



Declaration of the XV BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting

17 June 2025

1. We, the BRICS Ministers of Health, met at the Fifteenth BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Brasília, Brazil, on 17 June 2025, under the Chairship of the Federative Republic of Brazil.
2. We warmly welcome the Republic of Indonesia as a member of BRICS, as well as the Republic of Belarus, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Uzbekistan as BRICS partner countries as of 1 January 2025; and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as of 13 June 2025.
3. Under the Brazilian Chairship in 2025, BRICS health cooperation is aimed at addressing global health challenges, focusing on reducing structural asymmetries, including through Global South collaboration. We reaffirm our commitment to cooperate in building capacities and achieving universal access to healthcare, vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics, and universal health coverage, focusing on strengthening resilient health systems and fostering health equity.
4. We reiterate the need to strengthen local and regional production of medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and other health products to ensure diversified supply chains, focusing on guaranteeing equitable and timely access.



- 25 5. Recognizing that health is a fundamental human right, and aware of
26 ongoing global challenges—including the aftermath of COVID-19
27 and other health emergencies—we reiterate our full commitment to
28 achieving Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 3
29 including Universal Health Coverage (UHC), while safeguarding our
30 populations from the consequences of health crises and emergencies.
- 31 6. We recognize the importance of ensuring that timely and equitable
32 access to essential health goods and health care services, including
33 medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and medical equipment, is
34 maintained under all circumstances. In this context, we underscore the
35 need to preserve the space for health-related cooperation and
36 humanitarian action from any unintended obstacles in line with the
37 principles of international law, equity, solidarity, and achieving
38 universal health coverage.
- 39 7. We reiterate our shared conviction that multilateral cooperation in
40 health must be preserved and reinforced, emphasizing the vital
41 coordinating role of the World Health Organization, ensuring it
42 remains a robust, responsive, and sustainably financed institution
43 capable of effectively fulfilling its mandate. Health architecture must
44 remain open, inclusive, flexible and capable of responding to global
45 public health challenges. We welcome the adoption of the Pandemic
46 Agreement during the 78th World Health Assembly.
- 47 8. Understanding the increasing impact of Noncommunicable Diseases
48 (NCDs) on global public health and the urgent need to strengthen
49 preventive actions, we commend the Brazilian Chairship of the



BRICS for organizing the High-Level Event on Promotion of Adequate and Healthy Eating Practices and Their Contributions to the Prevention of Noncommunicable Chronic Conditions. We look forward to the Fourth High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, to be held in September 2025.

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SOCIALLY DETERMINED DISEASES (SDDs)

9. We recognize that Socially Determined Diseases (SDDs), whose occurrence, evolution and outcomes are linked to social determinants of health, may reflect structural inequality and pose a great challenge for BRICS countries. In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the World Health Organization, and the legacy of the WHO's 2011 Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health, we commit to positioning the BRICS Partnership for the Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases to be launched at the BRICS Leaders' Summit 2025 as a catalyst for integrated, multisectoral action. This initiative reflects our shared values, in particular health as a fundamental human right, and underscores BRICS leadership in shaping global efforts to advance equity, solidarity, and social justice in health.

10. We commit to advancing the BRICS Partnership for the Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases as a strategic, adaptable and inclusive platform to accelerate towards health equity worldwide,



75 especially in the Global South with full regard for national
76 specificities and laws. Guided by five pillars—health systems
77 strengthening, intersectoral action, innovation and equitable access,
78 sustainable financing, and global advocacy—, the Partnership will
79 foster cooperation, while maintaining the voluntary and open nature
80 of engagement, to reduce SDDs incidence and impact, while
81 addressing the social, economic, and environmental determinants of
82 health.

83 11. We recognize the importance of flexible, country-led approaches for
84 implementing the Partnership, grounded in national priorities and
85 capacities. Where relevant, WHO classifications and elimination goals
86 may guide disease prioritization, and cooperation clusters will
87 translate our political commitment into targeted actions that reflects
88 the diverse realities of BRICS countries.

89 12. We underscore the importance of ensuring the sustainability and
90 political visibility of the BRICS Partnership for the Elimination of
91 Socially Determined Diseases through structured implementation,
92 high-level oversight, and strategic engagement with development
93 partners and financial institutions. In this regard, we realize the need
94 for development of a joint roadmap with clear milestones, which
95 encompasses recommendations of the WHO World Report on Social
96 Determinants of Health Equity and pathways for technical cooperation,
97 as well as the institutionalization of dedicated ministerial sessions to
98 monitor progress. We recommend BRICS Leaders to confer formal
99 endorsement of this initiative at the BRICS Summit in July 2025, as a



landmark demonstration of our collective resolve to confront inequities and transform the conditions that perpetuate avoidable disease and suffering.

TB RESEARCH NETWORK

13. We recognize tuberculosis as a global public health challenge and reaffirm our commitment to accelerating the development of, and to ensuring equitable access to, TB-related innovations for the elimination of TB through strengthened international cooperation, sustainable financing, and coordinated regulatory efforts among BRICS countries.

14. We recognize the need to promote robust solutions to ensure adequate funding and to mitigate the consequences of underinvestment in TB research and development. In light of these considerations, we acknowledge the critical need to mobilize financially solid institutions and mechanisms such as multilateral bodies and the private sector, which are capable of supporting health agendas. This includes the development of long-term investment strategies and the exploration of investment case models as valuable tools for resource mobilization.

15. We support the Decisions of the 18th BRICS TB Research Network Meeting on priority strategies among the BRICS countries as important points to accelerate efforts towards ending TB. We recognize the important role of the WHO Global Programme on Tuberculosis & Lung Health (GTB) in leading and guiding the global effort to end TB through evidence-based recommendations, and we



are committed to making all efforts possible to maintain the Global Programme on Tuberculosis & Lung Health's sustainability.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

16. We also stress the importance of advancing voluntary regulatory convergence through the BRICS Medical Products Regulatory Authorities initiative aligned with national regulatory authorities, according to the WHO good regulatory practice guideline, if applicable, to strengthen trust and constructive engagement.

17. We reaffirm the importance of regulatory cooperation among the BRICS medical products authorities and recommend the revision and expansion of the existing Memorandum of Understanding to include new BRICS members and updated contact points. We welcome the proposal to initiate a series of thematic online seminars, starting with one hosted by ANVISA under Brazil's 2025 Chairship, as a means to foster technical exchange.

18. We recommend strengthening regulatory collaboration through enhanced information sharing, the promotion of joint capacity-building initiatives through shared training agendas, and the continuation of discussions on establishing an electronic working group to advance regulatory convergence within the BRICS framework.



**BRICS NETWORK ON RESEARCH IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND
HEALTH SYSTEMS AND CONFERENCE AND NETWORK OF
PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES**

19. We recognize the BRICS Public Health Institutes Network as a vital forum for collaboration among high-level public health organizations of the BRICS countries. To better reflect its expanded scope and objectives, we agree to rename it as the BRICS Network of Research in Public Health and Health Systems with focus on health policy and system research. In this regard, we welcome the basket of good practices and priority health policies identified, among others, as a basis for BRICS countries' cooperation, South-South collaboration, public health capacity building, and strengthening of public health systems.

20. We welcome the upcoming first Conference of the BRICS National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs), to be held in Rio de Janeiro, on September 15 to 17, 2025 and express our full support for its objectives. We acknowledge that the outcomes and recommendations from this conference will be crucial for advancing knowledge on public health matters, supporting decision-making processes, and strengthening the health workforce at both national and global levels to fight public health threats. We also reaffirm our commitment to the NPHIs.



BRICS VACCINE R&D CENTER

21. We reaffirm our political support for the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center activities, acknowledging that the Center envisages equitable and timely access to vaccines for the prevention of communicable diseases on a global scale and to avert potential pandemics with vaccines and other immunobiologicals that demonstrate high levels of safety, effectiveness and efficacy.

22. We recognize that the partnership established within the framework of the Vaccine R&D Center aims to address local and global health challenges in alignment with the WHO Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) and with the SDGs and requires appropriate funding.

23. In this regard, we invite BRICS countries to call for the Multilateral Development Banks, including the New Development Bank according to its mandate, to support BRICS countries through financing mechanisms related to vaccines development and production that would foster collaboration with concrete outcomes.

24. The Brazilian Chairship shall take into consideration all proposed initiatives aimed at strengthening the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center, such as the Electronic R&D Stock initiative.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA GOVERNANCE

25. We acknowledge the need for safe and ethical deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. By recognizing the importance of establishing trustworthy AI in health, including the promotion of public trust around the use of AI, countries affirm their



commitment to the ethical use of health data for AI models, as well as risk management in AI, including for privacy and access, aiming at the security and protection of data for both patients and health care professionals. Countries also highlight the significance of collaboratively building inclusive and sustainable approaches to innovation, ensuring that AI and digital tools are developed and utilized in a safe, ethical and non-discriminatory way and serve to reduce inequalities, reinforce digital sovereignty and improve health systems performance across all contexts.

26. We acknowledge the importance of health data governance as key foundation for universal healthcare systems resilience and express our commitment to strengthen cooperation in health data governance through capacity building, experience sharing, training and system development in accordance with respective national legislations and on mutually agreed terms.

27. We acknowledge the importance of BRICS cooperation, in the area of AI in health, for capacity building and exchange of best practices. It will accelerate innovation and strengthen responses in public health. Robust data protection, based on ethical use and data sovereignty is essential to build public trust. Recognizing that Digital Health is an important step towards robust digital public health cooperation among BRICS countries, we invite BRICS members to consider further discussions on this subject.



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225 **BRICS HEALTH JOURNAL**

226 28. We recognize the BRICS Health Journal as a strategic platform for
227 disseminating research findings, promoting knowledge exchange, and
228 advancing scientific cooperation within the BRICS framework.

229 29. We encourage the active engagement of BRICS countries in the
230 development of the Journal, acknowledging its growing role as a key
231 instrument to support the BRICS healthcare community and showcase
232 collaborative scientific initiatives.

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234 **PHYSICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR**
235 **SPECIALIZED CARE IN REMOTE AND HARD-TO-REACH**
236 **AREAS**

237 30. We recognize the critical importance of advancing intelligent,
238 sustainable, and resilient health infrastructure to broaden access to
239 specialized health care in remote and hard-to-reach areas. In this
240 context, we warmly welcome Brazil's leadership in fostering
241 cooperation among BRICS countries, in particular Global South
242 Cooperation, to develop innovative technological and infrastructural
243 solutions that address shared challenges, strengthen local production
244 capacities, and promote equitable health systems. Furthermore, we
245 affirm our collective endorsement of the summary report, which
246 encapsulates our joint commitments and strategic priorities toward
247 these goals.

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250 **Nuclear Medicine**

251 31. We recognize the need for cooperation in the area of nuclear medicine
252 and radio pharmacy, within the BRICS Nuclear Medicine Working
253 Group and its initiatives addressed in the final resolution of the first
254 BRICS Final Resolution High Level International Forum on Nuclear
255 Medicine. In this regard, we welcome BRICS Nuclear Medicine
256 Working Group meetings to be held in the second half of 2025.