



**FIRST AMERICAS RISE FOR HEALTH STATEMENT (RISE I)
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We, representing governments, private sector, civil society, and academia seeking to harness our collective strengths to build resilient, inclusive, sustainable, equitable health economies and ecosystems, met on 20 March 2023 under the chairmanship of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We are united in our desire to identify, catalyze, and accelerate multisectoral collaborations that can be pursued on a voluntary basis to help bring about the resilient health ecosystems and economies that the Americas deserve.

We identified the need for multisectoral collaboration in the following areas:

1. Building resilient, pandemic-prepared health economies and supply chains

To capture more health investment and manufacturing, as well as generate more jobs as part of the health supply chain, Americas RISE participants welcome multisectoral efforts to:

- Develop best practices to attract and sustain investment and manufacturing in the Americas;
- Foster cooperation in innovation and knowledge exchange in order to reduce asymmetries among countries;
- Scale up good governance, transparency and accountability training in health-related government procurement; and
- Identify challenges and good practices faced in recruiting, deploying, retaining and protecting sufficient, well trained, supported and motivated health workers.

2. Accelerating regulatory improvements

To free up public resources for pressing public health needs, enhance patient access to healthcare, and attract global health investment and manufacturing, Americas RISE for Health participants welcome multisectoral efforts to:

- Optimize regulatory actions and resources across the hemisphere by strengthening reliance and strengthening regulatory convergence mechanisms, including by identifying impediments to their implementation and supporting initiatives to overcome them, and by supporting sector-specific regulatory convergence initiatives;

- Identify and support capacity building needed for national regulatory authorities – and partnering to deliver it; and
- Promote Good Regulatory Practices that: facilitate inclusive economic growth, trade, investment, transparency, strengthening of social participation; establish the proper legal foundations for regulatory frameworks; improve regulatory processes; foster innovation; and increase regional competitiveness.

3. Ensuring sufficient, efficient and equitable health investments

To ensure that enough financial resources are invested in the health sector and that they are invested efficiently and equitably, Americas RISE for Health participants welcome multisectoral efforts to:

- Promote best practices and partnership to improve use, efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of existing health budgets, including by reducing waste and corruption, connecting expenses that track and measure the quality of the patient outcome, and to ensure adequate financing for universal health systems;
- Reinforce public health policies to empower individuals to adopt best self-care practices such as *WHO Guideline on self-care interventions for health and well-being*;
- Enhance understanding of the returns on investments in health and metrics required to make additional investments in health;
- Promote innovative health financing mechanisms (e.g., blended finance, impact bonds) that harness public and private funding sources, including by identifying enablers and barriers to innovative private health solutions and the reforms needed to allow such solutions to take hold; and
- Share and promote the best investment practices in health from the perspective of equity in the different territories and populations, considering the determinants of health.

4. Creating ethical environments in which our health economies can thrive

To ensure patients receive the right healthcare at the right time and for the right reasons, while fostering a trusted, transparent, accountable, and fair health economy, Americas RISE for Health participants welcome multisectoral efforts to:

- Increase the region’s national consensus framework agreements for ethical collaboration among health stakeholders, adding to those launched in Brazil, Canada, Chile, and Peru;
- Facilitate adoption and implementation of codes of conduct among health organizations and their third-party intermediaries; and
- Share best practices around government strategies that enable ethical business conduct and prevent corruption.

5. Building better health for all communities

To create a more just and equitable system that recognizes, measures and promotes better health for all communities, Americas RISE for Health participants welcome multisectoral efforts to:

- Share perspectives on the unique needs of vulnerable populations in order to support identification and implementation of best practices to ensure the promotion of the health needs for all communities; and
- Share perspectives on the unique needs of vulnerable populations, and encourage their participation, in order to support identification of best practices, including in the areas of differentiated indicators, to ensure the promotion of the health needs for all communities with focus on gender, interculturality and intersectionality.

6. Enabling digital health solutions

To make healthcare more accessible, affordable, and scalable by enabling digital health solutions Americas RISE for Health participants welcomes multisectoral efforts to:

- Clarify and harmonize definitions and nomenclature with international standards to enable digital health adoption;
- Develop appropriate policies, privacy practices, and cybersecurity frameworks to protect personal health data, while removing unnecessary barriers to cross border data transfers, and spur product development and other forms of innovation;
- Encourage measures and fit for purpose regulatory frameworks that enable the use of digital health solutions at every step of the patient journey, including in clinical trials;
- Promote modernized, scalable information technology systems, such as public cloud services, interoperability and artificial intelligence;
- Exchange best practices for the development of basic infrastructure needs for digital health (e.g., electricity and internet coverage), especially for those communities with limited access; and
- Combat health misinformation.

To support all of the above, Americas RISE for Health participants welcome multisectoral efforts to promote research, education, and teaching at all levels.

We thank Panama for hosting the inaugural RISE meeting and look forward to reviewing progress when we meet again.

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