

WHO opens the doors wide to corporate influence

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The long-running debate about how WHO interacts with corporations is coming to crisis point. In the context of its Reform Process WHO Secretariat has been working on a new Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors – a term which applies equally to corporations, big philanthropies and public interest groups. The International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) has been following this issue for many years and is calling for the negotiations to be put on hold and for the work to be informed by an expert meeting on Conflicts of Interest with public participation, with the aim of ensuring that WHO is protected from undue corporate and funder influence and stays true to its constitutional mandate.

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