

DECLARATION OF CUERNAVACA FOR HEALTH EQUITY IN THE AMERICAS

Whereas the Summit 2017 participants recognize that previous work on the social determinants of health and health equity in the Americas form a foundation for continued work;

Whereas a series of efforts, including the PAHO Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Region of the Americas, will provide evidence-based and human rights-focused recommendations for health equity, taking into account gender and ethnic inequalities;

Whereas a convening of more than 50 academic, civil society and policy representatives from 18 nations in the Americas took place during 14-15 November 2017 in Cuernavaca, Mexico to address solutions through actions and policy issues affecting health equity

Whereas the establishment of an Action and Learning Network on Health Equity in the Americas is proposed as a long-term initiative to advance health equity in the Americas...

We, the participants of Summit 2017: Health Equity in the Americas, by signing this Declaration of Cuernavaca, affirm our commitment to this regional network in the Americas and agree to build on recommendations from the Summit by taking these immediate steps:

- Work to support the development of the PAHO Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Region of the Americas report and subsequently the implementation of its recommendations;
- Promote health equity action at all levels through actions on social determinants of health, addressing gender and ethnic inequalities in health within a human rights framework:
- Strengthen the regional dialog on the social determinants of health and health equity and related rights and inequalities;
- Build a network of horizontal collaboration to promote and position equity in health as a priority issue in the intersectoral agendas of the countries of the region;
- Commit to advancing the specific recommended actions from the working group sessions of the Summit 2017 convening;
- Work to enact, implement and monitor policies aimed at affecting the social determinants
 of health, and at health equity and equality within our nations and the region of the
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