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One Health and paradigm shifts through a new WHO Pandemic Agreement

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GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY GAPS

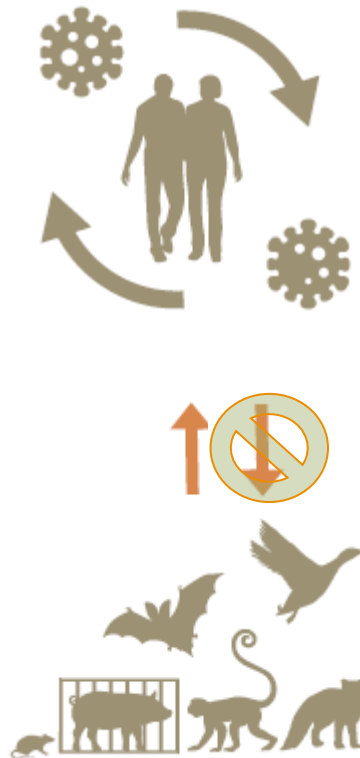
Gaps

Symptom control and post-outbreak measures

Policy & Implementation in Silos

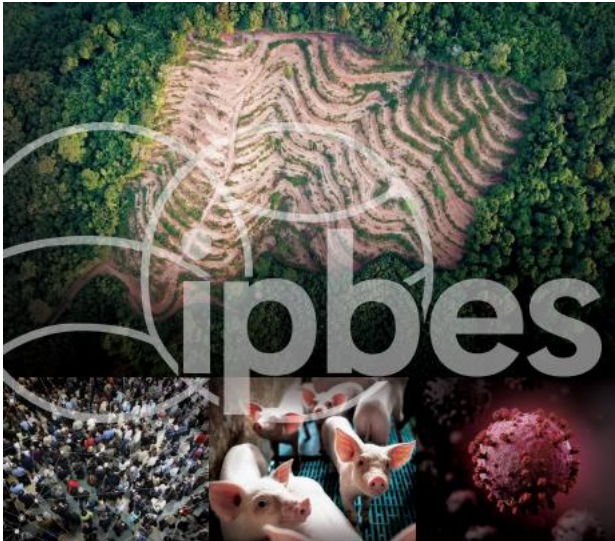
Anthropocentric definition of health

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THE SCIENCE

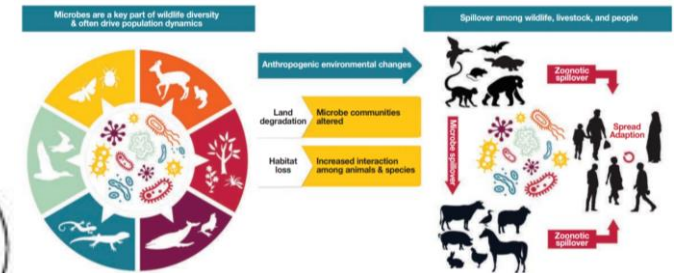
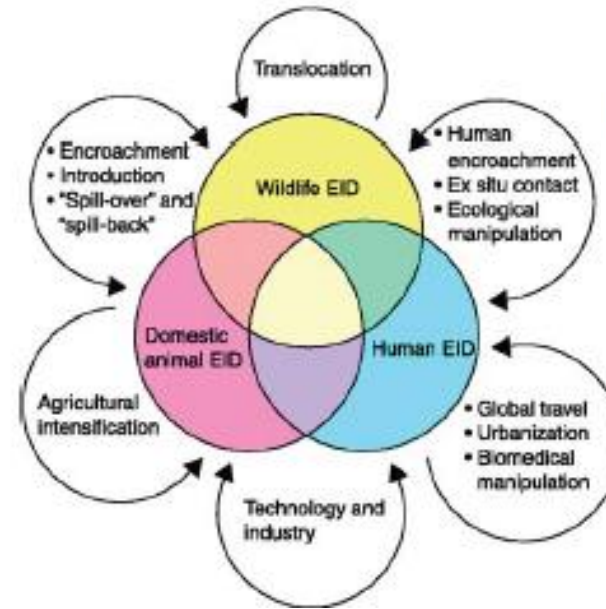
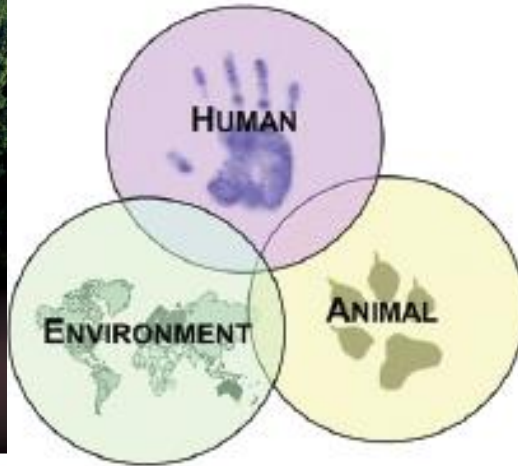
Human activity is driving outbreaks. Policy focus should be on prevention (October 10, 2020)



IPBES WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY AND PANDEMICS

WORKSHOP REPORT

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform
on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

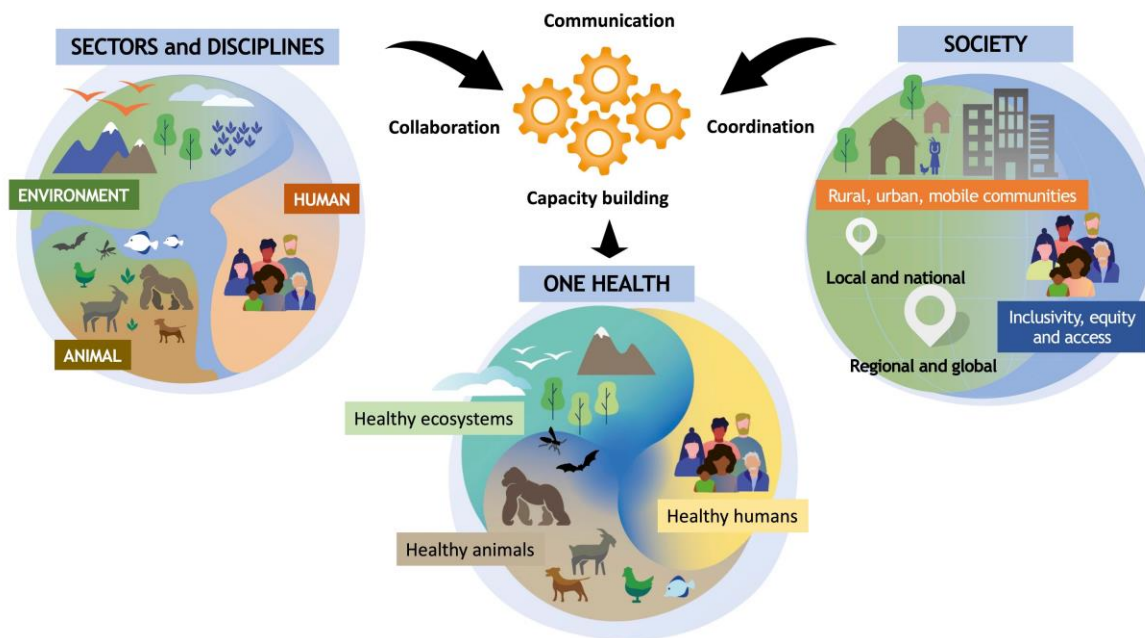


- ✓ High level panel on prevention – a One Health challenge
- ✓ Tackling land use and agri expansion
- ✓ Reducing pandemic risk due to wildlife trade
- ✓ Bridging knowledge gaps
- ✓ Role for all sectors of society

THE DEVELOPMENTS

One Health evolution and Economics of Health for All

- Creation of a One Health High Level Expert Panel (Nov 2020) & OHHLEP definition of One Health (Dec 2021)
- WHO Council launch (Nov 2020)



THE DEVELOPMENTS

The birth of a new international instrument with “prevention” in its frame – November/December 2021



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28 November 2021

The World Together: Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating body to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Draft decision proposed by Albania, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Georgia, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Member States of the African Group, Member States of the European Union, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Vanuatu



World Health Assembly agrees to launch process to develop historic global accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

OP 1. DECIDES:

(1) to establish, in accordance with Rule 41 of its Rules of Procedure, an intergovernmental negotiating body open to all Member States and Associate Members² (the “INB”) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with a view to adoption under Article 19, or under other provisions of the WHO Constitution as may be deemed appropriate by the INB;

[Conference Paper by a group of Member States ahead of the WHO Special Session EB Document Format \(who.int\)](#) November 28, 2021

[World Health Assembly agrees to launch process to develop historic global accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response \(who.int\)](#)

THE DEVELOPMENTS

Operationalizing One Health & the Quadripartite



Tripartite + UNEP → Quadripartite
(March 2022)



ONE HEALTH JOINT PLAN OF ACTION (2022-2026)

WORKING TOGETHER FOR
THE HEALTH OF HUMANS, ANIMALS,
PLANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



One Health Joint Plan of Action
(October 2022)

Five Steps to implement the One Health



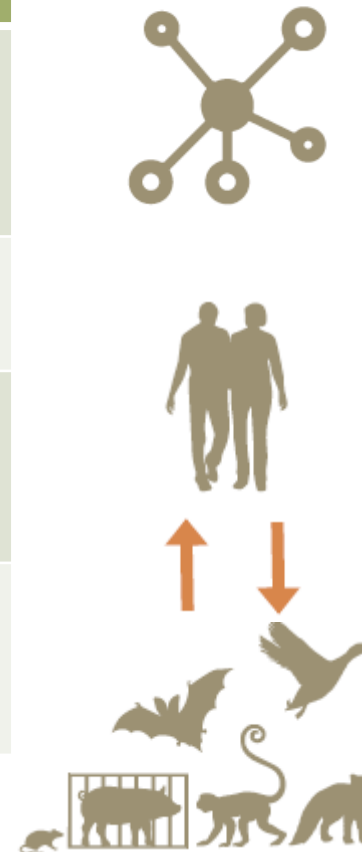
The three pathways of the theory of change



One Health Implementation Guide
(December 2023)

AN EVOLUTION IN GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY – THE OPPORTUNITIES

From	To
Symptom control and post-outbreak policies	Tackling root causes and equity, no one is safe until everyone is safe
Policy & Implementation in Silos	Collaboration (all sectors - human health does not exist in isolation)
Anthropocentric definition of health (how everything affects human health)	Eco-centric approach and strategy (how to change human activity to reduce impact on animals and nature)
Health defunded and viewed as a financial burden	Wellbeing & “Health for All” as outcomes (health as an investment and health for all as an outcome)



Emerging infectious diseases cause economic losses of **\$562 billion** every year.



Prevention costs less than **5%** if we tackle the root causes.

AN EVOLUTION IN GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY – THE OPPORTUNITIES



From	To	Can be enabled in the treaty via
Symptom control and post-outbreak policies	Tackling root causes and equity, no one is safe until everyone is safe	Pre-outbreak prevention measures
Policy & Implementation in Silos	Collaboration (all sectors - human health does not exist in isolation)	OHHLEP's iteration of One Health
Anthropocentric definition of health (how everything affects human health)	Eco-centric approach and strategy (how to change human activity to reduce impact on animals and nature)	One Health Joint Plan of Action + implementation guide Equity incl in prevention at source via a One Health approach
Health defunded and viewed as a financial burden	Wellbeing & "Health for All" as outcomes (health as an investment and health for all as an outcome)	Social determinants of health

THE WHO PANDEMIC TREATY

From silos and gaps to coherence and collaboration

- Pre & post-outbreak focus
- Ambition on prevention and One Health → achieves equity for the most vulnerable
- The WHO mandate = protect human health. + support of other relevant institutions and instruments

Coordination across instruments, institutions, funds to map needs, actions & gaps and report recommendations to revise efforts and support implementation



A HISTORICAL MILESTONE OR LOST OPPORTUNITY



Prevention via a One Health approach, rooted in coordination and collaboration across instruments and institutions

... a treaty that includes prevention at source via a One Health approach with means of implementation to achieve equity and health for all



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Thank you!

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