Breast cancer in the developing world: meeting the unforeseen challenge to women, health and equity
An international meeting organized by the Harvard Global Equity Initiative, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Brigham and Women's Hospital
Boston, 3-5 November, 2009


November 3

Venue, Pre-conference: Brigham and Women’s Hospital

13.30-17.00

13.30-14.00: Welcome and objectives of the pre-conference thematic sessions: Steering Committee
14.00-14.15: break/walk to rooms
14.15-17.00: Thematic working group sessions [pre-registration required]

i. Developing an essential package of oncology drugs and treatments for developing countries: Lawrence Shulman (Dana Farber Cancer Institute) and Amy Sievers (Dana Farber Cancer Institute)

ii. Innovative pricing, financing and procurement models applied to cancer drugs: Peter Piot (Institute for Global Health, Imperial College) and Ramiro Guerrero (Harvard Global Equity Initiative)

iii. Optimizing human resources for early detection and treatment in developing countries: Corey Casper (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center) and Gustavo Nigenda (INSP)

v. Guidelines for International Breast Health and cancer control: Ben Anderson (Breast Health Global Initiative)

v. Early detection and use of mammography: Constance Lehman (University of Washington/ Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center)

vi. Missing links: how to improve the global, regional and national evidence base for decision-making: Peggy Porter (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center), Lizbeth Lopez (National Institute of Public Health of Mexico), Nancy Keating (Harvard University)

vii. Explaining differences in the age distribution of breast cancer across countries: Michelle Holmes (Harvard University) and Clement Adebamowo (University of Ibadan, Nigeria/University of Maryland, Baltimore)

viii. (TBC) Lessons and recommendations for global advocacy and action

17.15-18.15: networking coffee – Brigham and Women’s Hospital
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(coffee and refreshments will be provided and small tables are located in the cafeteria area of the DFCI to enable on-going discussion following the pre-conference session).

18.15-19.30 Welcome cocktail hosted by Dana Farber Cancer Institute

2-day symposium: November 4-5

November 4

Venue, Day 1: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Harvard Medical School

I. Opening session (9.00-10.00)
   - Drew Gilpin Faust, President, Harvard University
   - Lic. Margarita Zavala, First Lady, Presidency of Mexico
   - Her Royal Highness Princess Dina Mired, Director General, King Hussein Cancer Foundation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
   - Video message, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) (TBC)
   - Dr. Jeffrey Flier, Dean, Harvard Medical School
   - Dr. Julio Frenk, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health
   - Dr. Lawrence Shulman, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
   - HGEI: Framework and Overview of agenda: Felicia Knaul, Director, Harvard Global Equity Initiative (HGEI)

II. Opening plenary keynote (10.00-10.45)
   - Professor Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in Economics and Thomas W. Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University.

III. Challenge: epidemiology, clinical variations, resource constraints, barriers to access, social and cultural constraints (10.45-13.00)
   i. 10.45-11.30: Overview Presentations

Break: 11.30-11.45

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   ii. 11.45-12.30: panel (5 minute presentations followed by questions from the Chair)
   iii. 12:30-13.00: Discussion/Q&A
IV. Lunch (13.00-14.00) *(pre-registration required)*
   - Moderator: Barbara Ferrar, Boston Public Health Commission
   - Strengthening health systems: Julio Frenk, Harvard School of Public Health

V. Learning from global initiatives on health (14.00-15.00)

VI. Linking programs on women and health (15.00-16.15)

Break: 16.15-16.30

VII. Expanded cancer control/prevention and care in developing countries: Innovations in financing, procurement and delivery (16.30-17.45)

November 5
Venue, Day 2: Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Jimmy Fund Auditorium

I. Opening keynote
   - Moderator: Eric Winer, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
   - Ambassador Nancy Brinker, Komen Foundation (9-9.30)

II. Breast cancer: harnessing a global movement (9.30-10.30)

Break 10.30-10.45

III. Towards an inclusive research agenda (10.45-11.45)

IV. Regional Working Lunches (12.00-14.30) *(pre-registration required)*

   5 regional groups: Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Caribbean and Middle East

   BREAK-14.30-15.00 (facilitators work on key recommendations from the regional and thematic break-out sessions)

V. Recommendations and Conclusions (15.00-16.30)

   Presentation of key recommendations from thematic pre-conference and regional break-out sessions

   Conference summary and key recommendations: Dr. Julio Frenk, Dean, HSPH