



Since its inception, COPASAH has expanded to various regions, facilitated learning on social accountability, and highlighted contextual variables affecting the success and failure of social accountability practice, and highlighted perspectives and action approaches - primarily coming from the Global South--which have made an important contribution to the global accountability field. COPASAH has in the past focused on the social accountability approaches that are “statist,” with an assumption that the state has centralised control over social and economic affairs. Therefore the “old” actors in the accountability ecosystem--elected local and national governments, the WHO, the World Bank, etc. were at the center of the social accountability discourse. But, with the advent of new types of international cooperation and new actors like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Fund, the UN Foundation, etc., the landscape of global health priorities and decision-making rapidly changed, with inevitable impacts on the national health systems, policy-making and service delivery. This evolving context requires new thinking among accountability practitioners. The symposium is an opportunity to reconvene practitioners, take stock of shifting contexts, and think creatively about how to move the social accountability health field forward.

The symposium's goal is to evolve an action-oriented agenda for practitioners by framing a social accountability strategy for the new era of international cooperation, which includes the expansion of the public- private partnerships, securitization of health care, purchase model of Universal Health Coverage, and opportunities like the Sustainable Development Goals.