



**PQMD**  
Partnership for Quality  
Medical Donations

# 2023 GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM

April 25-27 | Paris, France

The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations ([PQMD](#))’s 5th annual Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF) was recently held in Paris; where the conversation focused on the global health “view from Europe”. Our agenda was grounded intentionally with European and French global health policy primers and the sessions were filled with insight from European experts from diverse sectors on global access to health. Our panels were designed to push attendees to think beyond their everyday work, including topics like transformative philanthropy, financing, and climate change, with reflections on topics from supply chain to impact metrics to the glaring evidence of global health access inequities.

PQMD’s Executive Director, [Elizabeth Ashbourne](#) delivered [opening remarks](#) ► acknowledging the [340+ million people](#) in need of humanitarian assistance, the enormous complexity of the task at hand, and the essential need to expand our way of working through public, private, and institutional frameworks to include not-yet-developed solutions. The GHPF narrative challenged over 130 participants from 83 unique organizations to reflect together on if our global health institutions are fit for purpose in a modern era and, if universal access to quality healthcare can ever truly be universal? Attendees agreed that PQMD’s agenda and ensuing dialogue was refreshingly unique from other recent Global Health conferences, sometimes surprising, and fiercely engaging.

Throughout the event, PQMD’s Executive Director challenged participants to engage fully and contribute to the conversation; the results were rewarding. Participants relayed their initial reactions to the meeting’s high-level dialogue, clearly walking away with new knowledge and peaked curiosity; and a sense of purpose, resolve and cooperation.

[Over the three-day meeting](#), participants were treated to rich and provocative conversations led by 45 expert speakers. Following are some teaser takeaways from our panel discussions.

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**130+**

Attendees



**83**

Organizations



**16**

Sessions



**45**

Speakers

## DAY 1: EXECUTIVE FORUM

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 2:30 - 7:30 PM (CET)  
Musée Economie Paris | 1 Pl. du Général Catroux, 75017 Paris



**EXECUTIVE CONVERSATION**

Chair: Mark Channing, Managing Director, Partners & South, CDC

Samuel Bahr, Program Partner and Executive Director, Sustainable Capital

Mark Paly, Director of the Health and Wellbeing Research Group, WHO Europe

Christina Liak, Senior Vice President, Pharma, AstraZeneca

Dr. Hans David, President, President & CEO, International Service Commission

Prof. Prabhat Yadav, Professor & Senior Fellow, HECDE & ICGD

**European Global Health Strategy: How Will We Achieve Better Health For All?**

As policy shapes practice, our **Executive Forum** ▶ underscored compounding pressures of health, planet, and economy in a landscape highlighted by increasing globalization of risk juxtaposed with stronger nationalization of resilience strategies; our panel indicated these trends are increasingly permeating strategy, resource and information management, and supply chain in particular.

## DAY 2: GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM (CET) | Reception Following  
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**PANEL**

Chair: Mark Channing, Managing Director, Partners & South, CDC

Priscilla Beaud, Co-Chair, OPHRD and Co-Chair of OPHRD, OPHRD

Alison Bealby, President, PPD Foundation, PPD

Alex Harris, Director of Development, Evidence & Practice, International Council, The South Collective

Veronica Lammert, Senior Lecturer, Sanofi, Sanofi

**Re-energizing European Philanthropy and Exploring Innovative Public Private Partners**

**PANEL**

Chair: Maria Wilson, Founder & CEO, Partners, Partners

Elena Serrano, Investor Team Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross - ICGC

Frank Whitford, Vice President Global Strategy - Global Community Health, ICGC

**Blended Finance To Drive Transformational Change**

**PANEL**

Chair: Rebecca Bousquet-Bell, Senior Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Sanofi, Sanofi

Samy Khayat, Head of Global Health, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Blaise Aguirre, Director of Policy, Health, Evidence & Practice, Sanofi, Sanofi

Veronica Lammert, Senior Lecturer, Sanofi, Sanofi

**Exploring ESG Accountability and How Global Organizations Can Prepare for A Changing Reporting Landscape**

The **Philanthropy** ▶ panel reflected on impact and reform, highlighting trends ([OECD netFWD resource](#)) and challenges to scale philanthropy with the move towards a comprehensive and “trust-based” approach to bridge international and domestic efforts; even if it means the formation of less traditional and more complicated partnerships.

**Innovative blended finance** ▶ opportunities like impact investing hold an interesting and transformative value proposition; with innovation derived not from the funding instrument but what you do to solve a problem more effectively and efficiently, the panel addressed the current mandate to redefine how we identify, solve, finance and measure long-term problems at scale.

The geographical and historical nuances of **ESG accountability** ▶ standards have big implications for companies and their partners; the panel directly explored the interplay of impact versus accountability reporting and the challenge of linking ESG indicators to the Sustainable Development Goals and the need to harmonize reporting.

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Despite the pervasive challenges and remarkable gaps in funding, human capital, knowledge, data, products, and infrastructure, the **Access, equity, and economic development** ▶ panel underscored the importance of trust, communication, partnership, and power-sharing as prerequisite to true health systems strengthening; anything less is a “false offer”. Panelists called for a renewed focus on a holistic approach that maintains innovation and true partnership that leverages and elevates expertise.

**PANEL**

Chair: Justine Wilson, Senior Vice President, Global Health and Sustainable Profit International, Partners, Partners

Prof. Agnes Remington, Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Global Health Equity - Stanford, Stanford

Francisco Bermudez, Chief Access & Inclusion, Group for Neglected Diseases Alliance (GNDA), Group for Neglected Diseases Alliance (GNDA)

Benji Shing, Senior Director, West Africa, Global Health Equity, Sanofi, Sanofi

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**NGO CEO Roundtable**

**NGO CEOs** spoke candidly at our closing roundtable, delivering clear messages to policy makers and donors alike: reduce hurdles in order to make true collaboration more commonplace; embrace unpretentious sophistication; make procurement easier; program for sustainability; keep clear channels to communities open; and trust that local solutions are the most likely answers to local problems.



**Climate change** will impact humanitarian work in three major ways: scale of crises, nature of crises, and resilience of people affected by crises. While the most vulnerable areas with weak health infrastructures are already living with the impacts of

climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that catastrophic health impacts can cause millions of climate change-related deaths, unless temperature rise is limited to 1.5°C.

As disasters become more frequent, larger, and widespread; the humanitarian sector has the opportunity to plan for, prepare, and adapt systems for change. It will require overcoming the inherent rigidity of current systems and incorporating both the strategy of active mitigation as well as anticipatory. Ultimately, response and preparedness approaches are equally essential tools to address compounding health threats caused by climate change. This demands new money, new partners, new research, new behavior, and sustained commitment.

**Paul Knox Clarke** (ADAPT Initiative)'s **keynote address** outlined how climate change will test the humanitarian sector and impact outcomes. PQMD's "Climate Change Solutions Lab" focused participants to think about financing, human architecture, supply chain, community resilience, one health, and disease through the lens of the climate crisis. Attendees reflected together on common concerns and identified actionable steps for consideration - producing rich engagement.

The Paris sessions validated a shared sense of urgency, confirmed information gaps, and endorsed the need for action. Prioritizing the impact of climate change and shifting mindsets at every level is critical. Each of our organizations, put simply, need to start somewhere - the solutions are not yet clear but wayfinding is the only path forward. PQMD is committed to stressing climate change discussions, solutions, and innovations into our programs and products.

As a champion of open and frank discussions, PQMD offered a platform for attendees to explore their own views on institutional design and frameworks given the unfolding climate crisis, its impact on health and the growing inequities that make universal health access unattainable.

PQMD pledges to continue to explore: the nexus of the climate crisis with health; innovative financing mechanisms; a recipient centric approach to sustainability that is reflected in funding and strategy; amplifying more diverse voices in order to elevate and inspire open and inclusive dialogue - and, of course, to keep the conversations going in the spirit of PQMD's Global Health Policy Forum, [our ongoing programs](#), and our [Community of Practice](#).



The invasion of Ukraine is the most significant geopolitical crisis to hit Europe in decades and has created a humanitarian crisis of massive proportions whose ripple effects are felt well beyond the region. With the conflict ongoing and many PQMD members dedicated to continue providing much needed humanitarian support to counteract these detrimental effects, the afternoon was designed and guided by [Matthew Swift](#), CEO of Concordia, to provide attendees with a situational analysis from humanitarian, health, and military perspectives. PQMD Board Chair, [Chris Skopec](#) detailed a [situation report](#), from Ukraine's Health and Recovery Office (MOH), [Oleksii Iarenchenko](#), discussed the need for sustained partnerships and resources to respond to rebuilding Ukraine's targeted health system, and a forward-thinking military perspective was delivered by [Lieutenant Colonel \(Ret\) Alexander Vindman](#).

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