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# Multiple Healths: Pasts, presents and futures of bio-medicine and wellbeing in/with Africa

*A two-day international symposium organized by Forum for Africa Studies at Uppsala University  
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## **Guest Speakers:**

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Hannah Akuffo, Unit of Research Cooperation, Sida, Sweden

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In this symposium we ask how local aspirations for, and visions of, health and well-being in African contexts are, or have been, facilitated, compromised, or bypassed by globally connected bio-medical projects and practices. Moving beyond critiques of evidence-based medicine or globally mobile models of medical knowledge and practice, the symposium explores cases where local actors and organizations seek to realize improvements in health that do not always conform to coexisting global/regional/national health priorities, programmes, policies or concepts. We further explore actor's explicit, implicit and hidden strategies for capturing global practices and resource flows to facilitate local visions of health and well-being in Africa.

The symposium is an activity of the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa theme at Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies. Information about how to register to participate in the event is forthcoming in February.

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