



# Geneva Health Forum 2008

## Strengthening Health Systems and the Global Health Workforce

### Global Health Education in Action

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#### Session Outline

Education is a powerful lever to cause social change, and translating shining examples of success into routine practices regionally and globally. There are many "good practices" of health education that lead not only to knowledge exchange and transmission, but also positive social benefits.

How can we optimally share these examples and learn from each other?

What are the approaches that we can take to promote cross fertilization of these different models beyond simply knowing about them?

How can we compare and contrast these models to evolve and improve upon these good practices?

What role should partners in global health education (policymakers, academic institutions, educators, communities and their members, health education researchers) play to collaborate and bring synergy to global health education that can make wide spread and sustainable impact?

To what extent do current evaluations / assessments approaches measure the social impact and not the processes?

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