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International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health Conference
Stockholm, 20 – 22 November 2023

PROGRAMME



Monday 20 November 2023

12.00 - 17.30

11.30 **Arrival and registration**

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Welcome & introductions** (Annika Östman Wernerson, Lars Strannegård, & Anders Nordström)

13.30 **International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health – our perspectives** (Helen Clark and Carl Bildt moderated by Anders Nordström)

14.00 **Looking back – Defining historical political moments for health**

- HIV/AIDS, mid 1990 and early 2000 (Peter Piot)
- ICPD Cairo and SRHR (Kate Gilmore)
- UN High Level Meetings on NCDs 2011 (Sania Nishtar & Ala Alwan)
- The Covid-19 pandemic 2020-23 (Helen Clark & Michel Kazatchkine)

15.00 **International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health – my perspective** (Jim Yong Kim by video link)

15.30 **Coffee and group discussions** based on the four cases presented earlier during the day

- What happened, what worked and why – challenges and lessons with a political lens
- What can we learn for the future?

16.30 **Why does this matter for the private sector** (Leif Johansson)

17.00 **End of day one reflections**

19.00 **Dinner hosted by the President of the Karolinska Institutet**
at Svenska Läkaresällskapet



Tuesday 21 November 2023

08.30 - 17.30

08.30 **Re-cap of day one** (Karl Wennberg)

09.00 **Power, Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health – looking forward**

- G20, G7 and regional perspectives on the future agendas for health (Noah Tegene, Emi Inaoka, Björn Kummel & Jimmy Kolker)
- Health, humanitarian needs and conflict settings (Joanne Liu & Itonde Kakome)
- Health and climate change (Gunilla Carlsson & John-Arne Røttingen)

10.00 **The next generation of global health leaders – what do we need?**

(Discussions with a group of emerging global health leaders moderated by Hampus Holmer)

10.45 **Coffee and group discussions – What can we offer in terms of support?**

11.45 **International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health – my perspective**

(Jakob Forssmed, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health)

12.00 **The next generation of global health leaders** (reporting back from group discussions moderated by Hampus Holmer)

12.30 **Lunch**

13.30 **International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health – my perspective**

(Jan Eliasson speaking with Anders Nordström)

14.00 **What I wish I had known? Emerging global health leaders interviewing senior leaders**

(Lwazi Manzi & Nina Rawal interviewing Helen Clark, Jan Eliasson, Peter Piot, Elisabeth Björk & Diane Gashumba)

15.00 **Coffee**

15.30 **Learning, mentoring and skills development for international politics, leadership and diplomacy for health**

- Understanding demand, content, format and target groups – presentation of interview and focus groups findings
- Group discussions on needs, gaps and ways forward

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08.30 - 17.30

17.00 **End of day two reflections**

19.00 **Informal mingle** hosted by Anders Nordström with the President of the
Stockholm School of Economics



Wednesday 22 November 2023

08.30 - 12.30

08.30 **Re-cap of day two** (Tobias Alfvén)

09.00 **Ambassadors and envoys for global health – challenges and opportunities**

(Introduction John-Arne Røttingen)

- Roles and functions; Challenges and opportunities
- Country experiences; Japan, Sweden, Norway, Germany, US & Rwanda

10.00 **Coffee**

10.30 **Next steps**

- How can/will we take this forward? Academic institutions, governments, regions, private partners, civil society – reporting back from yesterday's group discussions
- Establishment of potential networks for
 1. GHD Fellow and Practitioners
 2. Institutions – an International GHD Academy?

12.15 **Conclusions and final words** (Anders Nordström)

12.30 **Lunch**



Participants

Global health/political leaders

Carl Bildt	Former Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Helen Clark	Former Prime Minister and UNDP Administrator, New Zealand
Jan Eliasson	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and DSG UN, Sweden
Jim Yong Kim (video link)	Chancellor University of Global Health Equity, Vice Chairman and Partner at Global Infrastructure Partners Former President of the World Bank Group
Sania Nishtar	Senator, Pakistan
Peter Piot	Special Advisor to President von der Leyen on European and Global Health Security; ex-Executive Director UNAIDS; ex-Director LSHTM, Belgium
Michel Kazatchkine	Professor, former ED GFATM, France
Gunilla Carlsson	Former Minister for Development Cooperation, Sweden
Ala Alwan	Professor LSHTM and University of Washington, former Minister of Health, Iraq
Jimmy Kolker	Senior advisor for the State Department Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, US
Noah Tegene	Principal Policy and Health Diplomacy Officer, Africa CDC
Joanne Liu	Professor, McGill University, Canada
Amirhossein Takian	Professor, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Director, Department of Global Health & Public Policy, Iran
Heidi Larson	Professor, London School of Economics, US



Participants

Emerging leaders

Lwazi Manzi	Head of Secretariat, AU COVID-19 Commission, Executive Producer Spier Films, South Africa
Hampus Holmer	Desk Officer, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Nina Rawal	Partner and Co-Head at Trill Impact Ventures, Young Global Leader at World Economic Forum
Josefin Wiklund	Nordic Head of Office, ONE
Lolem Ngong	Chief of Staff, AMREF
Anh Wartel	Deputy Director General / Head of IVI Europe Regional Office (IERO), International Vaccine Institute (IVI)
Brian Li Han Wong	Digital Health Consultant, European Health Observatory
Usman Mushtaq	Former deputy Mayor Oslo
Mike Kalmus-Eliasz	University of Liverpool
Rooney, Long Hei Fong	Hong-Kong, Hong Kong Jockey Club
Salma Abdalla	Associate Professor, Boston University



Participants

Government partners

John-Arne Røttingen	Ambassador Global Health Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Norway
Susan Mockache	Health Permanent Secretary, Kenya
Carl Hartzell/Ola Sohlström	Department for Multilateral Partnerships, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Diane Gashumba	Ambassador to Sweden, former Minister for Health, Rwanda,
Noke Masaki	Ambassador to Sweden, Japan
Emi Inaoka	Special Adviser for Global Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
Walaiporn Patcharanarumol	Director Global Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
Björn Kümmel	Director, Ministry of Health, Germany
Jakob Forssmed	Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Sweden

Civil society partners

Kate Gilmore	IPPF, Board chair, former dep. ED UNFPA
Itonde Kakoma	Interpeace, President
Maria Guevara	MSF, International Medical Secretary
Lolem Ngong	AMREF, Chief of Staff
Anders Pedersen	Swedish Red Cross, acting Secretary General



Participants

Private sector and foundations partners

Leif Johansson	Former Chairman of AstraZeneca and Ericsson, Former CEO of Volvo and Electrolux
Jim Yong Kim (video link)	Vice Chairman and Partner at Global Infrastructure Partners, Former President of the World Bank Group
Gustaf Salford	President & CEO Elekta
Elisabeth Björk	Senior Vice President, AstraZeneca
Lina Andersson	Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Viatrix
Yanchun Lily Li	CEO Oriental Bioengineering Inc, Founder Harvard Wealth Strategy & Management LLC
Nina Rawal	Partner and Co-Head at Trill Impact Ventures, Young Global Leader at World Economic Forum
Lwazi Manzi	Executive Producer Spier Films, Head of Secretariat, AU COVID-19 Commission
Morten Nyegaard	Acting Nordic Head, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
James Kin-sing Chan	Senior Manager, Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust

Media

Sara Heyman (20 Nov)	Science and health journalist, Swedish Radio
Alex Kuman	Creative director, Global Health Creative



Participants

Institutional partners

Abebe Bekele	University of Global Health Equity, Dean, Rwanda
Solange Nakure	University of Global Health Equity, Executive Assistant to the Dean, Rwanda
Rhoda Wanyenze	Makerere University, School of Public Health, Dean, Uganda
Fadi El-Jardali	American University of Beirut, Professor of Health Policy and Systems
Suerie Moon	Graduate Institute, Professor Co-Director, Geneva, Switzerland
Ellen Roskam	Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
Sanjay Pattanshetty	Manipal Academy, Professor, Global Health Governance, Health Diplomacy, India
Rajat Khosla	UN University, International Institute for Global health, Executive Director, Malaysia
Garry Aslanyan	University of Toronto, School of Public Health, Professor, TDR/WHO, Canada
Lyndsay S. Baines	Wolfson College, University of Oxford, Course lead, UK
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Warisa Panichkriagkrai	International Health Policy Program, IHPP, Senior Researcher, Thailand
Annika Östman Wernersson	Karolinska Institutet, President, Sweden
Lars Strannegård	Stockholm School of Economics, President, Sweden
Karl Wennberg	Stockholm School of Economics, Professor, Sweden
Tobias Alfvén	Karolinska Institutet, Professor, Sweden
Anders Nordström	Karolinska Institutet & Stockholm School of Economics, Advisor, Sweden
Paul Rosenbaum	Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden
Carita Rehn	Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Background

Health diplomacy has contributed to some of the most important global health achievements in recent decades, including the sharp increase in international resources for health at the beginning of the 21st century. Today, health is clearly part of global and regional politics.

There is a growing interest in international politics, leadership and diplomacy for health across the world, particularly in terms of practical approaches on how to navigate in a political environment, diplomacy and applied political economy of health - beyond merely theoretical knowledge.

The link between governance, diplomacy, development, political science and public health disciplines and communities is often missing. Learning opportunities exist but are limited and there is currently no established network neither for practitioners nor for institutions.

The conference is part of a project with the objective to contribute to an expanded cadre of mid-career professionals who are competent in international politics and diplomacy, and able to effectively navigate in the political landscape of health across the world. This project includes a mapping of demand and existing skill development opportunities, followed by this conference, the *International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health Conference*, and a pilot program Q2-Q3 2024 targeting a first group of 20-24 participants.

The program is a collaboration between and managed by the House of Governance and Public Policy at the Stockholm School of Economics, and the Karolinska Institutet, Department of Global Health. There is an interest to establish collaborations with other institutions with similar interests.



Objectives

The overall objective for the conference is to explore the lessons learned around international politics, leadership and diplomacy for health from the past and discuss challenges and opportunities for the future. The aim is also to identify potential learning and capacity building gaps as well as new possibilities for collaboration between institutions and practitioners.

The specific objectives are to

- Explore lessons learned around global health, leadership, diplomacy and politics from the past successes and challenges
- Explore how health diplomacy and a common (health) interest has provided an opportunity to overcome different national interests as well as mobilizing needed resources
- Discuss experiences from the political processes relating to health at the G20, G7, AU and EU
- Review skills and approaches which have been successful – or not
- Listen to emerging leaders and hear their specific priorities and needs
- Identify learning and capacity building gaps and opportunities in international politics, leadership and diplomacy for health with a focus on practical skills, experiences and the next generation of leaders

Expected outcomes

- The potential of establishing a network of institutions and leaders for GHD
- Conference report and a joint OpEd/Comment on the topic
- Input on the design of the International Politics, Leadership and Diplomacy for Health pilot program

