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## The Peoples' Declaration for Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare Sets its Eyes on the next WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy

A person-centred, integrative and holistic approach to healthcare would provide important public health benefits and should be considered crucial to protect and promote the universal right to the highest attainable standard of health. However, today, in too many countries access to integrative healthcare is limited.

In response, a group of healthcare organisations, practitioners, patients, and scientists from around the world have united around this shared vision of healthcare and have launched the Peoples' Declaration for Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare (TCIH).

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*“The healthcare we envision focuses on the whole person, is participative, respects individual choices, as well as cultural diversity and engages in respectful evidence-informed collaboration between all systems of healthcare.”*

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While 80% of all countries world-wide report the use of traditional, complementary or integrative practices, this high demand is not yet reflected in national health systems. Issues that prevent access to TCIH are due to the lack of recognition and regulation, or as a result of the limited collaboration between different healthcare systems. The TCIH Declaration aims to remove these barriers by promoting regulation of the field and the highest educational standards with the goal of enhancing respectful collaboration between all healthcare professionals.

The Declaration is collecting signatures of support from organisations and individuals worldwide over the course of one year to demonstrate the demand for TCIH to policy makers. It is also strategically targeting national governments for the larger goal of lobbying the World Health Organization to include identified demands in its upcoming Traditional Medicine Strategy.

More than 240 health organisations and research institutes from 42 countries have already endorsed the Declaration. You can join the call to action, sign and support the Declaration at [www.tcih.org](http://www.tcih.org)!