

Dear colleagues,

In today's increasingly interconnected world, public health emergencies can affect anyone, anywhere. The development of resilient and robust global and local health systems capable of preventing, detecting and responding to public health emergencies must therefore be a key priority. For these systems to be effective, it is critical to recognize that the health of people is connected to the health of animals and the environment.

The global journey towards a safer and healthier world will be realized if we encourage collaborative efforts of multiple sectors and disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally-to achieve the best health for people, animals, and our environment.

As a strong believer in the need for everyone to come together for a healthier world, it is my honor to express my support for the One Health Initiative and stand here as a champion of the "One Health" approach at all levels. A one health approach is not only the right thing to do but also it is the smartest investment to address the challenges of infectious disease.



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