



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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### Agenda

16 October 2019: 10:00 to 14:00

**Present:** Frode Forland, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Jon Øyvind Odland, Katerini Storeng, Bente Moen, Karine Kalsås (present for agenda item 67/19), Gunilla Kulla, Andrea Winkler, Elin Yli Dvergsdahl (on skype), Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

**Venue:** Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo

#### 10:00 Welcome

Frode Forland wished the Forum board welcome to FHI and we are happy the board meeting could take place here.

Bente opened the meeting by welcoming the participants to this physical board meeting.

#### 65/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved with the following changes:

Lunch is moved to 1230, meeting continues from 1300-1400.

Agenda item 70/19 Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway is moved up on the agenda.

#### 66/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting September 11

Minutes approved

#### 67/19 Note on global health research and way forward (in Norwegian) (Attachment 2)

Forum got 3 minutes to present at the hearing for the government budget. Frode Forland and Katerini Storeng will meet on Forum's behalf. The board will work on a text together to present at the hearing.

Video from the hearing.

From Frode: See link below: find our 3-minute contribution approx. 1 hour and 3 minutes in. Answers questions about 10 minutes later.

[Hearing](#)

Bente will send emails to some of the members of [the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence](#) with the same message.

Karine Kalsås presented the "Notat om forskning på global helse etter 2020"

The note is in two parts, the first part is a description of funding of global health research in Norway in the last 12 years. The second part of the note contains an overview over global health research in Norway financed by

#### 68/19 Activity plan for Forum (Attachment 3)

Bente talked us through the activity plan.

Monthly meetings on Skype for business.

Forum board should strive to have one physical meeting annually.

Funding: to apply for funding for continued existence is imperative. Look into the possibility of naming a working group that can look into funding possibilities, both from Global Health Norway and from other instances.

Outreach activities:

Campaign to get new members. Make membership relevant for researchers.

Mentoring by experienced board members for newer board members working in global health research



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Forum should give academic support to members  
Forum should give support to scientific activities in various institutions  
Forum should lobby on behalf of researchers who are working in institutions that are not yet members of Global Health Norway

Send out newsletter twice a year – content will be information board members wants distributed.  
Information will be given in the board meeting prior to publication. It can be seminars, publications, new funding sources, project activities.

Invite student representatives in as observers in the board.

## **69/19 Economy, status and new funding**

Before this meeting and the invoice for printing of the brochure is paid, Forum has NOK 62 773.

To be able to have some activities, Forum needs to secure funding.

## **70/19 Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway**

–item was discussed earlier in the meeting

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research started as a RCN funded project. The funding has now ended, and Forum has changed its statutes from institutional membership to individual membership.

Global Health Norway is a network of the major Norwegian institutions in the educational, hospital and research institute sectors involved in global health activities, including research, education and capacity strengthening. [Read the revised mandate here.](#)

Currently, the secretariat for Forum and Global Health Norway is at University of Bergen. The two organizations have one secretariat. There is little or no funding for staff.

The secretariat shall rotate between the Global Health Norway member institutions every three years. 1.1.2020 it has been in Bergen three years. There is work to find out who will take over.

The Forum board would like to invite Prof Dr med Nina Langeland, leader of Global Health Norway board, to one of their board meetings to present Global Health Norway.

Bente can bring questions from the Forum board to the Global Health Norway advisory committee.

Forum can apply for funds from Global Health Norway, as well as other sources.

Global Health Norway is host and financially responsible of the annual global health conference in Norway (In 2020 the final Globvac conference will be held). Forum is present in the scientific committee and contributes to programmes and abstract evaluations.

Forum board members would like to enquire about possibility of having one joint web-presence. This could increase visibility for both organizations.

Forum board members is interested to know if Global Health Norway is open to expand with more member institutions, such as universities without Cand.med.-degree programmes, or university colleges?

## **71/19 Membership campaign – everybody got brochures.**

PDF of the brochure is sent out to all Forum members.

## **72/19 Short information from the board members/observers**

Short information from the members:



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**Gunilla Kulla:** actively tries to find out how to pursue global health research at Nord University. The master in public health continues. There will be no PhD candidate in global health now due to practical challenges.

**Frode Forland:** two small seminars – global preparedness annual report – Norway is still ill prepared for the next pandemic.

Planning World Health Summit, part of workshop on one health, one

Has participated in a meeting in Kunnskapsbanken – perhaps another arena for Forum?

Joint actions – EU collaboration research into policy

Global health preparedness programme – under evaluation from Norad – fate decided after evaluations

Running lancet commission on health security – health promotion

**Dawit Shawel Abebe:** there is a process to apply for establishment of global health research group at OsloMet Dawit is work pack coordinator in Norpart project with Jimma University.

The project combines innovation and entrepreneurship. Master students from OsloMet goes on exchange to Jimma University, and vice versa.

Some hospitals has seed-money on a consortium to establish a working group on mental health. Dawit works on this with Arne Eide/Sintef. Trying to link with ministries. Sykehuset Innlandet.

**Katerini Storeng:** SUM has moved to Nydalen. Katerini lead the research group on power and politics. This is a young group of PhD's and Post Docs with varied backgrounds. They collaborate with Centre for global health on Global Health Unpacked.

1-2 November they host a conference in New York: Political Origins of Health Inequities: Technology in the Digital Age. The conference will be streamed.

The research group got [Relight funding](#) from UiO.

The group is waiting for NFR decision on funding programmes and is looking for appropriate calls.

**Jon Øyvind Odland:** NTNU has a Masters in global health: 500 applicants – 27 students – 12 countries represented.

Difficult to find supervisors for the master theses. Elisabeth Darj is on sabbatical until August 2020 – in Sweden. Faculty budget prevents any positions to be filled.

Two EU projects coming up. There is a lot of qualitative research going on. 5-6 PhD students in different stages.

Further plans depends on external funding.

**Andrea:** autumn is busy, global health inspiration day, world health summit in Berlin – arranging sessions on one health

Meeting plan lancet count down

NCD meeting

Meeting in honour of Tore Godal receiving the King's Medal of Merit 23 November

Conference in Tanzania

**Bente:**

University of Bergen, Centre for International Health has said yes to host ECTMIH2021

We need to establish several groups' scientific and strategic committees

– Forum members will be asked to be join some of the committees.

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Next meeting is on November 13, 12-13 over Skype for business.