

Third World Network

International Meeting on a global framework for supporting health research and development (R&D) in areas of market and public policy failure.

*29th April, 2003 from 08:30 to 18:00 at
The International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG)
15, rue de Varembé
1211 Geneva, Switzerland*

Provisional Agenda

Registration: from 08:30 to 09:00

09:00 to 09:15

Opening Comments

Sir John Sulston, Founding Director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine 2002, UK

09:15 to 10:45 **Panel 1**

The Crisis in Health R&D: Where is market driven R&D inadequate for public health needs?

Moderator: Grace Murilla, Kenya Trypanomiasis Research Institute (KETRI), Kenya

R&D and drugs for Neglected Patients

Bernard Pécoul, Director, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), Switzerland

Funding challenges for R&D in Africa

Priscilla Nyakundi, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya

Better drugs to treat people living with AIDS

Bob Huff, GMHC Treatment Issues, Gay Men's Health Crisis, USA

AIDS Vaccine research, a global responsibility

Saul Walker, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), USA

Research on Drugs to Treat TB

Joelle Tanguy, Global TB Alliance, USA

Open Source Research
Tim Hubbard, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, UK

Access to IP: a hurdle in the R&D of products for neglected diseases

Janis Lazdins, World Health Organization – Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO-TDR), Switzerland

Discussion

10:45 to 11:00 **Break**

11:00 to 12:30 **Panel 2**
Current Global frameworks for Funding R&D

Moderator: Julian Fleet, UNAIDS, Switzerland

Intellectual Property, R&D and Development
Charles Clift, DFID, Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, UK

EC strategies to promote investment in economically orphan medicines

Tomas Niklasson, European Commission, DG Development Belgium

Identifying research gaps and addressing the need for transparency of investment flows

Louis Currat, Global Forum for Health Research, Switzerland

Present global mechanisms for R&D deliver

Jerry Reichman, Duke University School of Law, USA

Lessons from Public-Private Partnerships

Roy Widdus, Initiative on Public-Private Partnerships for Health, Switzerland

Lessons from the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Derek Yach, World Health Organization, Switzerland

Discussion

12:30 to 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 to 15:30 **Panel 3**
Developing a new framework for funding R&D

Moderator: Rajesh Aggarwal, Mission of India, Switzerland

New Treaty Frameworks for Sharing Burden of Funding R&D
James Love, Consumer Project on Technology, USA

Issues presented by WTO Agreements
Jayashree Watal, World Trade Organization, Switzerland

Human Rights and R&D funding framework
Tenu Avafia, Legal Assistance Centre, Namibia

Technology Transfer Objectives of an R&D Treaty
Pedro Roffe, UNCTAD, Geneva

The World Health Report 2004 and the 2004 Mexico Ministerial Summit on Health R&D
Tikki Pang, World Health Organization, Switzerland

Discussion

15:30 to 16:00

Break

16:00 to 18:00

Panel 4

How do we develop proactive policy in shaping R&D?

Moderator: Catherine Hodgkin, Royal Tropical Institute, The Netherlands

WHO View

Jonathan Quick, World Health Organization, Switzerland

Industry View

Gill Samuels, Pfizer, UK

Developing Country role in shaping R&D policy agenda

Sisule Fredrick Musungu, South Centre, Geneva

The World Health Assembly Agenda on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Public Health

Jorge Bermudez, Fiocruz, Brazil

NGO view

Philippa Saunders, Oxfam, UK

NGO view

Ellen 't Hoen, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Médecins sans Frontières, France

Next steps towards an international R&D convention

Sir John Sulston, Founding Director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, UK

Discussion

Closing of the meeting

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