

# Workshop on Global Public Health Leaders of Tomorrow

– what is at stake?

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Swedish National Institute  
of **Public Health**

## Why this workshop and why in Stockholm?

Sweden is internationally known for its high-level public health investment. About 100 years ago, Sweden made an investment and established the Swedish Agency for Communicable Disease Control to address basic public challenges related to hygiene and infections. Twenty years ago the Swedish Government took the step further and established a National institute of public health to address broader public health issues. Ten years later a parliament bill was passed based on wider determinants of health which formed a national public health policy that we are celebrating this week in May. This is what I call investing in Health 3.0, which means moving away from a perspective of treating diseases, preventing diseases, to promoting population health and well-being. It is this kind of investment that can save huge health care costs and reduce human suffering.

Now is the time when several decision makers have come to agree that public health, prevention and health promotion is an important strategic investment to solve the challenges of health care systems in an increasingly aging population in many parts of the world.

With this in mind it is crucial to strengthen leadership in public health infrastructure and systems and discuss how these in turn can contribute to more effective health care systems, positive social development and at the same time save lives.

We note a shortage of younger leaders in global public health systems. Strategic leadership is an important part of the strategic social development, where public health plays an important part in any society. Traditional leadership in public health system has often been built on a high level of personal energy and strong commitment to the mission. I believe that the 21<sup>st</sup> century society needs effective and highly distinguished structures for public health leadership based on high-level skills, commitment and high competences. Additionally as the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the once well-defined line between the national and global is fading, making it difficult for any one organization to act effectively in isolation. It is all about partnerships and leadership plays an important part.



## What is the aim of this workshop and what is expected?

The main aim of this workshop is to bring together excellent global public health leaders to contribute to discussions regarding leadership challenges and solutions in global public health and how to move the agenda forward. We aim at bringing together the next generation of world leaders who are well-rounded professionals, who feel at home in the areas of high level public health research, global health policy and public health practice at national and international level.

## Expected outcomes from this workshop

At the end of the workshop we will have;

- Established a platform for exchanging ideas and knowledge related to leadership in global public health.
- Agreed on how to move this agenda forward.

## Who should participate in this workshop?

### Expected requirements:

- Have experience of leadership practice in public health systems for a minimum of 3 years.
- Have experience of policy-making practice.
- Have strong and strategic leadership capacity and vision.

### Additional requirements

- Have experience of international public health research or practice in at least 2 countries.
- Have a PhD in areas related to public health sciences.

I am looking forward to educative and fruitful discussions with you in May.



Best regards

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## How do I register?

Please register to participate in this workshop with [linda.rebane@fhi.se](mailto:linda.rebane@fhi.se)

### No later than 30th April 2013.

Please acknowledge that the Swedish National Institute of Public Health will select delegates in this workshop based on requirements above and on first come first served basis.

We are targeting for a maximum of 30 delegates to participate in the workshop.

## How much does this cost?

Participation in this workshop and lunch is included in the conference fee.

## When and where?

15th of May 2013, at 09.30–14.00. We will end the conference with lunch, 12.30–14.00.

Location and programme will be confirmed later.

