



Health20 Summit - Chairpersons' Conclusions

Reimagining Partnerships & Building Back Public Trust in Global Health

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PREAMBLE

On behalf of the organisers of the Health20 Summit (H20) convened in Geneva at the WHO on 19th-20th June, with the objective of rebuilding trust, fostering partnerships of the future, grow stronger economies and strengthen community resilience through the global health, we congratulate the G7 Leaders of Canada on their recent summit in Kananaskis. In times of disruption, it is essential to show unity and demonstrate the critical value of multilateralism in all fora and put **people at the centre** for a more secure world. We welcome the efforts by the G20 Presidency of South Africa for elevating health high on the agenda of the G20, embedded in the spirit of **solidarity, equality, and sustainability**. We especially congratulate the Presidency for their recent efforts on promoting discussions and initiatives on how to advance **innovation in healthcare, and promote effective prevention mechanisms facilitated** by governments to tackle the rising challenges from **Non-Communicable Diseases**. Focusing on the intersection of health and finance, we commend the Presidencies' focus on enabling discussions and solutions on the **future global health financing architecture**.

The [H20 Summit celebrated its 9th anniversary](#), having been created during the G20 Presidency of Germany in 2017. It represents a cross-sectoral group in the health ecosystem, truly reflecting the power of partnerships in the spirit of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17. With a decade of the G20 cycle ending in 2025 with South Africa, the H20 Summit urges G20 Leaders, Health and Finance Ministers, to assess the achievements made in the last 9 years in fora where health ministers gathered regularly.

Looking ahead into a new decade of the G20, in this statement, we urge Leaders, Health and Finance, and other appropriate Ministers to reset and reactivate the global health agenda with **renewed determination and vision to promote global health and sustainable finance**.

The H20 Summit, that represented **15 sectors, over 70 speakers and 160 guests** and stakeholders spanning across the world of politics, civil society, academia, private sector and the investment community, recognizes that **health spending and investments cannot be taken for granted** in a current world where 69 countries¹ are facing severe debt distress and a convergence of crises—geopolitical conflict, inflation, climate and rising inequality. These are real pressures that demand urgent global political attention.

This year's H20 Summit converges around **three main themes** comprising:

- 1) Reimagining Partnerships & Building Back Public Trust in Global Health,
- 2) The role of Legislators & Regional Parliamentary Associations to facilitate the move from a plethora of declarations to concrete and implementable national actions, and,
- 3) The development of the New Global Health Financing Pact and a new Investment Tool to guide innovative investment decisions into global health & innovation in healthcare.

¹ Kurowski, C., Evans, D. B., Tandon, A., Hoang-Vu Eozenou, P., Schmidt, M., Irwin, A., Salcedo Cain, J., Setyo Pambudi, E., & Postolovska, I. (2022). *From Double Shock to Double Recovery – Implications and Options for Health Financing in the Time of COVID-19*. Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, DC, USA. Retrieved from <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/76d5786b-9501-5235-922a-caa71f99f0fc/content>

Based on the three themes, the H20 summit has identified five priorities aligned and complementary to those of the G20 Presidency of South Africa and hereby recommends:

1. Reimagining Partnerships & Building Back Public Trust in Global Health

The H20 widely agrees to support the reimagining of public-private partnerships and rebuild trust not only across regions and sectors but also institutions. Following the discussions and recommendations by H20 attendees and speakers, Chairpersons hereby conclude and call to;

- **Recognise that the convergence and alignment within the G7 and G20** must go beyond the traditional Health ministerial tracks to Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Defence, Education, and Finance, as improved health is the determinant and consequence of having a secure world and stronger economy with strengthened communities.
- **The G20 and G7 have a catalytic role** to play in scaling up partnerships and convergence with other pivotal fora such as the G77, BRICS, and APEC in parallel with other regional groups.
- **Support the Troika** mechanisms of the G20 and G7 Presidencies to ensure continuity of health priorities and innovative partnerships to ensure consistency and practicality, and the impact of priorities proposed.
- **Strengthen** the health-finance linkage, and a shared common understanding of how to capture value for society/ economy.
- **Increase public trust** in public health by increasing **health literacy** and combating mistrust.
- **Tracking data and outcomes**, with greater transparency and accountability, balanced with health literacy and combating mis/disinformation.
- **Endorse and strengthen Public Private Partnerships** via Multilateral Partnerships, including the private and public sectors, academia, and civil society.

2. The Role of Legislators & Regional Parliamentary Associations in a Changing World to Help Move from a Plethora of Declarations to Concrete Actions

G20 and G7 declarations often do not result in national legislation or accountable commitments. Implementation gaps persist unless three conditions are met: **political stability and buy-in, aligned incentives, and dedicated funding**. We hereby call on the G20 to;

- **Equip Legislators to create briefings and simple communication tools** to empower Members of Parliament in their respective legislative institutions to understand and champion G20/G7 health policies and actions. Legislative bodies must re-energise their local stakeholders to build sustainable community action on NCDs and Mental Health.
- **Call on Leaders to provide Legislators with a toolkit and implementable actions, such as the H20 NCD and Mental Health Legislators Report² (2025) or the AMR Legislators Report (2024)³**, and recognize the social and financial gains from investing in Health and tackling Non-Communicable Diseases. Prevention and Health in All Policies is essential as well as a holistic government approach.

² <https://g20healthpartnership.com/press-launch-reports/>

³ <https://g20healthpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/AMR-Report-Design-update-July-24-DIGITAL.pdf>

- **Call on Parliaments and Legislative bodies to be involved in shaping G20 and G7 health commitments.** Without their understanding or engagement, national action stalls. Legislative buy-in must be cultivated with accessible briefings, clear framing, and links to political mandates.
- 3. **A New Global Health Financing Pact and Enabling a New Investment Framework to Guide Innovative Investment Decisions into global, public health & innovation in healthcare**

The H20 acknowledges that, within the **challenging multilateral financing environment** and limited government spending on health (averaging 3.8% of GDP globally vs. the recommended minimum of 5%),⁴ innovative investment strategies can generate additional and sustainable resources for global health. In this context, the Chairpersons call on the G20 to;

- **Promote Evidence-Based National Investment Planning.** At the country level, health investment decisions should be guided by cost, **evidence-based national strategic plans that prioritise high-impact intervention clusters** or disease-specific interventions tailored to local epidemiological profiles. In different economic contexts, national health architecture should also clearly define resources that can be allocated by the governments, and the funding gaps that need to be bridged through external sources, such as Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), or innovative financing platforms.
- **Call on the G20 Joint Finance and Health Taskforce and the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group to endorse the concept of a Health Financing Framework, i.e. Health Taxonomy** with the validation and support of International Organizations such as the WHO, OECD and the group of Multilateral Development Banks by endorsing the recently launched Health Taxonomy⁵ report at the H20 Summit that provides a first framework for a health investment tool/map aimed at fostering a shared understanding and common language between governments, businesses, and investors, to help drive financing toward future health-positive initiatives.
- **Endorse a common definition of Sustainable Finance in Health** with a clear, shared understanding between sustainable health financing, finance, and funding. This should distinguish it from traditional health funding and draw lessons from ESG and green finance to avoid ambiguity and ensure policy coherence.
- **Strengthen Advocacy and Cross-Sector Dialogue for Health Financing.** The global health community should support national health authorities, parliamentarians, media, and other key stakeholders in advocating for smarter health investments from domestic governments, donors, and the private sector. These efforts shall include enhancing dialogue **between Ministries of Health and Finance, Health Finance National Security Strategies, simplifying advocacy messages, and shifting the narrative from clinical language to financial and economic terms.** It also involves translating medical investments into measurable economic returns, such as the long-term gains of health promotion and disease prevention, or the economic rationale for investing in imaging technologies.
- **Leverage Existing Knowledge and Successful Models** by placing greater emphasis on learning from existing global health investment tools and innovative financing frameworks (e.g., **WHO Best Buys, “50 by 50” Lancet Commission, or TISIFF Recommendations on Innovative Financing**). Knowledge exchange should also highlight successful country and regional initiatives and champions, such as Japan’s **Triple I Initiative for Global Health**, impact investment dashboards, Singapore’s “sin” taxation policies, Georgia’s Solidarity Fund, as well as models of blended finance, performance-based financing, and consolidated/bulk procurement. Health Infrastructure Development and Resource Allocation towards achieving UHC.

⁴ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/universalhealthcoverage>

⁵ <https://g20healthpartnership.com/press-launch-reports/>

- **Build fiscal capacity to sustain health system transformation and financing and equip countries with the tools and technical support needed to strengthen tax administration, implement reform (e.g., OECD guidance), and increase public financing for health,** G7 and G20 partners must actively invest in these foundational capabilities to ensure long-term, sustainable health funding.

4. Investing in Science and Innovation with a People-Centric Approach

G20 & G7 must reinforce the foundations of a resilient, **forward-looking global health architecture**. This requires a deliberate focus on fostering innovation, embedding health science innovation, transformative technologies such as AI, and addressing long-overlooked gaps, most notably, sustained investment in the health workforce. We call on the G20 to;

- **Safeguard a conducive innovation ecosystem for health and recognise that health science & innovation remains a strategic priority across G7 and G20** agendas by fostering enabling conditions—aligned incentives, the right regulatory frameworks, and cross-sectoral collaboration—to accelerate the development and integration of health solutions that respond to current and future needs.
- **Institutionalise research and innovation within G7/G20 governance and via establishing a permanent G7/G20 Research and Innovation Working Group** with a focus on, but not limited to,—AI and emerging technologies in health to ensure continuity across Presidencies, promote alignment across existing initiatives, stimulate investment and embed innovation meaningfully into health systems—with full involvement of healthcare professionals and communities to build trust, usability, and uptake. Close links with other tracks, such as the health and financing working group, must be ensured for cohesive G7/G20 efforts.
- **Support and integrate the health workforce at the centre of health system transformation and prioritise critical investments in the health workforce as a cornerstone of resilient health systems,** including, long-term incentives for the profession, improved working conditions, lifelong learning, and readiness to adopt and shape innovation, an area still largely absent from G7 and G20 deliberations despite being pivotal to effective access and delivery.
- **Help enable and foster stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors. Creating stable and supportive policy frameworks enabling the collaboration needed for sustained Research & Development,** essential to address complex global health challenges and ensure that new, life-changing innovations can be developed and integrated into health systems for the benefit of all.

5. Addressing Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health

The burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health conditions has been a consistent thread across H20 discussions, and rightly so—these challenges lie at the intersection of health, economic resilience, and social justice. With the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs (2025) approaching and the recommendations that came out of the Bridgetown Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health (2023)⁶, the G20 has a critical opportunity **to lead on turning political will into policy action - to move from declarations to measurable impact**. The Chairpersons hereby call on G20 Health-, and Finance Ministers and Leaders to;

⁶ <https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/ncds/sids-event/2023-bridgetown-declaration-on-ncds-and-mental-health.pdf>

- **Reallocate national budgets to prioritise investment in NCD prevention and mental health care**, by leveraging public-private models and adopting innovative technological solutions in research and innovation, while holding all actors accountable when public leadership falls short.
- **Urge to place people at the centre of health strategies** by promoting self-care, involving people with lived experience in decision-making, improving health literacy, and addressing stigma through inclusive and equitable community-driven policies.
- **Strengthen cross-sector collaboration between civil society, healthcare providers, and policymakers to ensure integrated**, accountable, and resilient systems that can deliver effective NCD and Mental Health responses.
- **Operationalise NCD commitments with concrete financing targets and** build on the momentum of the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs.
- **Showcase best national practices and champion prevention, screening, early detection, and timely treatment with the appropriate standard of care** to counter the rising burden of NCDs. Averting disease and treating conditions at an earlier, potentially curative stage, not only leads to better patient outcomes but also improves health system efficiency and reduces the economic burden on society, whereby efficiency gains can be reinvested into broader access to medical innovation.
- **Enable a global policy shift** to evolve how the value of innovative health interventions is assessed, recognising them as long-term investments, not costs. By adopting a wider perspective that captures the full societal and economic benefits, such as increased workforce productivity and reduced long-term care needs, governments can make more informed investment decisions and accelerate access to high-impact innovation.

In conclusion, it is therefore of a critical national security concern that the G20 reinforces the foundations of a resilient, forward-looking global health financing architecture. This requires a deliberate focus on fostering innovation, embedding health & science innovation, transformative technologies such as AI, and addressing long-overlooked gaps, most notably, sustained investments in the health workforce. The above conclusions coming out of the H20 Summit ensure health systems are equipped to meet both present and future needs. As we have experienced over the last few years, globally, none of us is safe until we are all safe. Our future generations are depending on it. We wish the G20 Presidency of South Africa a successful Health and Finance Ministers Meeting in November and a successful Leader's Summit, and hope that our ideas and proposals can be considered with their acknowledgment.