

Collective action is needed to achieve change

→ Science and society

- **Advance a high-quality and trustworthy scientific process** built on transparency, integrity and rigor
- **Promote the co-development of science with society**, engaging communities and stakeholders in shaping research priorities and innovation pathways
- **Ensure that scientific advances respond to societal needs** and translate into tangible improvements in health and well-being, including through the responsible use of new and emerging technologies, such as AI

→ Science and policy

- **Support timely, evidence-based decision-making** by strengthening dialogue with policymakers
- **Ensure policies are informed by robust data, scientific knowledge and the lived realities of communities** – making policies more relevant, feasible, and effective

→ Science and communication

- **Strengthen public dialogue about science and evidence** by improving how health information is developed, shared, discussed and understood
- **Address and prevent harms caused by misinformation and disinformation** so that people can engage confidently and critically with health guidance

Uniting scientists,
policymakers, practitioners,
civil society and communities
in a shared commitment
grounded in science,
to advance health for all



As the United Nations' specialized agency for health, WHO is committed to driving and sustaining this movement through its leadership and convening power. By creating a trusted space for collaboration and collective action, it aims to place science at the heart of decision-making and strengthen the future of global health.

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Safeguarding science for health and humanity

A WHO-convened initiative bringing together diverse organizations and voices to ensure scientific evidence guides policy and advances health for all

In a rapidly evolving world, shaping the future of science is a shared responsibility. While today's scientific landscape offers unprecedented opportunities for discovery and innovation, it is also defined by complex challenges that test the relationship between science, policy and society.

Accelerating pace of scientific innovation

Science is advancing at extraordinary speed. Breakthroughs in gene therapy, 3D printing, medical imaging, synthetic biology, quantum computing and precision medicine are redefining what is possible. Yet society often struggles to understand and adapt to this transformation. Regulatory systems evolve more slowly than science and the gains of innovation risk being unevenly distributed, exacerbating existing inequities.

Rise of artificial intelligence

The AI revolution is opening new scientific frontiers by accelerating research, improving drug development, and enabling more efficient analysis of complex data. However, AI can also introduce hard-to-detect errors, reinforce biases, or generate outputs disconnected from reality. These risks are particularly serious when scientific evidence informs health policy and decision-making.

Navigating the information tsunami & social media

Social media has expanded access to scientific information, but it has also overwhelmed society's capacity to assess, contextualize and verify it. Accurate science increasingly coexists with misinformation and disinformation. This complex information environment fuels confusion, erodes trust and undermines confidence in science and public institutions, ultimately impacting health.

A movement to foster collective action

Together for Science & Health is a global movement committed to co-designing the science for health that society needs to address current challenges and be ready for the future. It brings together scientists, policymakers, practitioners across disciplines and sectors, civil society and communities, all united by a shared purpose firmly rooted in science: to advance health for all.

Science is valued and accepted when people and communities feel connected to scientific knowledge and the institutions that generate it, even under uncertainty. People's trust in science grows when institutions demonstrate competence, transparency, fairness and alignment with societal values.



Core values driving the movement

Together for Science & Health is built on a set of shared values (RISES) that ensure science remains credible, ethical and socially relevant in today's world and in the future.

RESPECT FOR DIVERSE KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

Science is enriched when it engages with cultural knowledge, lived experience, and community expertise alongside formal scientific evidence

INTEGRITY AND SCIENTIFIC RIGOR

Transparent methods, verification of results, reproducibility, and openness to critique are essential to credible and trustworthy science

SCIENCE AS A PUBLIC GOOD

Science belongs to society and must advance collective well-being, reduce inequities, and serve present and future generations

ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Scientific progress must respect dignity, promote equity, protect autonomy, and ensure safety anchored in strong ethical standards and human rights

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

Knowledge and decisions should include many different voices, especially those most affected, so they reflect society's needs and realities