

**Education and Leadership**

Special Topic: Healthy Cities and Prevention

Especially in times of limited resources we need well-trained leaders to build high-performing and sustainable health systems. They will be change agents who will better serve the needs identified by their communities. Thereby they will be contributing to the improvement of health outcomes and health equity. In addition we need to develop interdisciplinary strategies for a more effective health communication system. How can we clearly articulate and support the synergies between health and the other sectors? How can we develop shared solutions to drive people-centered, inclusive development?

**Research and Innovation**

Special Topic: Big Data / Systems Biology and Systemic Medicine

Cross-sector collaborations between Global Health and foreign policy programs and new capacity building initiatives are vital to improve the current coordination and to stimulate the financing of health research. This is also crucial to strengthen the links between evidence and policy. To improve the health status of its people and to contribute to its social and economic development a systems approach at the country level is needed. Strengthening a country's research capacity is mandatory in order to provide a supportive environment for sustainable growth.

**Evidence to Policy**

Special Topic: Climate Change and Health

The links between health, poverty alleviation and development, as well as the role of health in the formulation and implementation of foreign policy have been recognized in the UN Resolution on Global Health and Foreign Policy. Global Health affects all the core functions of foreign policy: achieving security, creating economic wealth, supporting development in low income countries and protecting human dignity.

**Global Health for Development**

Special Topic: Universal Health Coverage

The outcome document of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development gives health a central place as a precondition for, and an outcome and an indicator of all three dimensions of sustainable development: economic growth, social improvement and environmental protection. Health must become part of the post-2015 development agenda. This agenda presents an opportunity to rethink what makes development inclusive, innovative and relevant for everyone. The importance of Universal Health Coverage in enhancing health, social cohesion and sustainable human and economic development is emphasized. It is therefore an essential component of sustainable development and poverty reduction.