



WHS
Regional
Meeting

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ABOUT THE EVENT

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WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT

The World Health Summit is the leading platform for global health, bringing together science, politics, civil society, and the private sector from around the world to catalyze collaborative, innovative and sustainable solutions for key health priorities.

Its flagship event is the WHS, held annually in Berlin, attracting more than 4,000 participants on-site and 40,000 online. The Summit has become a global reference by connecting different sectors and regions of the world around strategic topics such as universal health coverage, preparedness for health emergencies, climate change, artificial intelligence, digital health, health financing, and the promotion of equity.

Beyond the annual summit, the WHS Regional Meetings bring these conversations to

different parts of the world. Taking place in different regions each year, they foster dialogue on regional and local health priorities while connecting regional perspectives and expertise with the global health agenda.

At its core, the World Health Summit is about building partnerships, sharing knowledge, and developing actions capable of improving health and well-being for populations worldwide.



Global Summit Plenary 2025 | Photo: WHS/Disclosure

WHS Regional Meetings

The World Health Summit Regional Meetings were created to expand the reach of the WHS global initiative by bringing health discussions to different regions of the world and highlighting local challenges, opportunities, and priorities.

Held annually in different countries, the meeting brings together experts, policymakers, researchers, international organizations, and representatives of civil society to strengthen regional and global health cooperation.

Its goal is to discuss the specific challenges of each region, foster collaboration among countries, and connect local priorities to the global health agenda, strengthening more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable health systems.



FIOCRUZ AND GLOBAL HEALTH

Founded in 1900, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) is Brazil's leading health science, technology, and innovation institution, linked to the Ministry of Health.

With a prominent role in research, education, vaccine production, and international cooperation, the institution has become a reference for public health in Brazil and Latin America.

Fiocruz represents values that are at the heart of the Brazilian health experience: equity, universal access, innovation, and social participation. These principles underpin the Unified Health System (SUS), internationally recognized as one of the world's largest experiences in universal health coverage.

As a member of the World Health Summit Academic Alliance, Fiocruz connects science, public policy, and international

cooperation, promoting partnerships and initiatives aimed at strengthening health systems and advancing the global health agenda.

Hosting the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2028, organized by Fiocruz in Rio de Janeiro, will be a unique opportunity to present the contributions of Brazil and Latin America to global health, strengthen cooperation among countries, and inspire collaborative solutions for a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

The selection of Fiocruz as the event organizer reinforces Brazil's leadership in promoting health as a right for all and in building a global agenda based on science, solidarity, and international cooperation.



Health, Democracy, and Equity

Building Bridges for a Solidary and Sustainable Future

The proposed theme for the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2028 presents a vision of global health grounded in social justice, democratic participation, and sustainability.

The proposal highlights the inseparable relationship between health and democracy, recognizing that stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient health systems depend on the active participation of communities and the collective development of public policies capable of responding to the population's needs.

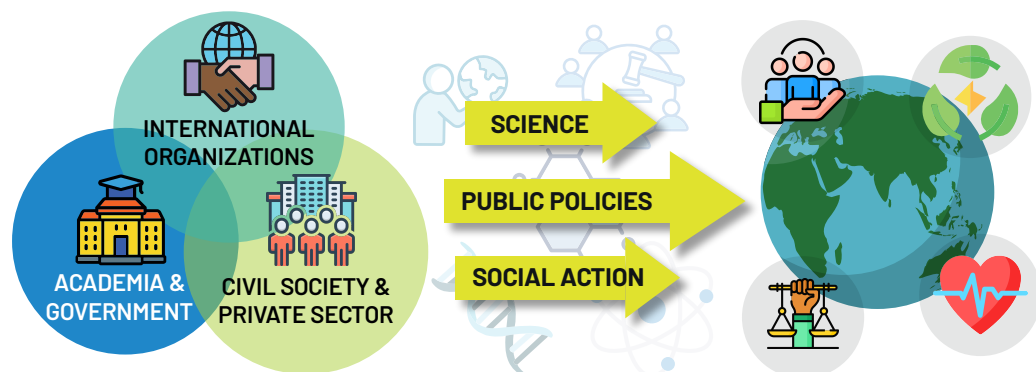
PROPOSED SCOPE

The program will address the main challenges and opportunities of the contemporary global health agenda.

Among the central themes are the impacts of climate change on health, the digital transformation of health systems, and the strengthening of health diplomacy as a tool to expand international cooperation and address shared challenges.

The meeting will also promote discussions on financing resilient health systems, epidemic preparedness and response, innovation, science, and the social determinants that influence population health conditions.

Equity and inclusion will be cross-cutting themes throughout the program, with special attention given to reducing health inequalities and valuing diverse perspectives. Youth participation will play a prominent role, encouraging new leadership, innovation, and social engagement.



STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2028 will be held with the collaboration of national and international partners committed to strengthening global health, including: Brazil's Ministry of Health, Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), World Health Summit Academic Alliance, Universities, Civil society organizations and Major international cooperation networks. In addition, partnerships with community organizations and social participation initiatives will be encouraged, reinforcing the event's commitment to inclusion, equity, and multi-stakeholder dialogue.