



Towards A Global Health Strategy for Canada

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Agenda

- Introductory remarks
- Opening presentation: *Discussion Paper: Towards a global health strategy for Canada*
- Discussant reflections
- Panel discussion
- Audience Q&A
- What's Next
- Closing remarks



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Overview of the Discussion Paper & Stakeholder Survey



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Purpose of the Discussion Paper

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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^{a,b}, Erica Di Ruggiero^{a,c,d}, Ilona Kickbusch^e, Divya Kuruvila^c, Ophelia Michaelides^c, and Nicole Robertson^c

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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



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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



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Stakeholder Survey – Demographics

What type of agency do you represent/work for?

Agency	Frequency (N=43)	Percent
Academic institution - University of Toronto	12	27.9%
Academic institution - Other	20	46.5%
Federal Government	3	7.0%
Provincial/Territorial Government Agency	2	4.6%
Regional/Municipal Government Agency	2	4.6%
Global Institution (such as WHO, UN entity, WTO, etc.)	4	9.3%



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Stakeholder Survey – Demographics

What type of agency do you represent/work for?

Agency	Frequency (n=43)	Percent
Research network	6	14.0%
Research funder	0	0.0%
Professional Association	8	18.6%
Non-governmental Organization	12	27.9%
Prefer not to disclose	1	2.3%
Other	5	11.6%



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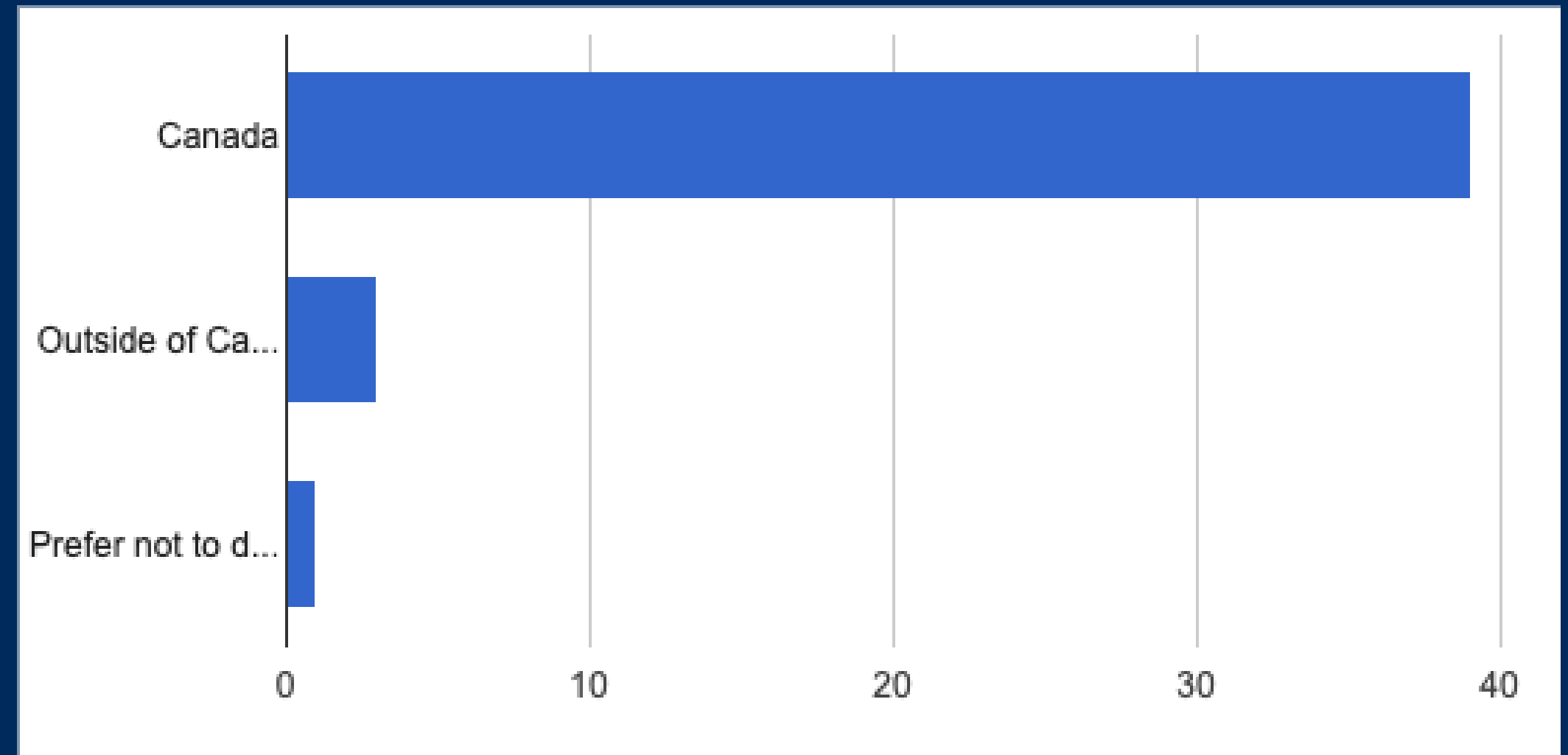
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Stakeholder Survey – Demographics

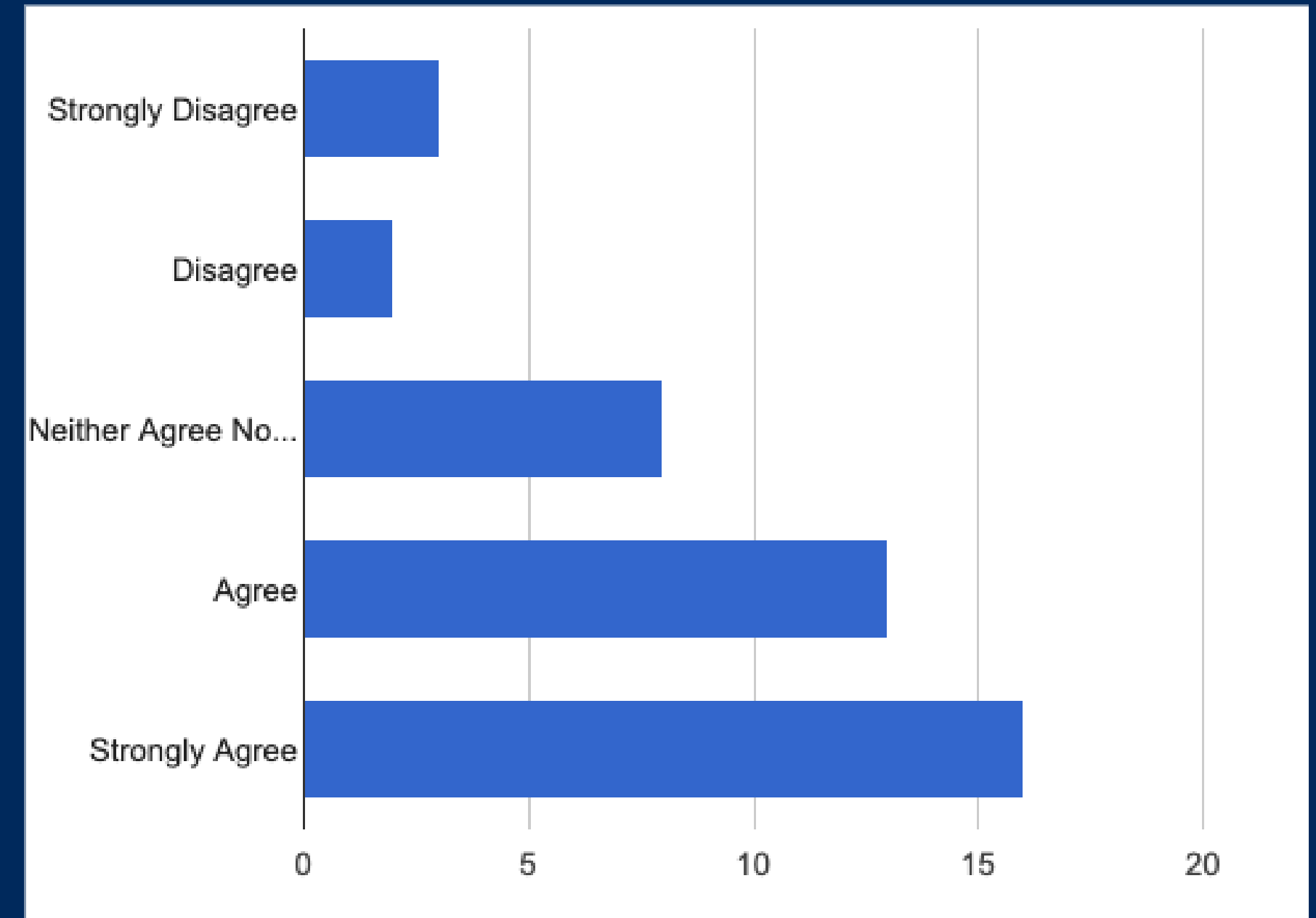
What is your primary country of residence?

Response	Frequency (N=43)	Percent
Canada	39	90.7%
Outside of Canada	3	7.0%
Prefer not to disclose	1	2.3%



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.

Response	Frequency (N=42)	Percent
Strongly Disagree	3	7.1%
Disagree	2	4.8%
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	8	19.1%
Agree	13	31.0%
Strongly Agree	16	38.1%



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”





Stakeholder Analysis

Content of the Discussion Paper



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I believe the following should be priorities for Canada's proposed global health strategy. (Select all that apply)

Priority	Frequency (N=43)	Percent
Commitment to decolonizing global health research, policy and practice	33	76.7%
Gender justice and equity in global health	31	72.1%
Commitment to a resilient and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery and systems reconfiguration	30	69.8%
A holistic approach to health	29	67.4%
Leveraging the power of research to accelerate global health equity	26	60.5%
Other	12	27.9%



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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



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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)



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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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- 11 Canadian global health leaders
- 43 Survey respondents



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Panel Discussion



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Live Poll

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Next Steps



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Next Steps...

1 Refine discussion paper based on consultation feedback

2 Design the next phase of engagement



Thank You!

Any questions?

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