



GOVERNANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS:

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC?

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IMPORTANT LESSONS LEARNED

- Pandemic and public health are **highly political** and **politicized**. And there is a **gap between scientific knowledge and political decisions**.
- During crises, there is a **natural shift towards nationalism/unilateralism**, worsened by the lack of trust and credibility of multilateral organizations
- Pre-existing health governance was not adequate to face a pandemic
- Effective governance is needed at **all levels**.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Engage discussions between countries to:

- Design innovative and effective governance mechanisms at subnational, national, regional and global levels.
- Revisit the foundations of multilateralism

CONCRETE ACTIONS: WHAT IS NEEDED

- **Whole-of-society approach** is needed. Non-health sectors must be involved.
- Use new technologies to improve data reliability and comparability → promote **evidence-based policies**.