

# GLOBAL HEALTH RETREAT 2023

## SUMMARY

### KEYNOTE: DR. PETER SINGER, O.C

- Consider your research within the lens of **how you are advancing the 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs)**
- Reaching the SDG targets is a universal commitment
- Innovation, digitization & evidence-based approaches are needed



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## SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

### 1 What humanitarian efforts should we strengthen going forward?

- Meaning/definition of "humanitarian" work differs across perspectives (is there a need for a new and revised definition?)
- Long-term, sustainable, ethical vision
- Learn and grow with local approaches
- Understand and address climate change challenges
- Improve ways of conducting/measuring/evaluating humanitarian work

### 2 What educational efforts should we focus on (new and existing)?

- The mind*: more holistic courses to develop research skills, interdisciplinary student recruitment, faculty training, potentially an inclusive global health paradigm, anti-discrimination/racism training
- The heart*: improve meaningful opportunities for students to develop skills in global health principles (e.g., reflexivity, positionality, humility, etc.), improve pre-departure training/critical thinking

### 3 What areas of global health research should we strengthen to maintain high impact?

- More focus on relationship-building, meaningful collaborations, and trust
- Radical shifts in what we ask and why we ask it
- More research on the impacts of environmental challenges/planetary health
- Build on strengths (e.g., global clinical trials)
- Implementation research that align with SDG targets

### VISION FOR THE FUTURE: DR. SONIA ANAND

- Build upon the history of **strengths in research, education, and global-local care delivery** by mapping work onto SDGs
- Strengthen teams for success
- Creation of a Social Medicine credential for health professionals
- Additional specializations in **planetary health, global surgery, and Indigenous health**



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### CLOSING COMMENTARY: DR. PETER SINGER, O.C.

Reflections reiterate the importance of:

- 1) "Glocal": meaningful and engaging work, in line with humility and allyship
- 2) Glue: what is the glue that holds everyone and their work together?
- 3) "Getting stuff done" locally and globally

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