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**Understanding
the New
Pandemic Treaty**

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Five years after the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the world, and following more than three years of intensive negotiations, States have reached a historic agreement on a new pandemic treaty under the auspices of the World Health Organization (WHO). This treaty aims to strengthen global efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to future pandemics.

The successful implementation of the treaty hinges on the active involvement of local and regional governments (LRGs). Art. 15 of the treaty (Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches) recognizes this, and LRGs will have to be engaged in multiple areas, such as pandemic prevention and surveillance (Art. 4), health system preparedness and resilience (Art. 6), healthcare capacity (Art. 7), communication and public awareness (Art. 16), and sustainable financing (Art. 18).

This event invites participants to gain a deeper understanding of the new pandemic treaty, its key issues, and the critical implications it holds for LRGs. Join us for an insightful discussion on how this treaty can shape the future of global health through local action!

Speakers:

- **Graham Alabaster**, Head of Geneva Office, UN-Habitat
- **Priti Patnaik**, Founding Editor, Geneva Health Files

Moderated by **Anh Thu Duong**, Co-director, Global Cities Hub

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