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# Geneva Forum

# Towards Global Access to Health

## Globalization, Crisis and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspectives

Third Edition

**19 – 21 April 2010**

International Conference Centre Geneva, Switzerland

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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

Following two successful editions in 2006 and 2008, each of which counted nearly 1000 participants from around the world and over 60 organizations in its marketplace, the next edition of the Geneva Health Forum aims to not only bring together again the broad range of actors in Geneva, but also to reach out to those unable to attend by means of interactive hubs and support for participants from low and lower-middle income countries. This edition will take place from 19-21 April 2010 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva, Switzerland.

## Objectives and Scope of the Geneva Health Forum

The Geneva Health Forum is dedicated to innovative and open discussion and debate to mobilize actors and promote sustainable global access to health. Grounded in the principle of equality of opinion and opportunity, the Forum creates a productive venue for a true multi-stakeholder approach to global health issues. The conference places particular emphasis on bringing field experience to international attention.

## The 2010 Edition

Building on the 2006 and 2008 editions, which focused respectively on access to health around the world and strengthening health systems and the global health workforce, this 2010 edition will further explore the strengthening of health systems by emphasizing access to health in periods of crisis with particular attention to regional approaches.

## GENEVA HEALTH FORUM 2010 THEMES

### GLOBALIZATION, CRISIS, AND HEALTH SYSTEMS: CONFRONTING REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

#### ACCESS TO HEALTH IN PERIODS OF CRISIS

*Financial crisis as a driving force for change in health systems, access to health in times of humanitarian crises, conflict, and reconstruction*

#### GLOBALIZATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

*Mobility of patients and health professionals, shifting disease burden, healthcare services market, access to comprehensive primary healthcare*

#### GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE AND POLICIES

*Power shifts, accountability and legitimacy of global health actors, the role of Europe in global health*

#### HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGIES

*Telemedicine, self-informed patients, global health professionals networks, medicines and diagnostics*

\* The definitive version of these themes and a preliminary programme will be available at [www.genevahealthforum.org](http://www.genevahealthforum.org) from 16 June 2009.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Important Dates

**30 June 2009:** Opening date for abstract submissions

**15 October 2009:** Final date for abstract submissions

**10 October 2009:** Opening date for registration

**20 February 2010:** Final date for early registration

### Call for Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted on-line (see website).

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### Official Language

The official conference language is English.

### Conference Location

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