

Title	Towards a Grand Convergence in Global Health: What Convergence Means for Health after 2015
Host	Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN and <i>The Lancet</i> Commission on Investing in Health
Location	Conference Room 6, North Lawn Building, The United Nations Headquarters
Date	Thursday, January 16, 2014, 1:15pm-2:30pm
Topic	Global leaders are working to accelerate progress through 2015 on the current Millennium Development Goals, but as the United Nation and m member states look past 2015 and begin to develop a new set of sustainable development goals, <i>The Lancet</i> Commission on Investing in Health is calling on the international community to place the aim of achieving a “grand convergence” in global health at the forefront of the 2030 health agenda. The Commission’s report— <i>Global Health 2035: A World Converging within a Generation</i> —published in <i>The Lancet</i> on December 3, 2013, unveiled a comprehensive investment framework to achieve convergence in key areas of global health, with clear guidelines for national governments and the international community. Commissioners on the panel will highlight key findings and recommendations from the report to make the case for convergence to be endorsed as a bold new strategy to bring HIV/AIDS, TB and child deaths down to universally low levels within a generation.

Run of Show

- 1:15-1:19pm **Welcome | Norway’s Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pedersen**
As host of the event, Mr. Pedersen will welcome guests and discuss Norway’s role in the Global Health 2035 report
- 1:19-1:23pm **Introduction of Panel | Dr. Margaret E. Kruk, Columbia University**
Commissioner Kruk will provide a brief background on the Commission on Investing In Health and introduce the other Commissioners on the panel
- 1:23-1:43pm **What is Convergence? | Gavin Yamey**
Dr. Yamey, one of the report’s lead authors, will discuss the report’s key findings and the rationale for convergence to a be new health goal for the international community. He will also discuss how convergence can help inform goal-setting for health in a post-2015 framework, including targets for 2030 and the investments needed to achieve them
- 1:43-1:53pm **Rwanda’s Story: A Country Level Perspective | H.E. Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, Minister of Health, Rwanda**
Dr. Binagwaho will discuss Rwanda’s recent progress in health and its remaining challenges, and also provide a perspective on the role of national governments in achieving convergence

- 1:53-2:03pm **The Role of Donors in Achieving Convergence | Dr. Ariel Pablos Méndez, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, USAID**
Dr. Pablos-Méndez will make the case for donors to invest in achieving convergence, particularly through the research and development of new tools
- 2:03-2:13pm **Universal Health Coverage: A Progressive Pathway to Achieving Convergence | Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India**
Dr. Reddy will look at universal health coverage as a mechanism for achieving convergence, focusing on the two progressive pathways to UHC proposed in Global Health 2035
- 2:13-2:29pm **Audience Question & Answer**
This session, moderated by Dr. Kruk, will provide an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the panelists
- 2:29-2:30pm **Closing | Norway's Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pedersen (or India mission if they co-sponsor)**