Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health
Social Innovation Think Tank Round Table

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Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health
York University, Toronto, Canada
Dear Participants,

On behalf of York University and our students, staff, faculty and alumni around the world, I am delighted to welcome you to The Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health’s inaugural Social Innovation Think Tank Round Table.

The Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health at York University was founded in 2015 thanks to a landmark donation from alumnus Victor Phillip Dahdaleh. Not only does this gift recognize York’s leadership in global health innovation, but it also provides a valuable opportunity to build on our scholarly strengths in social justice, health policy, disability and human rights, and disease modeling, among other areas.

This Round Table offers an extraordinary opportunity for collaboration among York University scholars and our network of local and global partners to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to the most pressing global health challenges of our time. Your work here is an important first step towards generating a common vision, strengthening community capacity and leadership development, and fostering innovative research that will affect change worldwide.

I hope that you find this event thought-provoking, inspiring and productive, and that your discussions foster the foundation for successful social innovation.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor
York University

Dear Colleagues and Collaborators,

I am immensely pleased that you have all accepted our invitation and arrived here at the York University campus for the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health’s inaugural Social Innovation Think Tank Roundtable. On behalf of the Faculty of Health, I am delighted to welcome you.

Through the Roundtable we aim to build an extraordinary collaboration between our York University scholars and our network of local and global partners like you to meet the emerging and ongoing global health and social challenges. Working together we will develop innovative and sustainable solutions for social transformation with local to global impact. I look forward to your contributions over the course of next two days as we create a meaningful collaboration that supports a more tolerant society, human understanding and equity.

I wish you a warm welcome and productive discussions as we build this successful social innovation network.

Sincerely,

Harvey Skinner, PhD.
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The Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health’s launch in January 2016 reflects York University’s commitment to addressing global health and equity challenges through research, social innovation, international collaboration, strengthening of community capacity and leadership development. The Institute’s work will lead to a reframing of the ways in which high and low income countries collaborate in co-creating solutions to global health challenges. A strategic advantage is York University’s proud tradition of scholarship that has been defined by engagement in a critical discourse in which the pursuit of discovery and innovation is achieved with a focus on social responsibility and justice. York University further places an emphasis on how the creation of knowledge can be used to benefit cultures and societies as broadly as possible, a perspective that informs the lens through which we envision pursuing Global Health research. Foci of strength that support global health research include analyses of the social determinants of health, global health governance, global eHealth, critical disability studies and human rights, disease modeling, global health human resources, human rights and refugees, Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples and nations, indigenous legal scholarship and an eco-health perspective linking the environment to health.

York University’s leadership as the first Canadian university to launch Global Health BA and BSc Programs with concentrations in global health policy, governance & systems, global health promotion & disease prevention, global eHealth and global mental health is important to recognize. A fourth year practicum capstone course will give our students global experience. York is also well positioned to leverage its extensive range of Global partners linked to the culturally diverse Greater Toronto Area. These Global-Local linkages provide unparalleled opportunities for collaborative research to address the challenging health and social concerns embedded in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Acknowledgements
We would like to thank the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for supporting representatives from the think thanks Southern Voice and the Latin American Initiative for Public Policy Research (ILAI PP) to contribute their insights to develop our collective vision and priorities for research, strengthening community capacity and leadership development.
# Round Table Objectives

1. Identify and connect an initial set of collaborators with York University's Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health to begin to ‘co-create’ Social Innovation.

2. Develop a five-year plan for the Social Innovation Think Tank to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Identify the SDGs to focus on.

3. Prior to the round table, identify partners’ priorities:
   a. Partners’ communities to identify their priorities for research, community capacity building & leadership development short courses and thematic project challenges in which emerging leaders could engage to build their leadership skills
   b. Discuss the priorities with the round table participants

4. Develop Social Innovation Think Tank (SITT) priorities for Strengthening Community Capacity & Leadership Development, and Research through dialogue and consensus.

5. Link Community Capacity & Leadership Development skills priorities to scholars and community leaders with the expertise in those areas.

6. Identify research that could stem from the priorities.

7. Consider funding sources for the collaborative: (i) Community Capacity & Leadership Development and (ii) Research

8. Consider the knowledge mobilization approaches that would address the specific contexts of local and LMIC communities to foster policy change and support global health community capacity & leadership development. This would include advocacy in local and global contexts in order to realize social innovation. Consider expanding the SITT partners to include decision-makers with the capacity to leverage the community capacity & leadership development and research to foster policy change.
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We will engage our partners to contribute their insights and expertise to address the Sustainable Development Goals from their perspective and in their context, to advance research, and strengthen community capacity & leadership development. Partners will collaborate to design the Social Innovation Think Tank. Developing the design will involve identifying partners’ research, community capacity and leadership priorities.

**Overarching model**

**Overall:** Strengthen collaborative partnerships with national and international institutions with a priority for LMICs to engage in interdisciplinary research, and community capacity and leadership development to address the UN Sustainable Development goals focused on improving the health and well being of the people in their communities.

**Phase 1:** Create a collaborative platform for the Social Innovation Think Tank that serves as a hub for interdisciplinary research and community capacity & leadership development. The platform will support formation of plans to position the Social Innovation Think Tank partners, including IDRC Think Tanks to support communities to address critical questions through research and strengthen community capacity and leadership skills to influence policies and practices for improved health and well being of local and partner community populations.

**Phase 2:** Leverage collaboration to develop research, community capacity & leadership to support LMIC partners in designing, implementing and evaluating innovative programs. By melding partners' collective insights, short courses, case studies and knowledge mobilization learning sessions will be collaboratively developed. A global network of scholars and mentors will offer ongoing support through a virtual on-line community. The programs will be designed to strengthen community capacity by supporting health professionals, health policy and public health scholars and advocates by engaging: a) youth (“new” leaders); b) early career professionals (“emerging” leaders), and c) established leaders.

**Phase 3:** Support LMIC partners including IDRC Think Tanks as satellites with the capacity to host workshops to strengthen community capacity and tap into the virtual global network of scholars. A “train the trainers” approach will be adopted to facilitate this process.
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