

**Report 15:** Should NIEHS be a global diplomat?

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**Brief History:** Environmental health is a concern of global magnitude and as a leader in EHS, I believe NIEHS should direct capacity-building and research efforts to better inform our global partners.

**Discussion Highlights:** The consensus was to lead as diplomats (training in response, outreach and education) rather than police (policy makers) global EH issues.

**Pros:**

Building global EH capacity generates goodwill through collaborations with international agencies and governments. Best efforts include capacity building in education and training in record keeping, data collecting, preparation and risk management for global change.

Building intramural capacity to participate in global EH activities through partnerships with CDC, NIH, local and state agencies and establish in-house expertise on global EH issues.

Increase visibility of NIEHS

Demonstrate our commitment to global EH issues

**Cons:**

Global diplomacy is component of HHS mission and not directly part of NIEHS mission

Obvious resource limitation

**Recommendations:** For the reasons listed above, we recommend NIEHS establish itself as a leader in global EH.

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