



**BUILDING ACADEMIC CAPACITY
IN GLOBAL HEALTH IN THE EASTERN
EUROPE - CENTRAL ASIA REGION**



Eurasian Academic Alliance for Global Health



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The Eurasian Academic Alliance for Global Health was established under the auspices of the project - *Building Academic Capacity in Global Health in the Eastern Europe & Central Asia Regions (BACE)* - supported by the European Commission's Erasmus+ program. In the context of the Alliance - *Eurasia* is defined as a group of countries located in the Baltic Sea, Eastern Mediterranean, Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and the Central Asia regions.

A partnership of eleven academic institutions implementing BACE:

- Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, Germany (Coordinator)
- Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan
- Astana Medical University, Kazakhstan
- Batumi State University, Georgia
- Bergen University, Norway
- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine
- Tbilisi, Institute of Global Health, Georgia
- Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- Ternopil National Medical University, Ukraine
- University of Georgia
- University of Tromsø, Norway

BACE is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- Developing curricula and delivering new courses on priority global health topics with specific focus on countries in the Eurasia region;
- Developing curricula and delivering new courses on global health research methods at BACE beneficiary universities;
- Establishing the Eurasian Academic Alliance for Global Health.

The Alliance serves as a collaborative platform on global health education and research among academic institutions of the Eurasian region. Academic institutions from and outside the region, interested in expanding collaboration on global health education and research, are encouraged to join the Alliance. Information is available on the Alliance's web-page:

www.allianceforglobalhealth.net

The Quarterly Bulletin is a dissemination instrument for updates on the Alliance's activities and BACE implementation, as well as various developments in the area of global health.

The Alliance looks forward to welcoming new members and to establishing productive collaboration with interested partners.

Updates from the Alliance

The 2nd Annual Conference of the Alliance will take place in 16-17 April, 2024. The event will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The main objective is to inform the project partner universities on broader academic community's work on prioritizing pre-service and in-service global health training programs, with particular focus on public health emergencies and pandemic outbreaks. Please refer to the Alliance's website for the conference agenda and other details: www.allianceforglobalhealth.net. At the margins of the Conference, the Alliance will also convene its Board meeting.

For more comprehensive details, please visit the Alliance's website: www.allianceforglobalhealth.net

The Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health

In September 2019, at the United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) “Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World,” world leaders endorsed the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history. In doing so, they committed to ensuring that by 2030 everyone in their country will receive all the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship.

Recognizing the need for greater collaboration and harmonization across health stakeholders and programmes, the **Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health** unites health leaders and advocates in a common goal to align advocacy and accountability efforts to achieve UHC and advance the SDGs.

Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health assists Member States and other stakeholders in:

- Accelerating high-level political efforts around socio-political accountability—based on country-led, evidence-based progress reviews that involve all stakeholders—in order to enhance accountability under UN High-level Meeting (HLM) political declarations and ensure UHC delivers for vulnerable populations, including women, children and adolescents.
- Supporting coordination among the various existing health initiatives and joint follow-up actions of UN HLMS (e.g. UHC, HIV/AIDS, AMR, TB, NCDs) for the preparation of the future UN HLMS on health agenda, including emergency preparedness.
- Strengthening existing SDG accountability mechanisms, such as the High-Level Political Forum follow-up mechanisms, to identify gaps and solutions and to scale up efforts on health-related SDGs by 2023 and beyond.

For additional information on the membership, ongoing activities, and related topics, please visit the following website: <https://www.uhc2030.org/what-we-do/voices/the-coalition-of-partnerships-for-uhc-and-global-health/>

Emerging Challenges of Global Health Importance



Cancer rates set to rise 77 per cent by 2050

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a branch of the WHO, forecasts over 35 million cancer cases by 2050, up from 20 million in 2022, due to aging populations, growth, and increased exposure to risk factors like tobacco, alcohol, and obesity. Rich countries will see the largest absolute increase, but low and middle-income countries will face higher proportional growth and a near doubling in mortality. Data from 185 countries highlights the dominance of ten cancer types, with lung cancer leading in occurrence and deaths. IARC's report also underscores global inequalities in cancer diagnosis and treatment, particularly in breast cancer, emphasizing the need for improved universal health coverage and investment in cancer care. The findings were released ahead of World Cancer Day, calling attention to the disparities and the urgent need for comprehensive health services to tackle the growing cancer burden.

For more information please visit UN News at United Nation's web-site:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/02/1146127>

You can also visit the following web-sites:

WHO's Global Cancer Observatory: <https://gco.iarc.fr/en>

WHO news: <https://www.who.int/news/item/01-02-2024-global-cancer-burden-growing--amidst-mounting-need-for-services>

Innovations in Global Health: 2024 Global Health Care Sector Outlook



The global health care sector is undergoing a period of unprecedented transformation, driven by technological advancements, demographic shifts, and evolving patient needs. In 2024, several key trends are poised to shape the future of health care delivery. How can sector leaders and stakeholders prepare themselves for this profound change? Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Global Health.

Here 2024 Global Health Care Sector Outlook according to Deloitte:

- Transforming health care with artificial intelligence
- Addressing cost and affordability
- Responding to the looming global shortfall in health care workers
- The role of social care
- A sustainable future

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