

## **Negotiating Health in the 21st Century: Regional Voices in Global Health Governance**

*Third high-level symposium on Global Health Diplomacy to be held at the Graduate Institute Geneva, Auditorium Jacques-Freymond on 15 October, 2009*

This high level symposium will explore new developments in global health with particular relevance to the interface of foreign policy and health. The symposium will be opened by **Ambassador Martin Dahinden**, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. The keynote speech will be delivered by **Dr. Andrew Cooper**, Professor of Political Science, University of Waterloo, and Associate Director and Distinguished Fellow at The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). Further distinguished speakers include **Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab**, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.



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*Dr. Andrew Cooper*

**The symposium will focus on:** the emerging regional dimensions of global public health.

- The different approaches to regional cooperation in health, and the extent to which they involve pooling or loss of sovereignty
- The creation of new institutions and networks for health and their role with respect to existing regional bodies of multilateral organisations
- How regional organisations contribute to setting the global health agenda in global health organisations or in global summits such as the G20 forum
- The cooperation in health between regional bodies, in particular South-South cooperation
- Whether the increased regional activity in health will increase fragmentation or support better coherence in the multilevel governance process.

Prominent speakers will reflect on these issues from a practical and research perspective. The ensuing debate between diplomats, health experts and academics will aim to examine the consequences of this development for global health governance.

This year the Symposium will also serve as the launch event for *GLOBAL HEALTH EUROPE: a Platform for European Engagement in Global Health*.

Further details regarding the full programme and Global Health Europe will be circulated in the coming week.

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