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# Africa Health Summit & Awards

Theme: “Advancing the One-Health Approach: Safeguarding Africa’s Health and the Planet”

## One-Health Approach and the Planet: What Does This Mean for Africa?

- Despite being the lowest contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, Africa bears a disproportionate burden of climate change impacts. From extreme weather events and ecosystem disruptions to shifts in agricultural patterns and disease emergence, these challenges demand a comprehensive response that transcends borders and disciplines.
- The *One-Health approach* offers an integrated framework to address these challenges, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. By fostering collaboration across sectors, disciplines, and communities, One Health promotes sustainable solutions to enhance well-being, protect ecosystems, and achieve global health equity.

# One Health

HUMAN HEALTH

ANIMAL HEALTH



ENVIRONMENT  
HEALTH

## Rationale

- The One-Health approach is particularly critical for Africa, where human, animal, and ecosystem health are intricately linked. Challenges such as zoonotic diseases, food insecurity, and climate-induced health risks underscore the need for holistic strategies that break down silos between disciplines.
- Cape Verde, a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), exemplifies both the vulnerabilities and opportunities associated with climate change and health challenges. Despite its susceptibility to climate shocks, Cape Verde has made significant strides in healthcare, achieving a Universal Health Coverage (UHC) index of 80%<sup>1</sup>.
- The 2025 Africa Health Summit and Awards (AHAS) provides a unique platform to explore how the One-Health approach can address Africa's health and environmental challenges, with Cape Verde as a backdrop for inspiration and collaboration.

<sup>1</sup> Source: [2nd WHO Africa Health Forum](#)

# Objectives

- **Promote the One-Health Approach:** Highlight the interconnections between human, animal, and environmental health in addressing Africa's climate and health challenges.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Bring together stakeholders from governments, civil society, academia, the private sector, and communities to develop integrated solutions.
- **Strengthen Capacity:** Explore opportunities for building local resilience through digital health, specialized care, and cross-sectoral partnerships.
- **Drive Advocacy:** Align with global efforts, such as the WHO's One Health and All Hazards Approach and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to advance Africa's health agenda.

# Summit Highlights

- **Date:** April 24, 2025
- **Venue:** Praia, Cape Verde
- **Participants:** Policymakers, healthcare professionals, environmentalists, researchers, development organizations, civil society leaders, and private sector representatives.

## Key Activities:

- Expert panel discussions on One Health integration in Africa.
- Case studies showcasing successful One-Health initiatives.
- Workshops on climate adaptation, zoonotic disease prevention, and sustainable agriculture.
- Networking sessions to foster partnerships and cross-sector collaboration.



# Award Categories

- ✦ **Excellence in Health Innovation** Recognizing groundbreaking innovations that address Africa's health challenges, including digital health solutions and new medical technologies.
- ✦ **Leadership in One-Health Integration** Honoring efforts to implement the One-Health approach, connecting human, animal, and environmental health for sustainable solutions.
- ✦ **Community Health Champion** Recognizing individuals or organizations making significant contributions to improving health in underserved communities

✦ **These categories will highlight the leaders driving Africa's health transformation.**

# Celebration Gala

Date: 25th April 2025

- ✦ **Climate and Health Resilience Award** Celebrating initiatives that address the link between climate change and health, such as climate adaptation strategies and sustainable agriculture.
- ✦ **Outstanding Contribution to Maternal and Child Health** Recognizing efforts to improve maternal, neonatal, and child health outcomes across the continent.
- ✦ **Sustainable Development Leadership Award** Recognizing efforts to align health advancements with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✦ **Research and Evidence-Based Impact Award** Celebrating research that has significantly influenced health policy and practices across Africa.

# Why Cape Verde?

- Cape Verde, a stunning archipelago of 10 volcanic islands off the West African coast, is one of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- With a population of around 600,000, it is both uniquely beautiful and increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Despite these challenges, Cape Verde has made significant strides in strengthening its ecosystem and health systems.
- Cape Verde has achieved nearly 80% universal health coverage index and boasts well-established healthcare facilities. However, there remains room to enhance specialized care and digital health services. The 2025 Africa Health Summit will provide a platform for collaboration, offering opportunities to partner with local stakeholders to further build resilience and strengthen healthcare systems.
- We are committed to advancing the global agenda for the sustainable development of small island states and Africa as a whole, through strategic collaboration with governments, policymakers, the private sector and NGOs.





# Key Thematic Areas

- Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Climate Change
- Public and private partnerships
- Integration of resources
- Human Resources for Health-Transforming the workforce
- Innovation and Technology
- Manufacturing and supply
- To- Healthcare Financing.



# Expected Outcomes

- **Strategic Recommendations:** Actionable insights for implementing the One-Health approach in African contexts.
- **Partnerships:** Strengthened collaborations between stakeholders to enhance local systems and capacity.
- **Awareness and Advocacy:** Increased understanding of the One-Health approach among communities and decision-makers.
- **Policy Alignment:** Recommendations to integrate One Health into national and regional policies.



# Sponsorships & Partnership

- The 2025 Africa Health Summit and Awards in Cape Verde will be a landmark event, driving meaningful conversations and collaborations around the One-Health approach.

By addressing the intersection of health, climate, and sustainable development, AHAS 2025 aims to pave the way for a healthier, more resilient Africa and inspire global action.

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Zenith Global Health was founded in 2016 by a group of healthcare professionals, a vision led by our President, Mary Akangbe, a British Nigerian Specialist Nurse Practitioner with over 30 years of experience in the United Kingdom (UK) health system and about 15 years of transforming health across Africa.

Mary's passion for patients and health systems enabled her to attract support from diverse colleagues and partners to bring Zenith Global Health's vision to life.

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