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Photo by the UN Office on South-South cooperation

A new South-South health cooperation initiative launched linking Africa and the Caribbean

The Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC), a new initiative to strengthen South-South health cooperation between Africa and the Caribbean, was launched today.

The initiative stems from the recognition that the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic fell most heavily on developing countries, especially on women and children. The pandemic led to the reversal of health gains, including maternal mortality.

HeDPAC will focus on strengthening the health workforce in the two regions, and on sharing innovative solutions in primary health care, with a special emphasis on climate resilience, and maternal and child health.

Promoting technology transfer for pharmaceutical manufacturing, building regulatory capacity, and enhancing universal health coverage will be core HeDPAC strategies.

Dr Haileyesus Getahun will serve as the first CEO of HeDPAC. Dr Getahun has a quarter-century of experience in global health and currently serves as Director of Global Coordination on Antimicrobial Resistance at WHO.

“COVID-19 exposed weaknesses in our health systems, but we also have the opportunity to address those challenges”, said President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, who is a champion of the initiative. “The time to act is now”, he said.

Visit the HeDPAC website at <https://www.hedpac.org/>

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News from the field

RECAP OF 2023

In 2023, SHEM initiated to highlight pertinent themes from the CRIS/FIOCRUZ Global Health and Health Diplomacy reports, with a specific focus on actions taken by civil society. In June 2023 several concrete actions of Civil Society Organizations directly contributing to advancing the principles of sustainable health equity were noted. The discussions on the climate crisis and plastic pollution during World Environment Day aligned with SHEM's goal of integrating health equity into environmental policies. The organizations shared studies and engaged in UN negotiations, showcasing a commitment to influencing broader international policies that considered health as an ethical principle.

Throughout July, the organization's strong stance on accountability resonated with SHEM's emphasis on ethical considerations in economic and social policies. The highlighted issues, such as vaccine inequities during the Covid-19 pandemic, exemplified the urgent need for ethical guidelines in global health governance, a key aspect championed by SHEM. The call for stronger measures and the denunciation of indifference by political and corporate leaders underscored the organizations' commitment to driving ethical considerations in policy-making.

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Climate, Environment and Health for the Americas
Respuesta en clima, ambiente y salud para las Américas

Self-managed, open and free course with certificate
 Curso autogestionado, abierto y gratuito con certificado



This course targets researchers, decision-makers, and practitioners interested in transdisciplinary research on climate, environment, and health (CEH).

Grounded in real-world examples from Latin America and the Caribbean, it offers critical tools in transdisciplinary science. Participants can access course materials and recordings or complete the 40-hour course for a certificate. Learning materials include narrated slides, reflection activities, review questions and recommended readings. To learn more about the course, access the syllabus [here](#) and to register for it, visit <https://moodle.iai.int/>

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