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…in the context of the development of a new strategy
(2015+) for the Medicus Mundi International Network

…starting with a "relaxed talk" involving friends and partners instead
of a technical workshop among Network members only.

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MMI: a small big Network with currently 18 members

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In the strategy process we refer to the MMI Network Strategy 2011-2015 that states: "We will make the MMI Network a real community of change for strengthening health systems"

§ "We will focus joint ventures on issues related to health systems strengthening."

§ "We will focus joint international advocacy on the WHO."

§ "We will develop new partnerships between NGOs and research institutions."

§ "We will develop new spaces and tools for sharing know-how and joining forces."

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We (intend to) build on our reviewed Network Policy which states:
For the members of the Medicus Mundi International Network
promoting Health for All means:

§ Promoting universal health coverage in a sense of universal, equitable and affordable access to quality health services for all

§ Promoting strong national health systems

§ Promoting policies that address the social and political determinants of health,

§ Getting involved in global health policy, global health governance and global governance for health

§ Promoting health policies and practices based on evidence.

§ Critically reflecting their own role and contributions

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The draft Network policy states, regarding the particular mandate or specific contribution of the Network:

§ Enhancing communication and cooperation among members and providing a platform for the development of joint activities, thematic working groups and consortia.

§ Fostering an evidence based approach in the members' institutional cultures and programs and promoting collaboration between the Network members and research institutions;

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The draft Network policy states, regarding the particular mandate or specific contribution of the Network:

§ Providing a platform for joint advocacy at a global level, with a focus on the World Health Organization and in close cooperation with other networks and campaigns promoting Health for All;

§ Fostering the visibility of the Network members and their activities by publishing their news, reports, statements, events and other contributions.

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Working towards Health for All at global level: Strategic priorities of the WHO

- Amani Siyam, World Health Organization

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Working towards Health for All: Key challenges at country level and expectations regarding international support, networking and joint action

- Susana Barria
- Patricia Thomas
- Katrien De Troeyer
- ...and you

Who are you, where do you come from and what are you doing in your country in the field of health? Why are you at the World Health Assembly, what did you expect from your activities here, and how has it come out so far? Linking national and global health activism and advocacy: What are the main challenges from your point of view? PHM approach? What could be a role for international networks such as MMI?

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Determinants of health and global governance for health: What is at stake?

- Eduardo Missoni, Bocconi University Milano

What global policies and actors have the strongest impact on health? What needs to be done at a global level to overcome health inequities? What are the key economic and political determinants of health? How to assess the current mainstream discourse on global health and health governance? What instruments and mechanisms for global health governance would be needed – and what is to be expected based on current proposals? What actors and processes need to be closely monitored? What future role for the World Health Organization – and how to get there?

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Global health policy and governance for health: What role for MMI?

- Remco van de Pas, ITM Antwerp / MMI Board