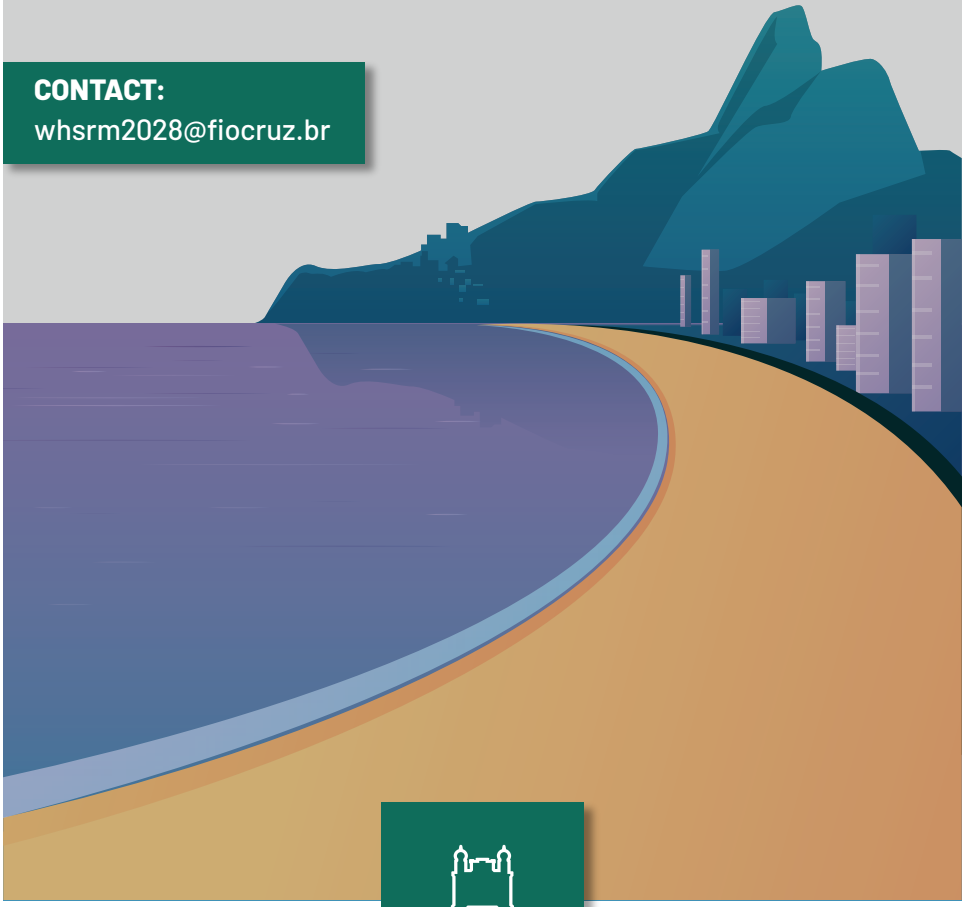
WHS
Regional
Meeting

RIO DE JANEIRO
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ABOUT THE EVENT

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FIOCRUZ

WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT

The World Health Summit (WHS) is the leading global forum for health, bringing together representatives from academia, international organisations, public health institutions, civil society and the private sector to advance collaborative, innovative and sustainable approaches to global health challenges. The Summit fosters partnerships, facilitates knowledge exchange and promotes actionable solutions aimed at improving health and well-being worldwide.

Its flagship event is the World Health Summit (WHS), held annually in Berlin and attracting more than 4,000 participants from around the world.



Global Summit Plenary 2025 | Photo: WHS/Disclosure

WHS Regional Meetings

Beyond the annual Summit, WHS Regional Meetings are held to promote dialogue and strengthen cooperation on regional and local health issues. These meetings connect regional perspectives and expertise with the global health agenda, while promoting more inclusive, sustainable and equitable health systems.



FIOCRUZ AND GLOBAL HEALTH

Founded in 1900, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) is a federal public institution affiliated with Brazil's Ministry of Health and an integral part of the Unified Health System (SUS).

Playing a strategic role at local, regional and international levels, Fiocruz contributes to the advancement of science, technology and innovation, health diplomacy, the development and implementation of public health policies, the production of vaccines and other health technologies, health surveillance, healthcare delivery, and education. Through its broad scope of activities and longstanding expertise, the institution has established itself as a leading reference in science and global health.

Fiocruz embodies values that lie at the heart of the Brazilian public health experience: equity, universal access, innovation and social participation. These principles underpin the SUS, which is internationally recognised as one of the world's largest and most comprehensive models of universal health coverage.

As a member of the WHS Academic Alliance, Fiocruz serves as a bridge between science, public policy and international cooperation, fostering partnerships and initiatives aimed at strengthening health systems and advancing the global health agenda.

It is therefore with great enthusiasm that Fiocruz will host the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2028 in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro. The event will provide a unique platform to amplify regional perspectives, strengthen collaboration and promote meaningful dialogue and action on global health challenges, particularly among countries of the Global South.



Health, Democracy, and Equity

Building Bridges for a Solidary and Sustainable Future

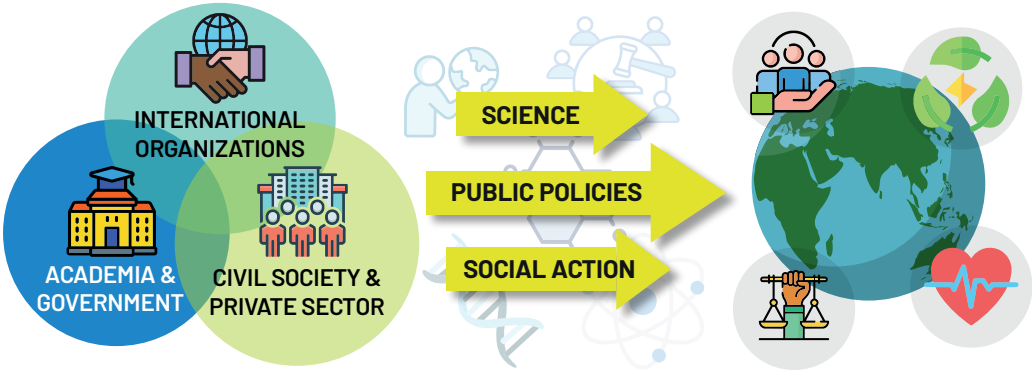
The proposed theme for the WHS Regional Meeting 2028 underscores the recognition of health as a universal human right and promotes a vision of global health grounded in science, social justice, democratic participation and international cooperation.

The proposal highlights the intrinsic link between health and democracy, recognising that stronger, more inclusive and resilient health systems depend on the joint development of public policies and the meaningful participation of communities in addressing population health needs effectively.

PROPOSED SCOPE

The provisional programme will address the key challenges and opportunities shaping the contemporary global health agenda, including the impacts of climate change on health; epidemic and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response; the social and environmental determinants of health; resilient health systems; digital health transformation and innovation; and the geopolitics and financing of global health.

Equity and inclusion will serve as cross-cutting principles throughout the programme, with particular emphasis on reducing health inequalities and valuing diverse perspectives. Youth engagement will feature prominently, fostering new leadership, innovation and civic participation in advancing health and sustainable development.



STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The WHS Regional Meeting 2028 will be held in partnership with national and international organizations dedicated to promoting global health, including the Ministry of Health of Brazil, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Health Summit Academic Alliance, along with representatives from governments and public health institutions, scientific centers and universities, civil society, and international organizations and networks. The meeting will also encourage partnerships with community organizations and social participation initiatives, thereby reinforcing the event's commitment to inclusion, equity, and multi-stakeholder dialogue.