

# Health Diplomacy Futures

## Capacity Building in the Global South

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### Concept Note

#### Background

The increasing complexity of global health governance amplified by pandemics, climate change, geopolitical tensions, and cross-border health threats has elevated the importance of health diplomacy. For the Global South, where the need for equitable access, regional cooperation, and sustainable health financing is urgent, there is a clear imperative to invest in institutional capacities and cultivate a cadre of professionals trained in health diplomacy.

India, with its leadership in global health initiatives (such as Co-WIN, Vaccine Maitri, DAKSHIN, and AYUSH), is uniquely positioned to catalyze this transformation. Building on its robust infrastructure and strategic geopolitical engagement, India can help define a context-specific, scalable framework for capacity-building in health diplomacy tailored to the Global South.

#### Purpose of the Meeting

The consultative meeting aims to initiate a structured, multi-stakeholder dialogue on building institutional and human capacity for health diplomacy. It seeks to co-develop a practice-oriented and context-sensitive curriculum in health diplomacy, aligned with the priorities of the Global South. It will serve as a foundational step to institutionalize health diplomacy as a core discipline in academic, policy, and governance settings.

#### Objectives

- Identify current gaps and opportunities in health diplomacy capacity in India
- Define core competencies required for health diplomats across sectors
- Explore institutional, academic, and inter-ministerial mechanisms to support engagement
- Co-design interdisciplinary training programs and scalable learning platforms
- Strategize sustainable financing models for health diplomacy, education, and research
- Foster multi-stakeholder partnerships and South-South collaboration

## **Expected Outcomes**

- Draft roadmap for institutional development and interdisciplinary training
- Recommendations for a national curriculum/module on health diplomacy
- Actionable proposals for coordination mechanisms among key sectors
- Identification of potential funding and partnership models to sustain long-term capacity building

## **Participants**

Representatives from academia, industry, INGOs, universities, donor agencies, philanthropic foundations, multilateral partners, and government ministries