

Panel 1: Multilateralism for equitable access – the world together for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Chair, Excellencies, distinguished Colleagues,

PREZODE welcomes this renewed Political Declaration and its commitment to prevention, preparedness and response through strengthened multilateral cooperation, solidarity and a One Health approach.

This comes at a critical moment. The drivers of pandemic emergence continue to intensify, while **our capacity to prevent risks at their source remains underutilized, and we've seen recent examples with hantavirus outbreak and the ongoing ebola epidemic in DRC.** The challenge is no longer defining the vision, but collectively delivering its implementation.

Multilateralism must enable countries not only to prepare or respond together to crises, but to **work together continuously to prevent them from happening, to reduce risk at source.** This requires sustained cooperation, across human, animal and environment, connected with climate, biodiversity and sustainable development.

The renewed Declaration takes an important step forward to push **prevention in the agenda** and no longer focus only on preparedness and response alone. These commitments must now translate into **locally adapted One Health actions**, combining **community engagement, science-policy dialogue and risk reduction at source.**

Through its network spanning more than 90 countries, PREZODE demonstrates that bringing together scientific evidence, local knowledge and public policy make prevention operational, low cost, sustainable while generating co-benefits for health, food security, biodiversity and climate resilience.

PREZODE encourage Member States to adopt the Declaration as soon as possible and stands ready to support Member States in translating these commitments into action and make prevention a cornerstone of global health security and sustainable development.

Thank you.