



BALANCING RESILIENCE AND LEGACY

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Friday, 2 September 2016, 10:00 – 16:00

Tøyen Hovedgård - The University of Oslo's Botanical Gardens

The goal to eradicate polio is coming closer, new governance challenges are arising in regards to legacy planning: large investments were made in people and infrastructure that should bring future benefits to other areas of public health. At the same time, once the goal of polio eradication is achieved, remaining polio free until certification is equally important.

This policy dialogue is part of a larger research project of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute on “Overcoming the social and political barriers to polio eradication and ensuring lasting legacy” and is jointly organized by the Centre for Global Health at the University of Oslo and the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute. It focuses on balancing resilience and legacy. Both, together with transition planning, are closely interconnected and are facing a number of governance challenges which will be discussed at this event. Some of the pertinent questions asked include:

What are the issues at stake when planning the transition of the current polio eradication effort towards creating sustainable legacy? How far can polio as a global public good be maintained? In which ways can current vaccination and surveillance systems be used for the wider public health agenda? How can polio assets be integrated into a broader agenda to achieve UHC and the SDGs? What is the role of European countries in this?

Amidst the strive for transition and legacy, what are the key governance challenges in ensuring resilience, alertness and responsiveness? How can resilience be achieved in war affected countries or in migration settings? How can sustainable financing be ensured to remain polio free? What is the role of the actors at local, regional and global level? What kind of political support is needed from and within European countries for the future and what obstacles may they face?

Among the already confirmed speakers are **Tore Godal**, Special Advisor on Global Health to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Ilna Kickbusch**, Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute, Geneva; **Sigrun Møgedal**, Member of the Independent Monitoring Board for the Polio Eradication Initiative; and **John-Arne Røttingen**, Director of the Division of Infectious Disease Control, Norwegian Institute of Public Health; designated Director-General, The Research Council of Norway. The meeting is open to the public (number of seats limited) and invites representatives of the government, international organisations, civil society, think tanks and private sector to join the discussion.