



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

**Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting, 20 August, 2021**

**Present:**

**Members:** Anne Hatløy, Arne Eide, Dawit Shawel Abebe, , Hans Hadders, Joar Svanemyr, Jon Øyvind Odland, Katerini Storeng, , Mary Taylor, Peter Hangoma, , Shanshan Xu (minutes)

**Observers:** Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen, Zlata Turkanovic

**1) Welcome and Opening**

Introduction and short information by chair of the Board, Jon Øyvind Odland.  
The attendees introduced themselves.

**2) Approval of Minutes from board meeting June 16 2021**

The minutes were approved.

**3) Organization, including the decision on leader and co-leader**

Jon Øyvind Odland suggested that he can act as leader of the forum for the coming year, and Dawit Shawel Abebe can join as the co-leader until his leaving for his baby. The organization plan was approved.

**4) Open discussion about the main topics for the coming period**

Jon Øyvind Odland: The main thing that the forum needs to address is to develop a good relation and communication with Global Health Norway. He suggested to have a meeting with the leader of Global Health Norway, Siri Forsmo, to discuss how we can develop closer cooperation. Siri Forsmo will be invited to join the next forum meeting.

Both Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen and Dawit Shawel Abebe agreed on Jon Øyvind Odland's suggestion to develop a good relationship with Global Health Norway. They commented that having a good relationship with Global Health Norway is very important to the forum and it will strengthen the position of forum.

Dawit Shawel Abebe additionally suggested that the forum to work closely with NORAD and the Norwegian Research Council.

Arne Eide commented that purpose and ambitions of the forum are not very clear, and he suggested the forum to clarify this.

Mary Taylor commented on the communication and cooperation with Global Health Norway. The value that the forum could bring is not very clear. She suggested that it



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would be better to understand the situation if we know what kind of value the forum can bring.

### 5) Any other business

The events for the coming month

- Global Health of Norway will have board meeting on Monday October 25, 2021 in person at the evening in Trondheim.
- Global Health Norway Conference will be held on Tuesday October 26, 2021 in Trondheim. <http://globalhealth.no/conference-2021>
- Women in Global Health Annual Conference and Global Health Day will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2021 in Trondheim. <https://www.ntnu.edu/web/mh/global-health-day>
- The Centre for International Health (CIH) at the University of Bergen (UiB) will host the 12th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) digitally on 28 September to 1 October 2021. <https://ectmih2021.no/>
- There are lots of activities at Norwegian Research of Global Health this autumn, the regular course of systematic review, scientific writing, innovation in global health, and advanced course in qualitative research. Elin Yli Dvergsdal suggested the members to inform the PhD students at their institute to join the course if it is relevant to them. <https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg/>
- The Global Health webinar will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- The annual PhD conference will take place on Hurtigruten 17-20 November 2021. <https://www.ntnu.no/kalender/detaljer/-/event/c76401ee-dd42-3d89-a5f6-d3a82b76519f> (only for members of Research School)

The calls from the Research Council of Norway this autumn

- There is a call for the researcher schools, deadline is 15 September. <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/>
- Another call is a preliminary project on antimicrobial resistance, deadline is 15 September. <https://www.forskningsradet.no/utlysninger/2021/forprosjekt-antimikrobiell-resistens/#sub62871>

### 6) Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in week 43, Tuesday 26 October 2021 in Trondheim after the Global Health Norway Conference.

Katerini Storeng suggested to minimize the number of meetings because the forum does not have many topics to discuss in near future.

Jon Øyvind Odland suggested to have one meeting before Christmas in week 48, Friday 3 December 2021, 13:00 on Zoom.

The travel budget for the physical meeting will be covered by Forum.



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The working plan will be addressed and send out to the board members before the next meeting.

Minutes: Shanshan Xu