the point where they truly impact on the health of lower income country populations – effectively addressing policy concerns to ensure successful and sustainable application.

An accomplished record of innovative research and training in implementation research as applied to population health and/or health systems in low and middle-income countries is required. The successful candidate will be an internationally recognized leader and have experience leading a global health research program. She/he will have

at least 15 years of relevant low/middle income country experience, working locally and at global levels. Applicants must also have demonstrated excellence in teaching and will be expected to participate in the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate teaching activities of the School. She/he must have a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within an interdisciplinary research environment and the capacity to obtain public and private sources of funding to support these activities. The individual selected will be subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. [Full job posting](#)

Spring 2013 Wall Exchange, featuring Dr. Brett Finlay

Title: Bugs 'R Us: The Role of Microbes in Health, Disease and Society

The Spring 2013 Wall exchange will feature Dr. Brett Finlay on **Tuesday, May 21st, 2013** at the Vogue Theatre in Downtown Vancouver at 7:30 pm. Doors open 6:30 pm. Come early to hear the Oscar Hicks jazz sextet. Tickets are free but must be reserved [here](#).

NGDI News

CORE Partners with NGDI-UBC in Neglected Global Disease Research



Collaboration for
Outcomes,
Research, and
Evaluation

For Immediate Release:

VANCOUVER, BC—April 29, 2013: The Collaborations for Outcomes Research (CORE) and the Neglected Global Diseases Initiative at the University of British Columbia (NGDI-UBC) today announced that they will collaborate on developing projects that will support CORE trainees and also NGDI members in their work to develop interventions and deliver them to those in need.

“The CORE team has significant and expanding expertise in health economics, program evaluation and pharmacoepidemiology. This partnership will support our membership in their projects and contribute to the multidisciplinary aspect that is vital for health policy development in neglected global diseases,” said Dr. Kishor M. Wasan, Director and Co-Founder, NGDI-UBC and Professor and Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC.

“NGDI-UBC brings to CORE an extensive network within UBC that crosses disciplinary boundaries. This partnership will augment current and future research opportunities and continue to strengthen our trainee education,” said Dr. Carlo A. Marra, Director at CORE. “Trainees come from or work in a variety of countries that are affected by neglected diseases,” said Dr. Marra.

The NGDI-UBC and CORE connection is already working for Ph.D. students Nelson Gorrin and Anik Patel. Their projects are co-supervised with Dr. Marra and a member from NGDI-UBC. Nelson is examining the ecosystem approach to prevent infections and reduce antibiotic resistance in Ecuador; his co-supervisor is Dr. Annalee Yassi, Professor of the School of Population and Public Health. Anik is examining the economic impact of SMS in improving retention and adherence to HIV therapies in Kenya with co-supervisor Dr. Richard Lester of the BC Centre for Disease Control and Assistant Clinical Professor at UBC.

In addition, Dr. Larry Lynd, Associate Director of CORE, will be accepting two graduate students in September; one for a project in Cambodia with Dr. Timothy Green, Associate Professor in the faculty of Land and Food Systems and an NGDI-UBC member, the other is a Rwandan physician pursuing his M.Sc degree concentrating on maternal, newborn, and child health.

“Building capacity for skills in evaluations and outcomes research in lesser developed countries where neglected global diseases are endemic is an important role that we will continue play ,” said Dr. Larry Lynd.

About CORE

The University of British Columbia's Collaboration for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) group addresses the need for clinical and economic research, and education in pharmaceutical outcomes assessment. The CORE team is a multidisciplinary group of researchers with expertise in clinical pharmacy, pharmacoepidemiology, health economics, health services research, program evaluation and health promotion research.

CORE strives to provide evidence which will maximize the clinical, quality of life, and economic benefits of drug therapy, while minimizing associated risks. This is achieved through independent research and research collaborations with pharmaceutical and health outcomes researchers throughout North America and Europe. For additional information, visit www.core.ubc.ca.

UAEM University Global Health Impact Report Card rates UBC #1

Originally posting from UILO: The University of British Columbia ranked first among 54 North American universities in the [University Global Health Impact Report Card](#), published on April 4, 2013, the first such report produced by the student-based group Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM).

The only university to achieve an overall A- grade, UBC scored well for its commitment to licensing medical discoveries in ways that promote access and affordability in developing countries, reflecting the formal strategy developed by the University in 2007 in partnership with the UBC chapter of UAEM.

An effective and affordable treatment for leishmaniasis, a deadly disease that afflicts 12 million people, is now being developed with iCo Therapeutics as a result of one of the first licensing agreements to reflect this strategy. UBC has also launched a Neglected Global Diseases Initiative (NGDI) which has created an innovation hub for researchers to tackle medical issues of particular concern for the developing world.

The UAEM promotes access to medicines and medical innovations in low- and middle-income countries, and the report card evaluates how the research, patent and licensing practices of leading North American universities impact global health issues. Information was gathered via published data and university surveys, and performances were assessed in the categories of innovation, access and empowerment.



UBC received an A in the access category for socially responsible licensing practices, a B for innovation in neglected disease research, with strong marks for establishing the NGDI, and a B for empowerment through global health education, thanks to its graduate courses and conferences.

"The results are a positive endorsement of our commitment to tackling issues of global health at UBC and to providing access to new health discoveries to those most in need," commented Angus Livingstone, Managing Director of the UBC University-Industry Liaison Office, responsible for the licensing of new UBC research discoveries. "We have been very fortunate to be able to work with forward-thinking industry partners such as iCo Therapeutics, and with an increasing acceptance of social responsibility and the need for more open collaboration, we hope that in the coming years, partnerships such as this can generate major impacts on global health."

Dr. Kishor Wasan, director and co-founder of the UBC Neglected Global Diseases Initiative, and CIHR/iCo Therapeutics Research Chair in Drug Delivery for Neglected Global Diseases, said, "This honour is a reflection of the great passion and commitment of our students. The partnership and collaboration between UAEM and NGDI has helped foster this ranking and we are indebted to everyone that has supported this initiative to develop interventions for neglected global diseases and ensure their delivery to those in need."

Other stories on topic.

UAEM Press Release: [First of Its Kind Report Card Shows Major Universities Falling Short on Life-Saving Research for the Developing World](#)

Vancouver Sun: [UBC Drug Researchers Win Prestigious Prize](#)

New York Times: [Universities Get Middling Grades in Helping Poor](#)

Toronto Star: [U of T falling behind in research of neglected tropical diseases, report says](#)
The Chronicle of Higher Education: [‘Report Card’ Faults Research Universities’ Impact on Global Health](#)
IPS Inter Press Service News Agency: [Universities “Not Living up to Missions” on Global Health Research](#)

NGDI Welcomes New Board Members

The NGDI-UBC Advisory Board is a multidisciplinary group featuring top academics, administrators and student group leaders. Dr. Kishor Wasan welcomed two new members to the board this month. Dr. David Patrick is the Director of the School of Population and Public Health and brings a strong background in infectious diseases and epidemiology. Dr. Nancy Gallini is the former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and a Professor of Economics; her interests are in patent rights and the economy of intellectual property.

Funding & Training Opportunities

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Job Opening: Director of Projects

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) is seeking to fill the newly created position of **Director, Projects**. This position will oversee and support a team of project leads working on a range of initiatives related to the generation and application of health research in BC.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.msfhr.org/about/careers/director-projects>.

CIFAR Global Academy

CIFAR fosters the development of the next generation of researchers in Canada and abroad. The Global Academy envelops all of CIFAR's early-career activities, including our summer and winter schools of advanced study and our elite CIFAR [Global Scholars](#). CIFAR also invests significantly in graduate students and postdoctoral fellows through funding provided to their supervising program members and opportunities to attend regular CIFAR program meetings.

CIFAR GLOBAL SCHOLARS

The CIFAR Global Scholars hold elite fellowships within the Global Academy that are designed to build research and leadership capacity in gifted early-career scholars. Global Scholars participate both in an innovative CIFAR research program and in meetings that bring together Global Scholars from all programs for cross-disciplinary career development and peer-networking.

Next Application Deadline: September 3, 2013

Fellowship Duration: Two years

VALUE (PER YEAR): *For postdoctoral fellows:* \$70,000 CDN* for salary and benefits

\$5,000 CDN* for research support

For junior faculty members: \$50,000 CDN* for research support

For more information: [<http://www.cifar.ca/global-academy>](http://www.cifar.ca/global-academy)

Canada-Latin America and the Caribbean Research Exchange Grants

Internal Deadline: JUNE 19th

Deadline: Thursday, June 20th, 2013 – 4pm (EDT)

Value: \$15,000

For more information ([LACREG](#))

Support letters are required by the Director, Dean or Dept. Head of both institutions. Partner institutions are expected to contribute at least one-third of the total cost of the project as part of CAREG's cost-sharing requirements (see below for more details).

THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS A BROAD OVERVIEW ONLY – INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD CONSULT THE [GUIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS](#)

IDRC aims to fund 13-15 grants to strengthen international partnerships and consolidate emerging networks among academic researchers from Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean through projects that address one or more of IDRC's four broad program areas:

- Agriculture and the environment
- Global health policy
- Science and innovation
- Social and economic policy

Applications must be submitted by the lead Canadian university's international liaison officer or the research institute's director.

Applications submitted on **Tuesday, June 18th, from 1pm-3pm and Wednesday, June 19th from 9:30am-10:30am** will be signed on a "while you wait" basis.

All other applications will be processed as soon as possible and investigators will be called as soon as the application is ready for pick-up (or contact Jacqueline for a pre-arranged drop-off time).

If you require assistance with your application, please contact Jacqueline.smit@ubc.ca.

Summer Institute on Addiction

For more information: <http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/health-nutrition-and-wellness/summer-institutes/index.html>

Date: July 18-20, 2013

Location: Liu Institute for Global Health Issues at UBC Point Grey.

Building on the range of programs in British Columbia offering entry-level training, this Summer Institute aims to support the on-going interprofessional development of health care teams working in the area of addiction. This year's launch leverages local, national and international expertise and will enhance treatment, strengthen interprofessional connections and highlight the innovative research and practice in British Columbia.

Key themes in this interactive three-day event include:

- chronic disease management and empowerment
- innovative practice
- health promotion
- holistic approach across the continuum of care.

Take advantage of this truly interprofessional event to gain practical resources, tools, and knowledge in order to enhance your practice and your patient care. This event is of value to members of health care teams with some knowledge and experience in the addictions field who are looking to update and deepen their professional practice in this area. Professional groups may include: case managers, counsellors, dietitians, nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physical therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, recreational, art and music therapists, and social workers.

To register online, [click here](#). Please contact staff at 604.827.4234 or [email](#) for more information.

Institute (three-day) Fee: \$725+tax, includes three lunches and breaks

Single day registration: \$275+tax, includes lunch and breaks

15% discount when two or more individuals register from the same organization. Please call to enquire.

Human Frontier Science Program

On May 15 and 16, **Simon Fraser University** and the **University of British Columbia** will co-host Dr. Carmen Gervais, Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards, for a series of talks and a workshop on the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP). Each talk is detailed below:

“IT’S IN THE GUIDELINES: WRITING HFSP GRANT PROPOSALS”

A presentation for all career stages.

Date: May 15, 2013

Time: 10:30am-11:30am (45 minute talk followed by Q&A)

Place: IRMACS Presentation Studio, SFU Burnaby

As a “niche” funding organization that addresses the paradox that science is international while its institutions and funding organizations are mostly nationally or even regionally organized, HFSP focuses funding on international and intercontinental scientific collaborations. HFSP promotes international collaboration in the spirit of science without borders. Novel, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to basic research (with priority given to high risk research) are invited, with a focus on scientists who are early in their careers. This talk will explain the mission of HFSP, the common pitfalls that make applications unsuccessful and some practical advice on how to increase your odds of success.

“IDENTIFY, FOCUS, SUCCEED: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE SEA OF FUNDING PROGRAMS AND PREPARE A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION.”

A Presentation for PhD Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows

Date: May 15, 2013

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm (45 minute talk followed by Q&A)

Place: IRMACS Presentation Studio, SFU Burnaby

Knowing what not to apply for is the first critical step in your career-long quest to secure research funding. This talk will explain the meaning behind the “application guidelines,” how evaluation criteria are applied, how peer review committees work, as well as tips on how to structure your application to increase your chances of success.

“THAT IDEA WAS BRILLIANT, DUDE! WHY WASN’T IT FUNDED?”

A workshop for PhD students thinking of applying for a Postdoctoral Award in 2013.

Date: May 16, 2013

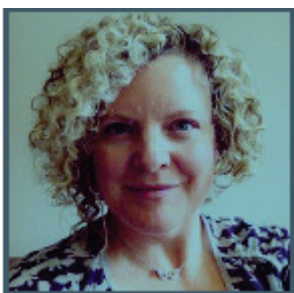
Time: 9:00am-11:30pm

Place: IRMACS Meeting Room (Applied Science Building, Room 10908), SFU Burnaby

Registration: If you are interested in attending, please sign up here (<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/137669828>). This workshop is limited to 20 participants and your place in the workshop will be confirmed via email by April 25, 2013.

Gather insider information on what makes an application competitive in national and international competitions for postdoctoral fellowships. Two hour workshop; some preparatory work is required in advance of the workshop, instructions

will be provided once registration is confirmed.



ABOUT DR. CARMEN GERVAIS: Carmen Gervais joined HFSP on June 1, 2012 as the Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards. Prior to joining the HFSP secretariat, she was the Senior Advisor at the Canada Research Chairs secretariat in Ottawa, Canada. In this capacity she was involved in policy analysis, strategic planning and program management. Most recently she oversaw the development and implementation of the prestigious Canada Excellence Research Chairs program, launched in 2008. Carmen has held various positions in government and was also a lecturer at the University of Ottawa. Carmen has served as a Director on the Board of Governors for the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, and has volunteered with various

social support organizations. www.hfsp.org



CIHR New Investigator Salary Award Workshop

Topics include: key components of a successful application, evaluation criteria and the new review process, and developing a game plan. To register, click [here](#). SPARC contact: [Christy McTait](#).

Workshop Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 1 to 4 p.m.

CIHR Operating Grant & Common CV Workshop - new session added

Join SPARC and the Faculty of Medicine to learn strategies for making your Operating Grant stand out and your Common CV shine. [Register for the May 23 session at Point Grey](#) or [register for the new May 29 session at VCHRI](#). SPARC contact: [Christy McTait](#); VCHRI contact: [Kerri Abramson](#).

Point Grey Workshop Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

VCHRI Workshop Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SPARC eBulletin

For those wishing to receive the eBulletin from the Support Programs to Advance Research Capacity (SPARC) please visit <http://sparc.ubc.ca/programs/sparc-connects>

Institute for Strategic Funding Development – 3 day strategic grant development workshop

June 10 - 12, 2013 8:30AM ~ 5:00 PM

CFRE Accredited Course for 20 contact hours or 20 Continuing Education Points! Participants completing the workshop will receive the following: a Certificate of Completion accredited by CFRE, grant funding CD, bonus fundraising CD, expert grant training instruction from industry leaders. Visit our [website](#) call **(877) 414-8991** to sign up now.

The strategic grant writing development workshop is designed to teach the basics of grant writing for industry professionals. It provides a comprehensive overview of effective grant development techniques, including: finding best fit funding sources, creating innovative programs, and planning for funding sustainability.

Tuition for our Three-day grant writing workshop is \$598 USD per person, with a \$50 off discount for early sign-ups (10 business days or more before the workshop). Each participant will receive the following:

* ISFD Certificate of Completion accredited by CFRE with 20 Continuation Education Units (CEU) or 20 Contact Hours

Call for Papers

The Global and Domestic Politics of Health Policy in the Emerging Nations

Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law - JHPPL

All manuscript submissions are due by **June 1, 2013**

Website: <http://bit.ly/11EN5kM>



“.....In the past two decades, developing nations have become increasingly integrated into the global political and economic system.

While several nations have successfully reformed their political, economic, and health policies, many are still dependent on the international community for financial and technical assistance. Nevertheless, in recent years a group of emerging nations, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (a.k.a., the BRICS) as well as Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Vietnam, and more, appear

to have become less dependent on international assistance, mainly because of their heightened economic growth and geopolitical influence.

This special series of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* (JHPPL) seeks to understand the global and domestic politics of health policy in these emerging nations. Attention is given to the evolutionary relationship between international institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, and the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and domestic policy-makers, as well as the role of domestic actors and nongovernmental organizations. Both global health governance mechanisms and the role that civil society plays in transforming these linkages, and in domestic affairs, for equitable agenda setting, policy-making, and regulation are of particular interest.

More specifically, this special series is guided by two areas of scholarly inquiry:

First, what are the international and domestic linkages related to health policy in the emerging nations, and how have these linkages transformed in the past two decades? What are the respective roles of global and domestic institutions in health policy in these nations? And how does the health policy of these nations affect global health policy? For example, do international institutions, such as the WHO, the World Bank, and the Global Fund, employ conditionality or other coercive measures to influence health policy and are they successful in doing so? Or do these international institutions recognize the rising influence and autonomy of emerging nations and, consequently, are they seeking new types of partnerships with them for health policy?

How much, if any, influence do global actors and norms have on the domestic health politics and policy in emerging nations? How do the “natural experiments” with health policy in emerging nations influence health policy in other countries and at the global level?

How are political leaders in these nations shifting their relationship with international institutions? What can we learn from the evolution of health politics and policy in these emerging nations and how might these findings inform the global and domestic health policy of other countries?

Second, given the growing importance of domestic actors, including national governments and civil society, in these emerging countries, how do these entities create and shape health policy in the emerging countries. What is the nature of linkages between international institutions, international non-governmental organizations (e.g., *Medicines Sans Frontieres*), and other domestic institutions, including national governments and how does this shape health policy?

Civil society – such as NGOs, CBOs (Community Based Organizations), and social health movements dedicated to health policy – are of special interest.

For example, in addition to examining their evolutionary role in advocating and pressuring for reform, is civil society working closely with international institutions to influence domestic agenda-setting, policy-making, and regulation?

How has the role of national governments in health policy evolved in the emerging nations and what lessons does this provide for global health governance and domestic health policy in other countries? Who, if anyone, is monitoring domestic health policy and holding national governments to account? Given that NGOs and social health movements – as well as democratization processes – are emerging in these nations, one might expect to find wide variation in civil societal strategies and influence. What role, if any, have democratizing processes played in shaping domestic health policy in these emerging nations?

Authors submitting manuscripts for this special series may focus on any of these areas of scholarly inquiry. Contributors should also feel free to address any type of health policy question in these emerging countries or global governance issue. With regards to case selection, authors may investigate one particular nation, compare several of the emerging nations or focus at the global level.

Contributors to this special series will be asked to submit research articles, critical essays and shorter commentary in accordance with JHPPL’s editorial guidelines.

Microbiology Research International (MRI)

We would like to invite you to contribute a full research paper or an outstanding long review for peer-review and possible publication in the Microbiology Research International (MRI).

MRI is a peer-reviewed open access journal which publishes high-quality articles, in English, in all areas of Microbiology. MRI is published monthly by Net Journals.

MRI publishes research papers, reviews and short communications in the areas of Microbiological Sciences and is fully committed to providing free access to all articles as soon as they are published. We ask you to support this

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If you decide to submit a manuscript, send the manuscript as MS word attachment to the editorial office via email at: mri@netjournals.org or mri.netjournals@gmail.com.

Upcoming Conferences

BIT's Major Diseases Clinical Summit-2013 (MDCS-2013) in Warsaw, Poland

Date: **November 5-7, 2013**

BIT's **Major Diseases Clinical Summit-2013** will be held in **Warsaw, Poland** from **November 5-7, 2013**.

The meeting will bring together leading experts and researchers in clinical therapeutics and public health to discuss recent scientific advances and initiate international partnerships.

The meeting program will cover six major tracks:

Track 1 - Cardiovascular Diseases

Track 2 - Cancers

Track 3 - Neurodegenerative Diseases

Track 4 - Metabolic Disorders

Track 5 - Infectious Diseases

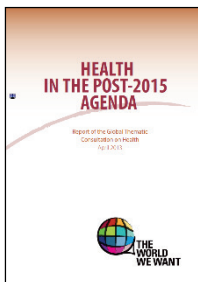
Track 6 - New Therapeutics

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.bitcongress.com/mdcs2013/default.asp>

Reports of Interest

Health in the Post-2015 Agenda



Final Report of the Global Thematic Consultation on Health, April 2013

World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Government of Sweden, the Government of Botswana, United Nations

"...Human development as an approach, deals with what I consider the basic development idea: namely, increasing the richness of human life rather than the wealth of the economy in which human beings live, which is only a part of life itself."

—Amartya Sen, Nobel Prize winner for economics in 1998

Available online PDF [108p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Yg9oMI>

".....Between September 2012 and March 2013 the Global Thematic Consultation on Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda received inputs from people and organizations around the world on how best to ensure the health of future generations.

The objectives for the consultation were:

- to stimulate wide-ranging discussion at global, regional, and country levels on progress made and lessons learnt from the MDGs relating to health;
- to discuss and develop a shared understanding among Member States, UN agencies, civil society, and other stakeholders on the positioning of health in the post-2015 development framework; and
- to propose health goals and related targets and indicators for the post-2015 development agenda, as well as approaches for implementation, measurement, and monitoring.

Over 150,000 people from all regions visited the consultation website (<http://bit.ly/W7AU00>). Over 100 papers were submitted by a wide range of organizations and authors, and 14 face-to-face meetings attracted over 1,600 people in places as far apart as La Paz, Dar es Salaam, Abuja, Amsterdam, New York, Beijing, and Bangkok.

Development Assistance for Health DAH: Critiques and Proposals for Change

Suerie Moon and Oluwatosin Omole

April 2013 - Centre on Global Health Security Working Group Papers - Chatham House
(The Royal Institute of International Affairs) UK

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/11xuBUl>



“....The past decade has witnessed significant and rapid change in the system for DAH, and we are now entering an era of major transition. This background paper offers an overview of the system and its major areas of weakness, followed by a review of a broad range of proposals to address them and criteria by which such proposals could be weighed. Many proposals are aimed at addressing one or two major concerns, rather than all. This is not necessarily problematic, as long as they are clearly recognized as such, rather than as panaceas. Nevertheless, it raises two questions: how ambitious should efforts at systemic reform be; and how interconnected are existing problems? More specifically, if financing and governance arrangements are fundamentally inseparable, can or should they be addressed in

an integrated way? Furthermore, many of the proposals are characterized by a ‘big idea’ but remain nascent and would benefit from more detailed implementation plans.

In particular, many proposals do not outline basic governance arrangements, such as who would have decision-making power, how decisions would be made, or how new initiatives would mesh with the existing architecture. Finally, greater consideration is warranted of the political and technical processes required to implement change, such as the minimum number of countries or other actors required to effect significant systemic change. While it is beyond the scope of this paper to make recommendations on any specific proposal, we hope that the analysis presented here will facilitate critical and candid review of the system, with the aim of building stronger and more equitable institutions for financing global health....”