



THE GOVERNING PANDEMICS INITIATIVE

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Description

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed major weaknesses in the global system for preparedness and response to outbreaks of infectious diseases. The Global Health Centre's Governing Pandemics Initiative (GP), launched in 2021, tracks reform efforts to address these gaps. To do so, the Initiative carries out activities in three main areas: information, data collection and open-access data-sharing through a publicly-available website providing ongoing monitoring of reforms; research and analysis by developing and making accessible legal and policy research & analysis on key issues, responding to needs that arise as reform efforts progress; strategic convening to raise awareness and strengthen capacities by providing a space for discussion, learning, and debate for negotiators, policy makers, and other stakeholders through workshops, public events, webinars, and courses. The online portal provides a concise overview of six issue areas where change is needed at the global level to better prepare for and respond to future potential pandemics. For each of these, the site offers key official documents, policy briefs and other documents produced by the Initiative, a selection of academic research and analysis, and regular updates on ongoing policy processes. In addition, the website includes a Timeline to track efforts to strengthen global pandemic preparedness and response since March 2020, and the Governing Pandemics Snapshot, an in-house publication analysing ongoing negotiations on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR).

