



AFTER ERADICATION OF POLIO - WHAT NEXT FOR GLOBAL HEALTH?

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Tuesday, 6 November 2018 | 13:00 – 16:30
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm

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Sweden's engagement in global health is framed within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promotes equitable healthy lives and well-being for all, create the societal conditions for good health on equal terms, contribute to effective, sustainable and resilient health systems and prepare for and build capacity to detect and manage outbreaks.

With only 22 cases occurring in Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2017, polio eradication is imminent, having major implications beyond the creation of the global public good of ending a disease in human beings for only the second time in history. The challenge and opportunity now arises from the fact that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has built up tremendous 'polio assets'. These include laboratories, skilled human resources, managerial and technical systems and empowered groups and individuals, including women, at community levels.

The GPEI has been the most extensive global health initiative in history. The completion of polio eradication has broad implications for global health – including on how best to preserve and use the polio assets and more globally on the future financing of WHO.

This meeting aims to raise awareness, stimulate debate and catalyse engagement among global health stakeholders in Sweden on the post-polio transition within the context of the SDGs.

The specific objectives of the meeting are:

- To explore the impact of the “transitioning of polio assets” in the context of the SDGs, in particular SDG 3, health system strengthening and universal health coverage.
- To discuss the relevance and national ownership in countries with ODA, particularly in fragile states.
- To explore the global consequences of the post-polio transition, including the implications for multilateral support and the impact on WHO.

The meeting invitees will include representatives of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the Public Health Agency, the National Board of Health and Welfare, as well as members of the Swedish Parliament, academia and NGOs / civil society, the WHO, and other donor countries. Confirmed speakers include: **Anders Nordström**, Ambassador for Global Health at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Peter Friberg**, Co-founder and Director of the Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation; **Ranieri Guerra**, Assistant Director General for Strategic Initiatives, World Health Organization; **Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta**, Professor in Aga Khan University and Robert Harding Inaugural Chair in Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children; **Jean-Bosco Ndiwokubwayo**, Regional Advisor, Clinical Laboratories and Technologies (CLT), WHO Representative to Chad; **Ngozi Nwosu**, National Coordinator of the Nigeria Polio Transition Planning Task Team, National Primary Health Care Development Agency; and **Robb Butler**, Senior Social Scientist for Vaccine Demand, UNICEF.

Please save the date and join us at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on 6 November 2018 afternoon for this important event. Further information will be provided in due course.