



4th AHIMSA FORUM ON INNOVATION IN GLOBAL HEALTH

The next edition of the forum, the fourth, will mark Ahimsa's tenth anniversary. The forum will focus on innovation, with a view to finding concrete solutions to the topics addressed.

We will be proud to welcome **Michel Camdessus**, former Director of the IMF and current Honorary President of the Banque de France. He will be attending as a friend and in his capacity as adviser to the President of France for the forthcoming G7 summit. He will open the forum by addressing a topic that links us all: **reducing inequality**.

Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, will hold a debate with five young people of various nationalities on their vision of the world.

Lastly, our long-time friend the **Countess Setsuko Klossowska de Rola**, UNESCO ambassador for peace, will speak about the importance of ensuring that technological progress is accompanied by personal development and spiritual research. We will also welcome to the forum Benoît Astier de Villatte and Igor Pericoli, both famous French artists known around the world for their ceramics. They will speak of their commitment to seek meaning vis-à-vis Tibetan spirituality, and of their development plans involving this community.

To conclude the forum, they will remind us of the need to **combine spiritual and personal development with innovation** in our world.

As at every edition of the forum, we will take a **bottom-up approach**, as opposed to top-down, with a view to giving those in the field the opportunity to speak and act as a force for change. This forum is, first and foremost, your forum. The solutions will not come from us. It is perhaps for this reason that we are struggling to find them. Solutions will come from the field, from you, leaders

who have started to revolutionize lives and our world, who might one day turn to innovative models.

In the first instance, we will consider the role that faith-inspired communities can play in achieving universal healthcare coverage, asking the question:

If coverage can be universal, can the way that it is addressed also be universal?

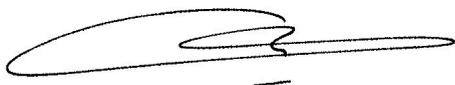
At a second stage, we will give the floor to those who are innovating within the field of public health. The aim of this forum is to create a new “agora” for public health.

Lastly, we will continue to think about **how all of these new technologies can be made accessible to the world's most underprivileged populations.**

According to Nielsen data, 85% of innovations in the U.S. fail to make it to market, and this number is likely to be much higher in emerging markets. Significant innovation, private sector engagement, social entrepreneurship and blended finance initiatives are required to develop new business models that reduce costs and increase access to healthcare in a scalable and sustainable way. This is the new Ahimsa engagement, to make these innovative initiatives accessible to the world's poorest populations, in order to fight poverty.

The 2019 forum will enrich our understanding of how our different cultures, beliefs and faiths are strengths on which we must build a better world, starting to demonstrate that healthcare can unify communities and serve as a piece of the puzzle to fight inequality as we look towards a shared and universal ethics system.

This is our challenge: to **help to unite rather than divide, and to build on our shared values.**



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