



37th Annual International Conference on Global Health

For more than 35 years, the Global Health Council has served as the voice and the conscience of those fighting for the health and well being of the world's poorest. From HIV/AIDS to children's

health, from the reproductive rights of women to the spread of infectious diseases, we have served to highlight the world's health needs and share proven answers.

As the premier annual event in the field of global health, the Annual International Conference on Global Health is the cornerstone of the Global Health Council's education and outreach agenda, and it is a true catalyst for long-term change. Held in Washington, D.C., the Conference provides an unparalleled opportunity for both the Council's members and other global health professionals to share with each other the challenges and most recent advances in delivering life-saving technologies and services to the world's neediest people – and to communicate those challenges and advances to policy-makers and the public. The conference program content encompasses three fundamental aspects of the Council's mission: 1) alleviating the burden of disease; 2) promoting health equity; and 3) strengthening health systems.

From June 14 – 18, 2010, more than 2,000 health and development professionals from more than 80 countries will convene at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. for the 37th Annual International Conference on Global Health: *Dateline 2010: Global Health Goals & Metrics*. The 37th Annual Conference will:

- mark the progress on global health goals amongst all sectors within the global health community in this milestone year; and
- examine the metrics used to mark progress.

Dialogue will center on four key pillars of discussion: program implementation, financing, leadership and politics, and lessons learned.

As Conference Co-Chairs, the Council has confirmed Dr. Peter Piot, former founding executive director of UNAIDS and present director of the new Institute for Global Health at Imperial College London, and Prof. Sheila Tlou, former Minister of Health of Botswana. Joining them on the podium will be many high-level US, UN and international officials. Conference delegates represent the entire community of those working and studying in global health – health practitioners and educators, community leaders, students, policy- and decision-makers, researchers, scholars, program managers, and advocates, coming from NGOs, the private sector, government, academia and research institutions, foundations, multilateral organizations, and health, development and humanitarian aid agencies from around the world.

High-level speakers and delegates will participate in a full slate of sessions and activities over the week. The formal conference program consists of abstract-driven panel, roundtable, and poster sessions, high-level plenary sessions, a policy series, and skill-building workshops. Attendees may also attend the International Exhibition, Gala Awards Banquet (featuring the awarding of the \$1 million Gates Award for Global Health), film screenings, career development programming (targeted toward the student and young professional audience), networking receptions, and other special events.

Major conference underwriters for the 2009 conference included the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. Approximately 30 corporations, NGOs, academic institutions, and other organizations also provided financial support to the conference. Similar funding support is being sought for the 2010 Conference and scholarship program.

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