



PRESENTATION ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN GLOBAL HEALTH DIPLOMACY AT THE IFDT IN MALTA

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INTRODUCTION

- In the last three decades, health related issues have risen to the global agenda. Issues such as pandemics, health, security, food safety, intellectual property and access to medicines, increasingly require diplomatic skills and negotiations at the as well as regional and global level. It has therefore become necessary to forge a strong link between Foreign Policy and Health, considering that global health issues have become a major concern to Foreign Policy makers.

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INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

- Foreign Policy and Diplomacy offer important tools to deal with the growing interdependence between countries on health - related issues and thus are complimentary to, as well as extensions of national policy efforts.

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DEFINATION

- Global Health Diplomacy therefore refers to the multi – level and multi – actor negotiation processes that shape and manage the global policy environment for health in health and non – health fora.

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- Global Health Diplomacy relates to health issues and determinants that cross national boundaries, are global in nature and require global agreements to address them.
- Global Health Diplomacy therefore brings together the disciplines of Public Health, International Affairs, Management, Law, and Economics.

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THE GOAL OF GHP

- The goal of capacity building in Global Health Diplomacy is to bring together Diplomatic and Health professionals to understand their common interests in Health as well as in Foreign Policy, and to focus on how the negotiation processes in Global Health Diplomacy are conducted, in what kind of settings and with what actors.

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GOALS – OUTCOMES - VALUES

- If well defined Global Health Diplomacy results in;
 1. Better health security and population health outcomes for each of the countries involved.

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2. Improved relations between states and a commitment of a wide range of actors to work together to improve health and,
3. Outcomes that are deemed fair and support the goals of reducing poverty and increasing equity.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEALTH AND FOREIGN POLICY

- Health is an instrument of Foreign Policy.
- Health is an integral part of Foreign Policy.
- Foreign Policy serving the goals of health.

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COMPONENTS OF CAPACITY BUILDING IN GHP

- Components of capacity building in Global Health Diplomacy include;
- Executive courses in Geneva and worldwide.
- Training Manual.
- Textbook (Global Health Diplomacy edited by Ilona Kickbusch and Nick Drager).

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- Case study book (Negotiating and Navigating Global Health edited by E. Rosslam and Ilona Kickbusch).
- Introduction to 21st Century Diplomacy edited by Thomas Novotny and Ilona Kickbusch)
- Online course.

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- Other components include;
- Other publications.
- Conferences.
- Partnerships.
- Alumni networks.

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EXECUTIVE COURSE

The Executive courses aim to;

- Present the field of Global Health Diplomacy.
- Identify and define key concepts.
- Review examples of national and regional global health strategies.
- Introduce key cross – cutting issues of global health.

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- Engage participants in a multi – disciplinary learning process.
- Offer practical examples at the national, regional and global level.
- Prepare participants to actively contribute to national, regional and international policies and processes that maximize global health.

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TARGET GROUP

- The Global Health Diplomacy course is aimed at Health and International Relations professionals, ranging from mid to senior level experts, working in different sectors. This can include representatives from;

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1. Health and International Relations professionals in Diplomatic missions, Departments of International Health, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
2. Staff in International and Regional Organizations, Non – Governmental Organizations (NGOs), philanthropy, universities and the private sector.

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TRAINING MANUAL

- The training manual serves two (2) purposes;
 1. To train other trainers on how to run Global Health Diplomacy courses and,
 2. As a guide for current trainers wishing to conduct the course.
- The training manual provides the background, structure, and curriculum needed to teach a course on Global Health Diplomacy

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- The training manual provides the background, structure, and curriculum needed to teach a course on Global Health Diplomacy. It is designed so that trainers and professionals worldwide can use the core curriculum to make it relevant to their particular country or regional context.

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LEARNING TOOLS FOR THE TRAINING MANUAL

- Topic;
- Textbooks, readings, handouts.
- Case studies.
- Lectures.
- Evaluations.

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- Role play/negotiation simulations.
- Group exercises/plenary discussions.
- Self – assessments.

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TEXTBOOK ON GHP

- The textbook compliments activities in capacity building and will serve as a guidebook for in depth learning on key issues in global health.
- Part 1: Chapters on concepts, actors and instruments.
- Part 2: Chapters on the practice of Global Health Diplomacy: case studies.

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ONLINE COURSE IN GHD

- Joint course developed by the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of Geneva and the Diplo Foundation.
- The eight (8) week course delivered online includes the following;
 1. Discussion forums.
 2. Real – time chat sessions.
 3. Course blog.
 4. Hypertext entries, and
 5. Multimedia presentations.

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