

## Our vision

Be-cause health aims at equitable access to good quality responsive health services for all, and in particular the most vulnerable people, embedded in strong, resilient and sustainable health systems.

## Our mission

Be-cause health is a pluralistic open platform, providing a place for exchange and capitalisation of technical knowledge and scientific evidence on international health and development cooperation and its application in the field. Be-cause health ensures a more effective Belgian contribution to global health policies and the policy debate based on the right to health and healthcare for all, and on the acceptance of reality as a complex, adaptive system influenced by multiple determinants. The platform stimulates mutual trust, understanding and cooperation between all stakeholders involved in Belgian development cooperation. It strengthens the transformational competences of its members such as flexibility, teamwork and leadership.

## Our structure

Be-cause health is open to both organisations and individual members involved in Belgian development cooperation related to international health: public and private implementers, civil society organisations, researchers and policy makers. The governance is ensured by an annual general assembly, an elected steering group and various thematic working groups such as Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Access to Medicines, Human Resources for Health, Social Determinants of Health, Non-Communicable Diseases, Digital Health, Social Protection, Complexity, Universal Health Coverage.

### More Information?

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## Strategic Objectives

- 1 Be-cause health is an efficient and dynamic network, representative of Belgian stakeholders active in the field of international health & healthcare.
- 2 Belgian stakeholders contribute effectively to the international policy of Belgium and to international policies related to health.
- 3 Be-cause health assures a good diffusion and exchange of knowledge as well as capitalizes field experiences amongst its members.
- 4 Be-cause health promotes complementarity, synergy and collaboration among Belgian stakeholders involved in international health and other national and international health networks.



## BE-CAUSE HEALTH @ EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON TROPICAL MEDICINE AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (ECTMIH)

16-20th October, 2017  
Antwerp

Established in 2004,

Be-cause health is an open platform supporting and connecting Belgian public and private actors, researchers, advocates and policy makers engaged in international health cooperation.

We facilitate exchanges of research and field experiences, convene a Belgian health community and engage key stakeholders on policy debate based on the right to health.

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# Be-cause health sessions at ECTMIH 16-20 October 2017

Date	Time	Room nr	Session Type	N°	Theme	Title	(Co-)organizers	Partners
<b>Tuesday</b> 17 October 2017  <b>Location:</b> Exhibition area, Booth 13 - Be-cause health  <b>Time:</b> 12:30 <b>Theme:</b> Digital Health <b>Join</b> an exchange between VUB prof. Frank Verbeke and Latin American colleagues on digital health applications  <b>Time:</b> 15:00 <b>Theme:</b> International health Cooperation <b>Join</b> an exchange with Belgian medical students engaged in global health	08:30	Elisabeth hall	Plenary Session		International health Cooperation	Debate: Doing development differently: The future role of international cooperation	ITM, Be-cause health	Makerere School of Public Health, Uganda DG DEVCO, European Commission
	10:30	Gorilla 4	Abstract session	853	SRHR	Critical reflections on SRHR policies and law, AN-SER, Body & rights E-learning	SENSOA, ICRH / Ghent University, BTC	
	10:30	Gorilla 1	Abstract session	551	Digitalisation and e-Health	Digitalisation and e-Health	VUB, BTC, Blue Square	
	10:30	Gorilla 5	Abstract session	951	International health Cooperation	Making Promises, breaking Commitments: What is the Role of Health Policy and Systems Researchers in transforming Political Commitments into better Health Systems?	Emerging Voices, ITM	
	15:30	Gorilla 3	Organised Session	6052	International health Cooperation	Health cooperation beyond aid	Be-cause health, Medicus Mundi International	BTC, MEMISA, University of Edinburgh
<b>Wednesday</b> 18 October 2017  <b>Location:</b> Exhibition area, Booth 13 - Be-cause health  <b>Time:</b> 12:30 <b>Theme:</b> Non Communicable Diseases <b>Meet</b> prof. N. Levitt Clinical Endocrinologist/Diabetologist @ Cape Town University and chairperson of the Chronic Diseases in Africa Initiative  <b>Time:</b> 12:30 <b>Theme:</b> Social Determinants of Health <b>Meet</b> Prof. Meri Koivusalo of the Finnish Institute for Health & Welfare, exchange on the impact of trade on health Chronic Diseases in Africa Initiative	08:30	Elisabeth hall	Plenary Session		Quality of Medicines	Presentation by Prof Hans V. Hogerzeil on the Lan-cet Commission on Essential Medicines	ITM	University Medical Centre, Groningen
	10:30	Elisabeth hall	Organised Session	5053	Quality of Medicines	Poor quality medicines: a hidden threat to health systems and international health	Medicines Working Group of Be-cause Health	
	12:30-13:30	Poster Area	Poster	8P58	Mental Health	Poster by T.KIM on beliefs about mental problems and treatment seeking in rural communities in Cambodia	Louvain Coopération	Louvain Coopération Cambodia
	13:30	Elisabeth hall	Organised Session	554	Quality of Medicines	Drugs, Diagnostics & Supplies	ITM	
	13:30	Gorilla 1	Organised Session	5054	Non Communicable Diseases	Tackling the non-communicable disease epidemics in low- and middle income countries	ITM	
	13:30	Gorilla 3	Organised Session	5055	Human Resources for Health	Human resources for health in low income countries and complex settings: An opportunity to address global challenges?	WG Human resources for health	Damian Foundation, BTC, MSF, ULB, RE-BUILD(UK)
	13:30	Gorilla 5	Organised Session	5056	Financing for Health	Strategic financing: concept and field applications from 6 partner countries	BTC	BTC - Health department, Brussels; Senegal; Niger; Uganda; Benin; Ministry of Health, Burundi; Ministry of Health, DRC
	15:30	Elisabeth hall	Panel Debate	7051	Social Determinants	How does global trade impact health?	Social Determinants Working Group of Be-cause Health	FOS, Living Health Systems; G3W-M3M, PHM, Soc. Mutualiteit
<b>Thursday</b> 19 October 2017  <b>Location:</b> Exhibition area, Booth 13 - Be-cause health  <b>Time:</b> 12:30 <b>Theme:</b> Mental Health <b>Join</b> an exchange on mental health with T.KIM, researcher in Cambodia	10:30	Gorilla 1	Abstract Session	559	Complexity	Governance of Health Systems Managing Complexity, Managing Accountability	Living Health Systems	ITM
	12:30-13:30	Poster Area	Poster	8P81	SRHR	The importance of a community based approach in reaching out to survivors of sexual violence - The experience of two coffee cooperatives in the DR Congo	BTC	
	15:30	Gorilla 4	Abstract Session	8054	SRHR	Measuring progress of Safe Motherhood programs: only a matter of international organisations?	ITM	
<b>Friday</b> 20 October 2017  <b>Location:</b> Exhibition area, Booth 13 - Be-cause health  <b>Time:</b> 10:00 <b>Theme:</b> Medical Equipment <b>Join</b> an exchange on quality of medical equipment and asset management	08:30	Gorilla 5	Organised Session	60510	International health Cooperation	The Secrets of Effective Networks - 5 Case Studies Focusing on Structure and Functioning of Multi-Stakeholder Platforms	FESTMIH, Be-cause health	FESTMIH members: Platform of Be-cause health & Irish Forum of Global Health
	08:30	Gorilla 3	Organised Session	50512	Equipment, Asset Management	Asset management in LMICs: a challenge with multiple answers	Artzen zonder vakantie / Medecins sans vacances	