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AUGUST 10

## SUSTAINABLE HEALTH EQUITY MOVEMENT: 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## 2023 SHEM'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHAT TO EXPECT

We are excited to announce the upcoming SHEM Assembly on August 10th, focusing on the powerful declaration: **Achieving and maintaining equitable health outcomes for all, including for future generations.** This emphasizes sustainable health equity, ensuring fair health outcomes for everyone, regardless of their background. Our proposal is a declaration that includes vital aspects such as the right to health, universal access to comprehensive health services, and social determinants like clean water and a healthy environment. It highlights fulfilling various human rights, including economic, social, cultural, civil, and political rights. COVID-19 exposed disparities in access to diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines, with higher death tolls in low-income countries. Sustainable health equity requires addressing socioeconomic justice and climate crises, affecting nearly half of the global population. Besides watching the Assembly's live broadcast on August 10th, you can be a part of it by contributing to the drafting of the statement through this [link](#). Join us to promote equitable health outcomes, paving the way for a healthier and just future.

**Your participation is essential!**

### ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

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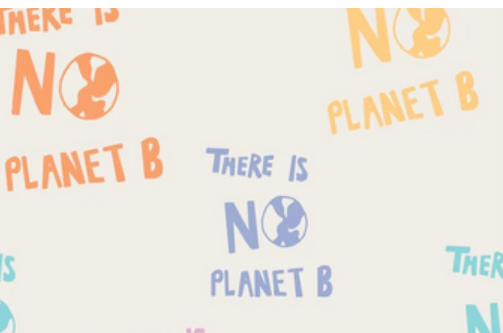
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## News from the field

**"YOU SEEM TO GRASP VERY LITTLE OF WHAT I AM SAYING": CIVIL SOCIETY DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE INACTION AND INDIFFERENCE OF THE MAIN PERPETRATORS OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE.**

Civil Society Organizations continued denouncing injustices and inequities that seem unheard by most influential national and global decision-makers. In July, their focus has been on the pressing climate crisis, armed conflicts, hunger, and food insecurity. A significant concern expressed is the continued complacency of political and corporate leaders who seem to carry on with business as usual, showing indifference to the persistence of social injustices. Even the shameful inequity in vaccine access during the Covid-19 pandemic, described as a catastrophic moral failure by the WHO Director-General, has not been enough to spur the European Union into taking stronger measures, such as announcing a new vaccine reserve agreement with pharmaceutical companies for future pandemics, as denounced by the [People's Vaccine Alliance](#). [Medecins Sans Frontieres](#) warned about the restrictions to humanitarian search and rescue activities for refugees in the Mediterranean. Additionally, [Action Aid](#) denounced the veto to the renewal of the cross-border humanitarian aid mechanism to Syria, which further exemplifies the disregard of the powerful towards the suffering of populations in the Global South. Despite the uphill battle, Civil Society Organizations remain resilient and steadfast in their pursuit of justice and equity. They continue to shed light on urgent issues that demand attention and action from all stakeholders, emphasizing the need for collective efforts to address these critical global challenges.

Read more [here](#)

## VIDEOS

[Plastic Threatens Human and Planetary Health](#)

## PODCAST

[The Evidence: Exploring the concept of solastalgia](#)

## ARTICLE

[Comment on "Universal health coverage is a matter of equity, rights, and justice"](#)

# ENDEAVOURS

## TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES - HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Tampere University and the Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP) are preparing a 2-day seminar on September 5th and 6th, which will be held in Tampere, Finland. The seminar aims to provide insights on Health in All Policies (HiAP) and the social and commercial determinants that affect health and equity. The seminar will address questions on how to enable the policy approaches to advocate for equity and social policies to ensure sustainability and broader uptake of HiAP to address the social determinants of health. The program also includes dedicated time for planning the GNHiAP's next 2-3-year program of work, as well as the launching of The Tampere University WHO Collaboration Centre on Health in All Policies and the Social Determinants of Health, with a particular focus on social protection and the interface between health and social policies in its workplan.



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## POINT OF VIEW

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### PROPOSAL

#### Ética de la equidad sostenible

Juan Garay y Beatriz Bejerano

### ANALYSIS

#### Planetary Health: an emerging field to be developed

Royal Netherlands  
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