

# **BRICS Health Ministers' Commitments: Beijing Declaration 2011**

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The following list of 25 commitments were made by the BRICS health ministers at their meeting in Beijing on July 11, 2011, as identified by the BRICS Research Group using methodology developed by the G8 Research Group.

1. We are determined to strengthen public health at the global level and to improve the leading and coordinating role of the World Health Organization (WHO) in international health cooperation.
  2. We are committed to support and undertake inclusive global public health cooperation projects, including through South-South and triangular cooperation.
  3. We support greater coordination and cooperation among international health and development agencies and organizations, so as to optimize the use of resources
  4. [We support greater coordination and cooperation among international health and development agencies and organizations] to integrate, in a coherent manner, global health policies.
  5. We support innovative financing mechanisms for health as possible means to mobilize additional resources.
  6. We are committed to continue to collaborate in order to advance access to public health services and goods in our own countries
  7. [We are committed to] deliver more cost-effective, equitable and sustainable solutions for common health challenges.
  8. We are also committed to support other countries in their efforts to promote health for all.
  9. With those aims in mind, we reaffirm our commitment to promote BRICS as a forum of coordination, cooperation and consultation on relevant matters related to global public health.
  10. Therefore, we agree to institutionalize, on a permanent basis, the dialogue among Ministers of Health, [to follow-up and implement the health related outcome of the BRICS summit.]
  11. [Therefore, we agree to institutionalize, on a permanent basis, the dialogue among] Permanent Representatives in Geneva, to follow-up and implement the health related outcome of the BRICS summit.
  12. We agree to establish and encourage a global health agenda for universal access to affordable medicines and health commodities.
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13. We are determined to make efforts to simplify treatment regimens, including for second and third line therapy as the incidence of resistance increases.
14. We commend the Moscow Declaration of the First Global Ministerial Meeting on Healthy Lifestyle and Non-communicable Diseases, support the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on Non-communicable Diseases and commit to collectively explore ways to implement the agreements to be reached by September 2011.
15. We are committed to the full implementation of agreements reached at the High Level Meeting on HIV / AIDS of the United Nations General Assembly (8-10 June, 2011).
16. We recall the important role the BRICS countries have played in the development of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property and reiterate our commitment to support the full implementation of its provisions.
17. Aiming to ensure access to affordable, safe and effective technologies and to expand health benefits, we will foster cooperation among our countries to make available and improve health technology.
18. We are exploring new opportunities for BRICS countries to support the work of health-related international organizations and to benefit from such collaboration. We reiterate our support to UN agencies and programs in this regard
19. [We are exploring new opportunities for BRICS countries to support the work of health-related international organizations and to benefit from such collaboration.] as well as our commitment to further explore bilateral technical cooperation initiatives with developing countries in partnership with WHO, UNAIDS and other UN agencies, as well as global health programs such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, GAVI alliance and the UNITAID.
20. We are determined to ensure that bilateral and regional trade agreements do not undermine TRIPS flexibilities.
21. We support the TRIPS safeguards
22. [We] are committed to work together with other developing countries to preserve and promote, to the full, the provisions contained in the Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health and of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property.
23. We also support the full implementation of Human Rights Council Resolution 12/24 on access to medicine in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
24. In addition, we support the development of innovative mechanisms of transfer of intellectual property rights for priority technologies, to open avenues for BRICS countries to supply these medicines to low and middle income countries.
25. We agree to establish a technical working group to discuss specific proposals, including the idea of setting up a BRICS network of technological cooperation, taking into account of a possible BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in September, 2011, in conjunction with the UN High Level Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases.