



We also have no illusions about the outcome of this meeting. We do not look to emerge from these discussions with the *answer* to the challenges of equity pricing and intellectual property. But we do look to generate a set of common understandings about the real issues facing us so that progress can be made.

Most importantly, we hope that progress at this meeting will allow the global community to move beyond an exclusive focus on prices and patents so that the vital and broad areas of care and prevention can receive the international attention they so desperately deserve. And, in doing this, I hope we will take some small steps towards finding ways to bring *all* the world's people to the global banquet table.