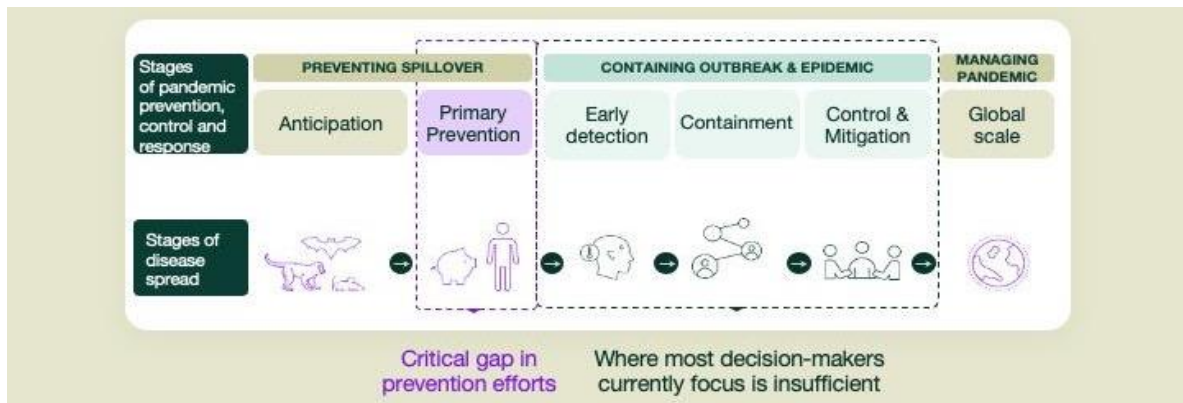


Recommendations from the coalition for Preventing Pandemics at the Source (PPATS), FOUR PAWS, and the Wildlife Conservation Society on the [Revision 2 Text](#) of the Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

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We value the inclusion of language committing Member States to address zoonotic spillovers at the human-animal-environment interface. However, we also encourage negotiators to **protect text** that directly addresses the **root causes and drivers of zoonotic outbreaks and spillover events** (primary pandemic prevention) through a **One Health approach** and calls for measures that **support Member States in implementing these efforts via technical collaboration, expertise and/or financial support**.

Primary prevention is a *critical gap in prevention efforts*, and is the most equitable and cost-effective way to prevent the next pandemic. To achieve equity, actions to prevent future zoonotic outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics must be implemented through a **One Health approach**.



The following language on prevention and One Health must be safeguarded.

- PP19. “Recognize further the need to **strengthen pandemic prevention** by sharing experiences, and best practices” [...] “recognizing also the **value of an integrated One Health approach** that fosters cooperation between the human health, animal health and plant health, as well as environmental and other relevant sectors”
- OP29. **Ensure a multisectoral approach towards pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, given the multifaceted causes and consequences of pandemics** including their potential impact on social protection, education, agriculture, the environment, trade, travel, tourism, development and other sectors and at all levels;
- OP32. “Strengthen legislative and regulatory frameworks, promote greater policy coherence and ensure sustainable and adequate financing to implement and evaluate high-impact policies to **protect people from pandemics and other health emergencies, taking into account social, economic and environmental determinants of health by working across all sectors**”
- OP35. Recognize the need to strengthen stakeholder engagement in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, ensure ownership and sustainability, [...] **integrate all relevant stakeholders, local communities, civil society, and academia, in global health governance processes, through transparent information-sharing and inclusive processes**
- OP40. “Strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response by sharing experience and best practices, and raise the level of preparedness, including enabling rapid diagnostics of drivers of outbreaks in animals of zoonotic potential, surveillance and early warning systems, in order to have the earliest and most adequate response to any outbreak that may arise, recognizing the **necessity of a One Health approach that fosters cooperation between the human, animal and plant health, as well as the wider environment and other relevant sectors, including through strengthened cooperation and collaboration among the World Health**

Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Organization for Animal Health and the United Nations Environment Programme”

- OP41. “Promote international cooperation and coordination in alignment with the **Joint Plan of Action for One Health** to support building regional, national and community level capacities, including through the use of a **One Health approach**, enable rapid diagnostics of comprehensively addressing outbreaks in animals, the environment and humans during both inter-pandemic and pandemic times”

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