

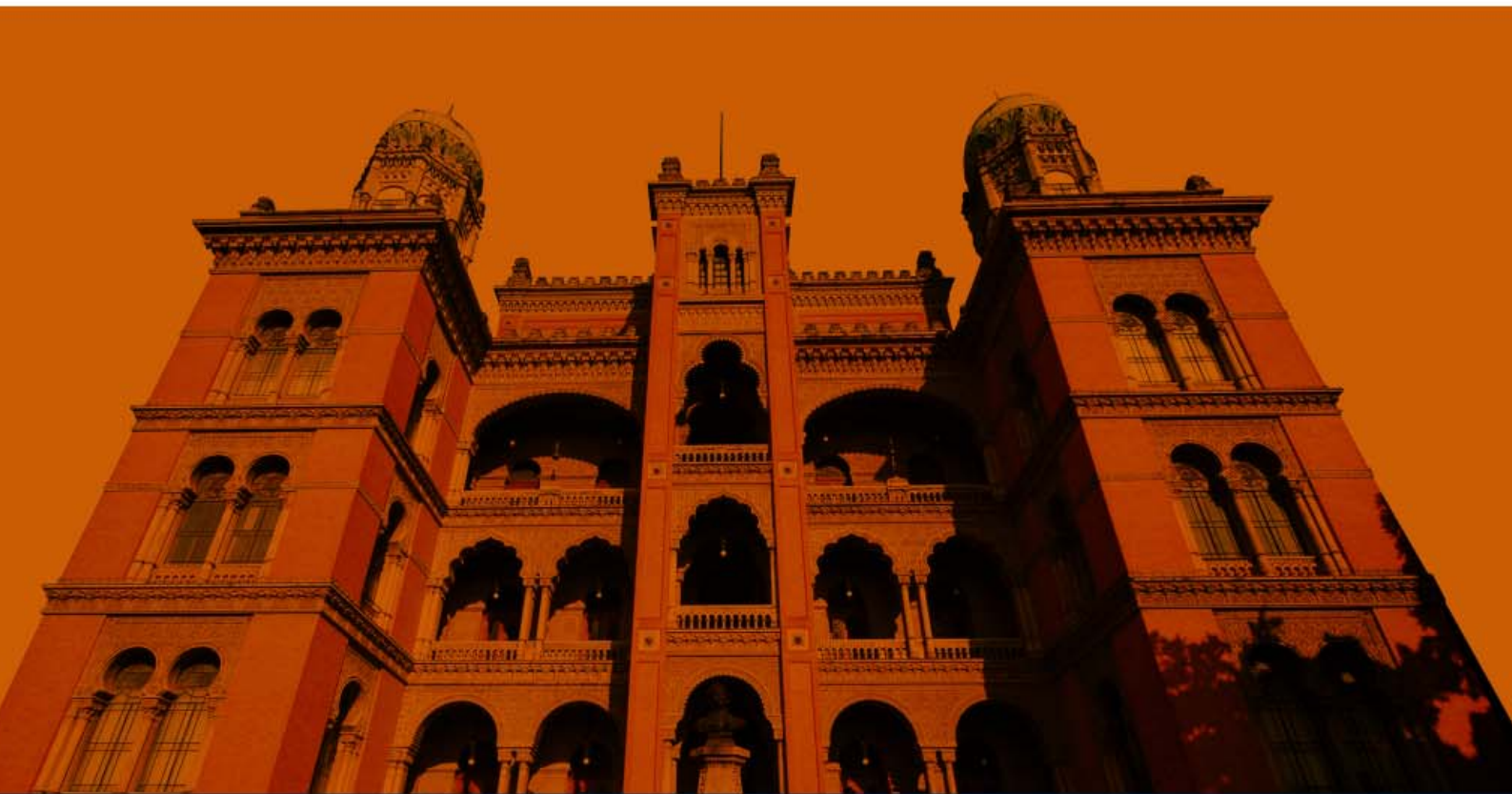


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**Sustainable Development with Equity, Health and Democracy**

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**“Fiocruz is SUS. It’s equity and inclusion.  
It’s science. It’s sustainable development.  
It’s democracy. Let’s build together!”**

(IX Fiocruz Internal Congress, Final Report, 03/23/2022)

In the midst of one of the most serious and complex crises that have already devastated the country and the world, involving multiple articulated dimensions (economic, political, social, environmental, sanitary and humanitarian), the IX Internal Congress of Fiocruz, the highest instance for defining institutional directions, launched, in its final document, approved by the Deliberative Council of Fiocruz on March 23, 2022, the challenge of looking ahead and presenting institutional proposals to build, together with other social actors, a country that ensures a dignified life for all Brazilian population.

In this moment of definition of new directions for Brazil, Fiocruz reaffirms its mission to face the historical-structural problems that characterize our society — the legacies of a slave and colonial past, deep social inequalities, an international insertion that expresses the immense asymmetries of global capitalism in the distribution of wealth and access to technical progress and well-being, environmental degradation and the permanent need to advance in the process of democratic construction and strengthening of a State at the service of society and life.

It is urgent that our present be impregnated with the will and action for the construction of a developed, sustainable, equitable and democratic society. It is necessary to review the current development model in the country, which is income concentrating, exclusionary and unsustainable, both socially and environmentally. A new model of development must have social justice, democracy and the preservation of the environment as goals, and health, science, technology and innovation, education and culture as basic elements.

Therefore, Fiocruz joins the movements in defense of the Unified Health System (SUS, in the acronym in Portuguese) as an essential part of democracy and of a comprehensive social protection. There will be no sustainable development, justice and equity without a universal right to health. Likewise, investment in science, technology and innovation is an essential basis for enabling the resumption of development and of a sovereign international insertion, based on knowledge, in an international agenda driven by solidarity and that reduces the global asymmetries of mastery of and access to technologies, knowledge, products and services in health.

In the construction of this future, democracy is still affirmed as a universal value. Therefore, Fiocruz joins, on the national scene, with other actors – public and private organizations and organized civil society – in the search for a social environment that favors dialogue and popular participation in decision-making processes.

In the year of the bicentennial of Brazilian Independence and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Cruz, a scientist symbol of the commitment of science to society, Fiocruz presents its contribution to the debate, in the course of the electoral process for the Presidency of the Brazilian Republic, from ten transformative guidelines.

## **Strategic guidelines: contribution from Fiocruz**

### **I. Strengthen SUS as a top priority of the welfare state in Brazil**

- Increase public investment in health to 7% of GDP over the next eight years (progressive increase from 4% to 7% within the Pluriannual Plan - PPA), implementing the constitutional principles for SUS of universality, equity and integrality.
- Ensure quality Primary Care, integrated with other levels of assistance, in order to provide continuity of care and resolution.
- Promote recovery of vaccination coverage necessary for collective immunity and disease prevention.
- Ensure universal access at all levels of care for chronic diseases.
- Equip the Brazilian health system with the ability to anticipate, prepare, respond quickly and recover to face health emergencies.
- Ensure the regulation and monitoring of the private health sector to meet the public interest and the objectives of Brazilian society and SUS.

## **II. Prioritize ST&I for Society, the Environment and the Economy**

- Strengthen ST&I to reach 2% of GDP in four years, in a broad and multidisciplinary vision of a science committed to society.
- Introduce new ways of organizing knowledge to increase the link with the demands of society.
- Reinforce information and communication as central elements for the dialogue between science and society.
- Establish institutional policies and practices that promote access to scientific knowledge and to reliable information as citizenship rights and fundamental elements for democracy.
- Promote the recovery and the urgent expansion of scholarships for students at all levels and modalities, resuming the path of expanding and strengthening the training of new scientists.
- Promote initiatives to link culture, science and health.

## **III. Develop the Health Economic-Industrial Complex (CEIS, in the acronym in Portuguese) for national sovereignty**

- Reinforce the CEIS as a new central vector of national development in the 21st century, linked to the public interest, for the generation of qualified jobs and investments in dynamic, inclusive and sustainable activities.
- Expand investments in the technological and industrial bases of health in the country to overcome the economic vulnerability of the SUS and to reduce the unsustainable external dependence to guarantee universal access.
- Establish a new regulatory framework for active policies for productive development and innovation in health, guided by the demands of the SUS.

## **IV. Promoting sustainable development: defending life as a public policy paradigm**

- Eliminate hunger and extreme poverty.
- Consider the social, equity and environment as new fronts of expansion with change in Brazilian society and its global insertion.
- Strengthen a comprehensive social protection system that includes decent employment, rights, universal policies and equity.
- Place health and SUS at the center of the sustainable development strategy.
- Promote zero deforestation in the Amazon by 2026.
- Promote the universalization of basic sanitation by 2026.
- Implement priority energy transition and carbon emission reduction actions.

## **V. Valuing education as the basis of citizenship and inclusive development**

- Promote a major transformation for citizen education and support for a democratic society.
- Strengthen public education at all levels and modalities, as a process of human formation that integrates the different areas of knowledge in an articulated way with the great national challenges.
- Ensuring universality and equity of access and permanence to quality education at all levels, expanding public places, affirmative actions and physical and digital infrastructure conditions.
- Promote the dissemination of science at all educational levels and modalities.

## **VI. Ensuring democracy: diversity, inclusion and equity**

- Promote democracy as the greatest value of Brazilian society.
- Strengthen public policies that promote equity and respect for diversity at all levels (including science) for the substantive basis of a democratic society.
- Expand social participation and improve the mechanisms of listening to society, in order to make its participation effective in the process of formulating public policies.
- Promoting a culture and an environment of peace that encourage solidary social relations and stop the escalation of violence against vulnerable populations.

## **VII. Constituting a sovereign, qualified and socially inserted State**

- Promote the defense of the State and public servants as a basis for sovereignty and to guide development in articulation with society.
- Repeal constitutional amendment 95 and tax rules that restrict welfare, science and education.
- View health, ST&I, education and culture as an investment, including in the public budget.
- Promote participation and social control through the qualification of public management, enabling a digital transformation committed to the demands of society.

## **VIII. Valuing work and public service**

- Promote the appreciation of civil servants as the basis of a new State committed to development and constitutional rights.
- Perform salary update for accumulated inflation, eliminating losses since 2015.
- Ensure decent, formal work with a policy of permanent learning.
- Update the permanent staff through public tenders to attend the demands of society.

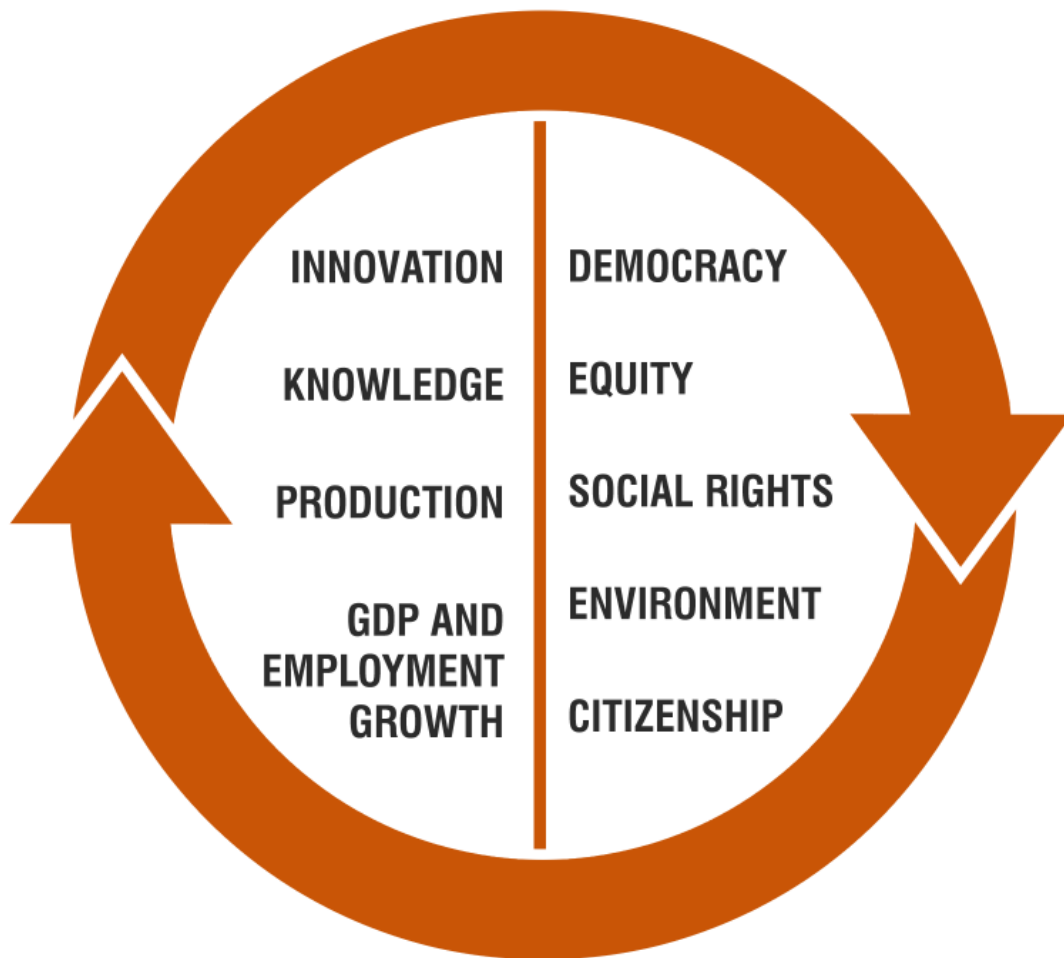
## **IX. Promote the 2030 Agenda and an integrated action in the social determinants of health to face the climate and environmental emergency**

- Assume the 2030 Agenda as a global frame of reference for the new development policy.
- Recover the pact of intergenerational solidarity in work, social security and the environment.
- Insert health and CEIS as exemplary activities and national leadership in the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices in the transition process of the national production matrix.
- Ensure a comprehensive environmental protection, involving the various biomes, promoting sustainable energy use, regulating the use of territories, combating predatory practices and protecting traditional peoples, developing and incorporating social innovations and technologies.
- Recognize the traditional territories of indigenous and quilombola societies.
- Carry out practices to encourage family farming and agroecology associated with the fight against hunger.

## **X. Promote solidarity in international cooperation in health and ST&I to reduce strong global asymmetries**

- Support health diplomacy focused on global solidary cooperation, enabling the sovereign exchange of knowledge and technologies.
- Support the strengthening of global governance, reducing asymmetries in decision-making between developed and less developed countries.
- Promote peace as the ultimate goal for all countries to assume global responsibility for sustainable and sovereign development, without a hierarchy defined by the economic and geopolitical power of nations.

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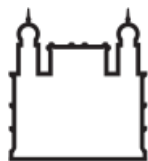
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