A 1000 DAYS OF SDGS - LOOKING AHEAD
SECOND GLOBAL MEETING OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY THINK TANKS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
Organised by the Global Health Centre
Second Global Meeting of Global Health Policy Think Tanks and Academic Institutions

In the context of the first 1000 days of SDG implementation, it is critical to seize the momentum to strategically analyse implementation approaches and mechanisms. Following the success of the first-ever meeting of global health policy think tanks and academic institutions in November 2015 in Geneva, the international network THINK_SDGs was launched. It capitalises on the analytical capacities and creative thinking of policy research institutions to accelerate implementation of health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through knowledge sharing, capacity building and innovation. Several regional hubs work at the regional and national levels to analyse context-relevant implementation challenges and offer best practices for civic engagement and monitoring.

Drawing on these local realities and following the voluntary national reviews taking place at the High-level Political Forum in July 2017, the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute will host the Second Global Meeting of Global Health Policy Think Tanks and Academic Institutions on 4-5 December 2017. It will bring together representatives from leading policy analysis institutions from around the world and Geneva-based global health stakeholders to analyse the political determinants of SDG implementation and identify entry points for think tanks to inform and transform policies.

Special attention will be given to governance mechanisms fostering new development models based on co-benefits and co-production; to the creation of political processes at the national and global levels to support implementation and accountability; and to strategies for effective stakeholder engagement. By giving a strong voice to participants from the Global South, the meeting will combine a multitude of perspectives and stimulate innovative thinking beyond the North-South divide, while promoting country ownership in the implementation of health-related SDGs.

Roundtable discussions, working groups and public panels will allow for a high degree of interaction to share experiences and good practices. The promotion of synergies between think tanks and global health actors in Geneva will also facilitate the emergence of new ideas and the establishment of new collaborations. The meeting’s outcomes will be amplified and translated to regional and national contexts through the THINK_SDGs network and its regional hubs.