



Global Health Equity Foundation

Global Health Equity Foundation is proud to announce its 1st international symposium

“Making Tangible Improvements Toward Global Health Equity: A Consensus Building Forum”

14:00 – 17:00, May 19, 2010

Hosted by the Fondation Brocher in Geneva, Switzerland

THEMES

The priority of global health equity in building civil societies;

Neutrality and tolerance in the practice of research;

The marginalization of displaced populations, demographics and the social burden of displacement;

The responsibility toward global health diplomacy and global health governance.

OBJECTIVES

Introduce the foundation’s insight on global health and its positioning within the global health community;

Explore opportunities for equitable negotiation of health in the 21st century;

Engage in interactive dialogue about the foundation’s activities developed for improving health equity;

Build support and establish relationships with Geneva Global Health Actors.

About Us

Global Health Equity Foundation is a philanthropic organization with the intent of making tangible improvements toward global health equity by engaging in and interlinking research, advocacy and capacity building. We aspire to become the source for knowledge on health equity and a major contributor to human and community development worldwide. We believe Global Health Equity must become an essential and core discipline for global public health education and application in global health governance.

More Information

There is no fee to participate in the symposium. You may register online at **www.ghef.org**. Registration is limited to forty participants and must be received by April 30.

For updated information about the symposium and Global Health Equity Foundation, visit our website.

Website: **www.ghef.org**
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Venue of Symposium

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**“Making Tangible Improvements Toward Global Health Equity: A
Consensus Building Forum”**

May 19, 2010

Fondation Brocher, Geneva, Switzerland

Global Health Equity Foundation will be holding its first international symposium at the Fondation Brocher on May 19, 2010. “Making Tangible Improvements Toward Global Health Equity: A Consensus Building Forum” will be presented by Global Health Equity Foundation, a global, non-profit organization dedicated to improving global health equity.

The purpose of the symposium is to:

1. Introduce the foundation to the global health community and specifically to Geneva Global Health Actors, with focus on the foundation’s position on global health and its positioning within the global health community;
2. Explore opportunities for equitable negotiation of health in the 21st century;
3. Engage in interactive dialogue with health leaders and global health experts by demonstrating the effectiveness of strategic activities developed for improving health equity;
4. Build support and establish relationships with Geneva Global Health Actors.

The format of the symposium is designed to be replicable for future symposia and to generate results that can be used for future research topics and advocacy programs by the foundation and its collaborators. There is a strong interactive component, which we call a Consensus Building Forum. Rather than follow a linear arc of a lecture-questions-break agenda, we are asking several prominent speakers to address the symposium on an urgent issue in health equity, then to participate as moderator in a Consensus Building Forum. There will be three Forums and in these Forums, we will ask participants to prioritize, filter, and discuss these issues as if they were participating in building a “real-life” research methodology, an advocacy campaign for the displaced, and a digital forum. These Consensus Building Forums are meant to represent our core strategic activities, as described in our Executive Summary.

At the end of each Forum, the moderators will close the activity with a summary and declaration of consensus achieved for that Forum. These outcomes will be collected in a “Report on a Consensus Building Forum” which we plan to include as part of the corresponding press release to be produced after the successful closure of the symposium.

The themes we intend to approach in the speaker presentations and Forums are:

1. Global health equity and its priority in our contemporary societies;
2. Neutrality and tolerance in the practice of research, from the perspective of an economist;
3. The marginalization of displaced populations, demographics and the social burden of displacement;
4. The responsibility toward global health diplomacy and global health governance;
5. The various modes of accessibility of technologies for the displaced and for the global health community.

The exploration of these themes will be framed by looking at the ethical implications of research, the social implications of displacement and by looking at the crossing of boundaries inherent in knowledge discovery and distribution. The symposium planning committee is led by Tayeb Al-Hafez, MD, founder of Global Health Equity Foundation; Christopher Heginbotham OBE, BSc, MSc, MA, Mphil, Head of the International School for Communities, Rights and Inclusion; Professor Todorka Kostadinova, PhD, Deputy Minister of Health, Bulgaria; and Professor Drozdostoj Stoyanov, MD, PhD, Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The symposium is to start at 2 pm and end at 5 pm, to be followed by a reception, which will allow for further discussion and interaction.

Registration for the symposium will open on April 12. The number of participants is limited to forty and we will close registration as soon as we receive the first forty applicants. Participation is free, however the foundation greatly appreciates any financial contributions made through its website or in person at the symposium. For updated information about the symposium and Global Health Equity Foundation, visit www.ghef.org or email connect@ghef.org.

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presented by Global Health Equity Foundation
14:00-17:00, May 19, 2010, followed by a reception

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title or Role: _____

Affiliation: _____

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[Please submit your completed registration form by April 30.](#) Click the REGISTER button to submit your information. If you have any problems using the form, please submit your registration via email to register@ghef.org. The symposium is limited to forty participants and we will close registration as soon as we reach this limit. You will be contacted to confirm your registration by April 30 and you will receive program information by May 11.

[There is no fee to participate in the symposium.](#) Contributions are welcome. By attending, you will participate in consensus building forums, whose outcomes will be released to the news media and published on the foundation's website. Your name may or may not be included in the proceedings published by the foundation.

If you have any questions or comments, please email connect@ghef.org.

For information regarding lodging, transportation and symposium updates, please visit our website, www.ghef.org.

Thank you for your interest and support in our first international symposium. We look forward to seeing you in Geneva on May 19.