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GLOBAL HEALTH WATCH

THE STATE OF GLOBAL HEALTH

LAUNCHING SEMINAR OF GLOBAL HEALTH WATCH 5
THE ALTERNATIVE WORLD HEALTH REPORT

PROGRAMME
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During this one day seminar, we will address the key challenges facing governments and health practitioners today, within the context of rapid shifts in global and national governance mechanisms and the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

In an unequal world, living conditions that promote ill-health and extreme inequity in access to healthcare services prevent a majority of the world’s population from leading healthy lives. The collapse of public health systems in many parts of the world and the rising commodification of healthcare in several regions, depict the inability of the current global health governance to address the rising crisis in health. Accompanying these trends is a global order where governance for health is being held captive by private foundations and corporations.

This is the context that informs the contents of the 2017 Global Health Watch report. Coordinated by the People’s Health Movement, Asociación Latinoamericana de Medicina Social, Health Poverty Action, Medico International, Third World Network and Medact and now in its fifth edition, the GHW is widely perceived as the definitive voice for an alternative discourse on health. Like its predecessors, it challenges conventional wisdom while pioneering innovative new approaches to the field.

MORNING SESSIONS: A GLOBAL VIEW 9.00-12:15

09.00 Coffee and welcome

9:30 introductions

09.45 Keynote by David McCoy

David McCoy is public health physician, academic and Director of Medact. He was co-Managing Editor of the first two Global Health Watches, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Economic Foundation and the Steering Committee of the People’s Health Movement.

10:45 Watching the global political and economic architecture

Panel session to critically analyse the global processes and institutions that have a significant impact on global health and the current structure of global power relations and global governance.
- Renee De Jong, Wemos and Geneva Global Health Hub
- David McCoy, Medact

11:45 Presentation of the People's Health Movement manual on movement building

By Wim De Ceukelaire, People’s Health Movement Steering Council Member and director of G3W-M3M
LUNCH
12:15-13:00

Lunch provided by Collectactif
Including sale of ‘Global Health Watch 5’ (€20)

AFTERNOON SESSIONS: LINKING LOCAL TO GLOBAL STORIES
13:00-15:15

13:00 The impact of free trade agreements on health
- Liesbet Vangeel, policy officer for FOS, Global Health Watch 5 contributor
- Katharina Berza, head of department of advocacy, research and publications of the Filipino Council for Health and Development
- Marc Maes, policy officer on trade for 11.11.11

14:00 Health and migration
- Pierre Verbeeren, Director of Doctors for the World Belgium
- Maité Cuvelier, Cultures et Santé

WRAP UP SESSION
15:15-15:45

- Take away message by David McCoy
- Call to action by Ellen Verryt, Plate-forme d’Action Santé et Solidarité

DRINKS AND TALKS
15:45

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