

**MOVING HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY:  
GLOBAL CHALLENGE, AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE**



## Agenda

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**09:00 – 09:30 Conference Registration**

Location: Protea Hotel, Stellenbosch, South Africa

**09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Dr. Andrew F. Cooper**, Associate Director and Distinguished Fellow, CIGI; Professor, University of Waterloo, Canada

**09:35 – 09:50 Keynote Address**

*Keynote Speaker:* **Dr. Obijofor Aginam**, Director of Studies, Policy & Institutional Frameworks, United Nations University, Japan

**09:50 – 11:20 Session One: Moving Health: From Static to Dynamic Governance**

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*Moderator:*

**Dr. Matshidiso Moeti**, Assistant Regional Director for Africa, World Health Organization, Congo

*Introductory Remarks: National and International Dimensions of Health Governance*

**Dr. Siphamandla Zondi**, Programme Director, Africa, Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), South Africa

*Assessing Health Governance in the Context of ‘Global Biopolitics’*

**Dr. Nelson Sewankambo**, Director of the African Initiative, CIGI; Dean of the Medical School, Makerere University, Uganda

*Strengthening of Health Capacity in Africa: A Millennium Development Challenge*

**Dr. Jorge Braga de Macedo**, President, Tropical Research Institute & Professor of Economics, Nova University, Portugal

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*Moving Health-Challenges to Traditional Conceptions of Sovereignty*

11:20 – 11:40 Discussion

11:40 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 **Session Two: Challenges for Africa in Health Sovereignty: Competing and Changing Conceptions and Perceptions**

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*Moderator:* **Prof. Nceba Gqaleni**, Research Chair, Indigenous Health Care Systems Research, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

**Dr. Kent Buse**, Research Fellow, Poverty and Public Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), United Kingdom

*The Interlink Between Poverty, Climate Change and Health Strategies*

**Ms. Annamarie Sehovic**, University of Kiel, Germany

*Health Sovereignty and HIV/AIDS Response in South Africa*

**Prof. David Sanders**, Director, School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

*Current Donor Funding Architecture-Challenges for Africa’s Health Sovereignty*

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **Session Three: Movement of People: Health Outcomes and Responses**

*The movement of people poses an intrinsic challenge to combating pathogens and promoting health, as well as to the jurisdiction of sovereignty. As migrants include health professionals, their movement encompasses possible transmission of disease as well as promises of treatment. This presents a conundrum, pitting losers – of outward flowing healthcare professionals amidst spread of disease as well as loss of (health) sovereignty – and winners – of inflowing healthcare professionals and potential solutions to disease*

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*spreads as well as enhanced (health) sovereignty – against each other. It is therefore vital, and in the interests of the departure and arrival countries, which in some cases play both losing and winning roles, to address and answer the following questions: what diseases and which migrants are moving, where? Who is responsible for the healthcare of migrants (whether citizens or not of their country of residence)? What responsibilities do migrants, notably healthcare professionals, have to their countries of departure and arrival? What responsibilities do countries of arrival, in particular, have to the countries of departure from whose migrants, notably healthcare professionals, they benefit?*

**Moderator:** **Mr. Hany Besada**, Senior Researcher and Program Leader, CIGI, Canada

**Mr. Hans-Petter Boe**, Programme Manager, Regional Representative for Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration, South Africa (tbc)  
*Movement of People and Diseases: Health and Development Challenges*

**Dr. Anita Davies**, Public Health Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Switzerland  
*International Migration and Its Impact on Global Health Governance*

**Mr. Rudi Robinson**, Senior Researcher, The North-South Institute, Canada  
*International Migration of Health Professions: The Critical Dimensions of the Health Human Resources Crisis in Sub-Saharan African Countries*

16:00 – 16:30 **Break**

16:30 – 18:30 **Session Four: Managing Infectious Diseases: Integrating Science, Governance and Community Mobilization**

*As illustrated by the themes and presentations presented in the previous session, science especially in terms of health-related research and practice; governance in terms of local and global allocations of health and legal responsibility and accountability; and community mobilization in terms of individual and institutional responses to health and migratory challenges are all interrelated aspects of health sovereignty. This leads to the question: how can local and global governance cooperate to contribute to the overall health of both local and global communities?*

**Moderator:** **Prof. Murray Leibbrandt**, Research Chair in Poverty & Inequality Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa (tbc)

**Prof. Solomon Benatar**, Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the UCT Bioethics Centre, University of Cape Town, South Africa (tbc)  
*Science and Ethics in Managing Infectious Diseases*

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**Prof. Jan Du Toit**, Director, Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management, Stellenbosch University, South Africa  
*Innovative Community Mobilization Efforts and HIV and TB Prevention Programmes in South Africa*

**Dr. Jane Adar**, Research, Training and Technical Support Consultant, Angaza Health Development and Leadership, South Africa  
*Integrating Science and Community Development in Fighting Infectious Diseases*

19:30 – 21:30 **Dinner and Keynote Address**

**Keynote Speaker: Prof. Jimmie Perry**, Director of Educational Theatre and Creative Arts, Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management, South Africa (tbc)

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### Session Five: National and Regional Policy Innovations

*Nation-states bear the brunt of the responsibility for responding to pathogens and migrants within their borders. As the majority of pathogens and migrants move primarily within their regions, regional associations and organizations are next in line to assume such responsibility. Therefore, both national and regional policy innovations are required to respond to the threats and challenges these pose, including within the context of health sovereignty. It is useful to recognize that it is unlikely that any country in an increasingly globalized world will be able to successfully seal its borders, against either migrants or pathogens. Given the wealth of knowledge, skills and labor sources that migrants present, it is also unlikely that sealing borders would benefit any particular country. The simultaneous transmission of disease is an unavoidable by-product of such productive openness. Questions emerge with regard to the necessarily ensuing policy innovations: what constitutes a possible governmental response to moving pathogens and migrants? What constitutes an appropriate response? What are the policy options for a state regarding admitting and assuming responsibility for the health of incoming migrants? What are the responsibilities of a host state, especially when responsible for recruiting such healthcare professionals from poorer settings, to the healthcare professionals and to the places of their origin? What is the role of regional policy? What possible responses could it devise? What policies are appropriate? What organ(s) of government and/or governance is responsible and accountable for the content, implementation and enforcement of national and regional policy pertaining to health sovereignty? To whom are these responsible and accountable?*

**Moderator: Dr. Diéry Seck**, Director, United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Senegal

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*Introductory Remarks: NEPAD and the Challenge of Integrated Regional Health Planning in Sub-Saharan Africa*

**Mr. Oscar Picazo**, Senior Economist, The World Bank (Pretoria), South Africa  
*The Role of the World Bank and Other Global Multilateral Institutions in Health Promotion and Social Protection in Africa*

**Dr. Scholastika Lipinge**, University of Namibia, Namibia  
*Human Resource Development in Health Sector and National Development Planning*

**Ms. Helen Mealins**, Head, UK Department for International Development (DFID) Southern Africa Programme, South Africa (tbc)  
*Health Governance from the Perspective of Donor Communities in the Region*

**Dr. Sophie Harman**, Lecturer in International Politics, City University, United Kingdom  
*Problems and Challenges in the International/National Nexus of Sovereignty, Innovation and National 'Ownership'*

**Mr. Rudi Robinson**, Senior Researcher, The North-South Institute, Canada  
*Managing the International Mobility of Health Professionals in a Globalizing World: Strategic Approaches*

10:30 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session Six: New Directions in Global Health Governance**  
*Building upon the questions and insights of the previous session, it becomes obvious that new directions in health governance are required not only at the (local), national and regional levels, but also at the global level. This leads to the questions: What is the role of global governance in global health? What constitutes global health governance? What possible responses could it devise? What policies are appropriate? What organ(s) of government and/or governance is responsible and accountable for the content, implementation and enforcement of national and regional policy pertaining to health sovereignty? To whom are these responsible and accountable?*

*Moderator:* **Dr. Brendan Vickers**, Senior Researcher, Multilateral Programme, Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), South Africa

**Dr. Rangarirai Machedze**, Deputy Director, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute, Zimbabwe  
*The Impact of Trade Law and Politics in Global Health Governance: Can the WTO Be Trusted?*

**Mr. Nicky Moyo**, Director, Enterprise Africa Trust, Zimbabwe

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*Improving Health Outcomes in Africa: The Case for Private Sector Participation in Provision of Health Infrastructure and Services*

**Dr. Pieter Fourie**, Chair, Politics Department, University of Johannesburg, South Africa  
*AIDS and Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 **Session Seven: The Future of Health Governance: Confronting the Challenges of Climate Change in a Globalizing World**

*Health sovereignty includes far more than the challenges posed by pathogens and migratory populations. It also encompasses broader aspects of health and governance, pertaining to agricultural production and food security, to access to and use of water and (fossil) fuels, as well as of antibiotics and medical treatments, especially in terms of food production and healthcare provision. These all also converge around climate change: itself a challenge to traditional sovereignty and instigator of innovation in governance. It will be important to focus on each specific issue, and to address each individually. At the same time, it is vital to assess and analyze the challenges contained in health governance from a holistic point of view. How can this be done? Some questions surface: What emerging challenges exist and are likely to health and health governance by climate change and intensifying globalization? What possible responses are available and can be developed?*

*Moderator:* **Ms. Madeline Koch**, Managing Director, G8 Research Group, Canada

**Prof. Franklyn Lisk**, Professorial Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR), Warwick University, United Kingdom  
*A New Challenge in Global Health Governance: Adaptation to Climate Change and Protection of the Environment*

**Dr. Peter Johnston**, Applied Climatologist, University of Cape Town, South Africa (tbc)  
*Challenges of Climate Change and Environmental Degradation in the Context of Post-Conflict Reconstruction*

**Dr. Dennis Willms**, Founding and Executive Director, Salama SHIELD Foundation, Uganda  
*The Impact of Climate Change on Health Governance and Sovereignty in Africa*

15:00 – 15:30 **Summary and Closing Remarks**

**Dr. John Kirton**, Director and Co-Founder of the G8 Research Group, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Canada