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Health obviously is one of the main concerns around social responsibility and governance and health is a topic that deserves more attention than it probably has had in the past. We have here Petra Laux, who is Head of Global Public Affairs at Novartis. Steve, could you introduce yourself and tell us about your foundation?

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I think nearly everybody knows what I do, actually. My friends are in the room. Just briefly, I am not a health expert. In fact, I am completely inexpert, as those who know me would know. However, I am very interested in the process of global governance, and that is what my foundation, which is based in Australia, but operates globally, is involved with. We look at how we can push from outside government to assist government to achieve better global governance. I think it is really interesting when one considers the topic of health, which we will talk about today - plugging into global governance or a lack of global governance.

I think it is a really interesting issue and I will speak from a position of the process of governance rather than the technique of health and the health industry. Thanks.