

## Katrine Thor Andersen Joins GHIAA's Board of Directors

The Global Health Innovation Alliance Accelerator (GHIAA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Katrine Thor Andersen to its Board of Directors.

Thor Andersen is the Deputy Director of Alliance Management within Global Health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She is responsible for creation, negotiation and management of high complexity global health drug discovery and development collaborations that involves public, academic, philanthropic, and private organizations.

Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in 2017, Thor Andersen worked in global pharmaceutical R&D organizations for 18 years covering formulation Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls (CMC) development and regulatory affairs, research and development (R&D) outsourcing management, business transformation consulting and she has held senior leadership roles within research business operations and informatics. She worked as a pharmaceutics research scientist and product project leader for 8 years, followed by working as a regulatory affairs transformation consultant, R&D outsourcing manager and R&D chief of staff. She also has experience in regulatory affairs in the public sector through her work at the Danish Medicine Agency.

"We are thrilled to have Katrine join our Board," said Julia Barnes-Weise, Executive Director of GHIAA. "She brings broad experience both from the pharmaceutical sector and from the perspective of global health funders and is passionate about partnering innovation."

"Negotiations of global health agreements calls for terms and concepts that differ from typical license and alliance agreements," said Thor Andersen. "Providing a tool like GHIAA's MAPGuide® and a space where all stakeholders can see and discuss how these concepts are implemented can accelerate alliance formation and ultimately access to impactful health interventions. I look forward to contributing to this GHIAA mission through my service on the Board."

Thor Andersen holds an MBA from Copenhagen Business School, an MSc Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs from Temple University, and an MSc Pharmacy from the Royal Danish School of Pharmacy.

GHIAA, established in 2017, is an interdisciplinary think tank and consultancy firm that facilitates the translation of global health policies into actionable agreement provisions for advancing research, development, and marketing of new biomedical technologies. GHIAA develops and promotes the use of tools and best practices for global health alliance formation. GHIAA's MAPGuide® is an online searchable curated collection of actual and template contractual provisions from global health alliance agreements that address key principles on which partnerships are built and its Global Health Transactions Glossary provides a valuable resource to the global health community.

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