

Health cooperation beyond aid' – a reflection amongst Belgian platform members and (international) partners

Pre-event to the ECTMIH 2017, ITM, Antwerp – Monday 16th October, 1 – 4 pm CET

Venue: Institute of Tropical Medicine – ITM, Auditorium Nationalestraat, Antwerp
Organised by Be-cause health platform and Medicus Mundi International – MMI

A changing nature of health cooperation and the increasing prominence of global health in international politics affects how we (could) define international health cooperation. The sustainable development (SDG) agenda requires in itself a transformative change of working to attain the health goals. In addition, governments and policy-makers make a paradigm shift from international to global health, and seem to put (health) cooperation beyond aid.

The event invites health development actors to share how they are adapting their work to a changing environment characterised by shifts in (health) development cooperation.

Preliminary programme (13h00 – 16h00)

Part I : Relevance, legitimacy and effectiveness of (health) development cooperation in an SDG era? Heterogeneous approach to health cooperation

Introduction on MMI's key questions, by Thomas Schwarz, MMI

Panel debate - moderated by Tim Roosen, Be-cause health

- MEMISA – NGO reflection on effectiveness principles in an SDG era (Sarah van Belle)
- MSF experience with shifts in humanitarian aid for health (Mit Philips)
- Belgian research partner (HERA) experience in partnerships with multilateral agencies and private companies (Wilbert Bannenberg)
- BTC reflection on new form of partnerships: illustrated by sleeping sickness partnership/consortia of BTC/ITM/DGD (Paul Bossyns)
- Q&A from audience to panellists / other Belgian CSO reflections on questions of legitimacy and effectiveness
Reflection by Christine Tashobya Kirunga, Makerere School of Public Health, Uganda

Part II : Linking health cooperation to a broader foreign policy - a transformative approach to health?

Introduction on a conceptual shift from international to global health in Europe: by Lies Steurs, Ghent University

Panel debate : moderated by Remco van der Pas, Institute of Tropical Medicine

- Governmental Cooperation : reflection by Belgian Ministry of health - its experience and vision of MoH in a future health cooperation, and its role in a 'whole of government approach' (Lieven De Readt)
Flemish Development Cooperation on health – Sander Spanoghe (tbc)
- CSO cooperation: reflection by a (Belgian) CSO partner, Médecins du Monde –its experience providing & advocating for access to health care in developing countries and in Belgium (Xavier Debethune)

Q&A : audience input and reflection: How to uphold 'Health for all declaration' principles in such a changing context

Reflection by Carlos Mediano, Medicus Mundi Spain/President MMI – sharing reflections and experiences from other European countries

Next steps and closure