

Introduction

Engage in a historic opportunity to help shape a global health treaty that could mark a new era in global health! The Joint Action and Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health (JALI) would welcome your contributions to determining the contours and content of a Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH), aimed at resolving today's vast health inequalities between and within countries. The FCGH would be grounded in the human right to health, achieve universal coverage of health care and the underlying determinants of health while responding to the broader social determinants of health, help empower people to claim the right to health, establish far greater accountability, raise the priority of health in other sectors and international legal regimes, and meet major challenges in global governance for health, such as poor coordination and inadequate financing.

Along with extensive and inclusive consultation, cutting-edge research and analysis is required to determine that nature of and specific elements and responsibilities to be included in the FCGH. We have developed an extensive set of questions, arranged by topic, that we invite you to consider answering (<http://www.jalihealth.org/research/>). With your permission, we will post your response to the research section of the JALI website.

As you will see, there are many questions. You may want to look through the topic areas, see which most interest you, and focus on the questions in those areas, rather than reviewing the full set of questions. We would also be glad to discuss your interests, and help direct you to the areas and questions that are likely to best match your interests and expertise. You may also decide to use the questions as guideposts, some issues to consider, if you would like to share your perspectives on how the FCGH should address a broader topic, such as the right to health or accountability. We would also welcome your perspectives on the FCGH that might not fit easily within one of the topics, or that cuts across issues.

The goal of these questions and the responses to them is not to provide definitive conclusions on what an FCGH will include – though your recommendations are most welcome. Rather, we hope that responses will enable informed and meaningful, broad and inclusive, discussion on the contents of an FCGH – especially among the communities who have, and civil society who work on behalf of those who have, the least access to quality health services, who are furthest away from enjoying the right to health, who stand – and need – to benefit most from an FCGH.

We also welcome your feedback on any additional questions or issues that should be part of the research towards an FCGH that are not reflected below. Though we have identified many questions and issues, we want to know your expectations of the FCGH. If these are not reflected in these questions, please let us know.

While your responses should take whatever form you prefer, we recommend the following structure to facilitate sharing your findings and perspectives:

At the top of the contribution, provide the heading, title, or question(s) that you are addressing (e.g., “How the FCGH should address X”), followed by your name/organization, and the date of your contribution. Then provide your main recommendations for the FCGH for the question(s)

you are addressing or, if you did not have specific recommendations, then the different options that an FCGH could take, including brief summary of the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Follow this with your main analysis of the issues involved and how you have reached the recommendations, or more in-depth analysis of the different options and their advantages and disadvantages. This final section might also include relevant policy recommendations (e.g., most effective policies in a given area, how human rights law should address a particular issue).

Please direct any questions or feedback to the JALI Secretariat: info@jalihealth.org. Thank you.