Towards A Global Health Strategy for Canada

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Agenda

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• Opening presentation: Discussion Paper: Towards a global health strategy for Canada
• Discussant reflections
• Panel discussion
• Audience Q&A
• What’s Next
• Closing remarks
Overview of the Discussion Paper & Stakeholder Survey

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Purpose of the Discussion Paper

Towards A Global Health Strategy for Canada

Discussion Paper

This paper was prepared by the Centre for Global Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, with contributions from Garry Aslanyan\textsuperscript{a,b}, Erica Di Ruggiero\textsuperscript{a,c,d}, Ilona Kickbusch\textsuperscript{e}, Divya Kuruvila\textsuperscript{e}, Ophelia Michaelides\textsuperscript{e}, and Nicole Robertson\textsuperscript{f}.

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- Canada does not have a global health strategy
- A clear vision and agenda is needed
- Discussion paper developed & distributed to institutions across Canada
- 43 individuals responded to stakeholder survey
Purpose of the Stakeholder Survey

• To seek input on, and inform changes to, the discussion paper
• To assess the quality of the content, structure, key points, & examples used to support the arguments of the discussion paper
• To collect input on the resources and enabling conditions needed to support a Canadian Global Health Strategy
**Stakeholder Survey – Demographics**

What type of agency do you represent/work for?

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<th>Agency</th>
<th>Frequency (N=43)</th>
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<td>Academic institution - University of Toronto</td>
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<td>Federal Government</td>
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<td>Regional/Municipal Government Agency</td>
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<td>Global Institution (such as WHO, UN entity, WTO, etc.)</td>
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<td>Research network</td>
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<td>Research funder</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Professional Association</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
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<td>Non-governmental Organization</td>
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<td>Prefer not to disclose</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>5</td>
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What is your primary country of residence?

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<td>Canada</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>90.7%</td>
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<td>Outside of Canada</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>7.0%</td>
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Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they had believed Canada should develop and implement a global health strategy, even prior to reading this paper.

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<td>Strongly Disagree</td>
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<td>7.1%</td>
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<td>Disagree</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
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<td>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>19.1%</td>
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<td>Agree</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>31.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Strongly Agree</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>38.1%</td>
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Respondents who selected Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree that the discussion paper has convinced them (or strengthened their belief) that Canada should have a Global Health Strategy stated it was because:

- Already convinced
- No new information
- Insufficient outreach/engagement
- Does not constitute a “strategy”
I believe the following should be priorities for Canada's proposed global health strategy. (Select all that apply)

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<td>Commitment to decolonizing global health research, policy and practice</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>76.7%</td>
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<td>Gender justice and equity in global health</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>72.1%</td>
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<td>Commitment to a resilient and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery and systems reconfiguration</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>69.8%</td>
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<td>A holistic approach to health</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>67.4%</td>
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<td>Leveraging the power of research to accelerate global health equity</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>60.5%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>12</td>
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The following content gaps & additional priorities were identified by respondents:

- Further develop the point of Canada serving a role in fostering partnerships / as a mediator
- Insufficient recognition of Canada’s failures in global health policy
- Make more links between domestic health issues and global health strategy
- More emphasis on accountability throughout
- Strengthen support for the WHO and clearly recognize it as the primary body accountable to the public
Stakeholder Analysis
Enabling Conditions for a Canadian Global Health Strategy
Which federal department(s) should lead the strategy for Canada? (N = 36)

Top mentioned responses by participants:

- Global Affairs Canada (21)
- Health Canada (18)
- Public Health Agency of Canada (12)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (5)
- Canadian Institutes for Health Research (5)
- International Development Research Centre (5)
- Department of Finance Canada (3)
What are the necessary conditions to enable Canada to develop and implement a global health strategy? (N=36)

- Political will & cross-political engagement
- Meaningful partner/community engagement with early & regular consultation
- Long-term commitment
- Appropriate funding
- A sub-committee with clear goals, governance & accountability
- Community engagement to develop context-flexible priorities
- Realistic / not overly-aspirational goals
- Transparency in decision-making
- Clear accountability plan
- Other
What is needed to increase synergies between Canada’s anticipated public health and health system transformations to global trends and context? (N=32)

- Connect the Canadian population’s pride in our own UHC system to pride in supporting a global health agenda
- Connect the global health strategy to disparities experienced in our own borders for rural & marginalized populations
  - Transforming our own “overstretched & underperforming” healthcare system could serve as a basis of how to lead this elsewhere
- Strong leadership from the federal government
- Governance that spans academia, government, industry, NGOs, etc.
- Open & disaggregated data access
- More focus on resilience
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- Ophelia Michaelides

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- 11 Canadian global health leaders
- 43 Survey respondents
Live Poll
https://www.menti.com/alwhtxy285re
Next Steps
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1. Refine discussion paper based on consultation feedback
2. Design the next phase of engagement
Thank You!

Any questions?

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