

Conference Declaration

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We, delegates of the International Conference on Health Economics for policy dated 11-12 December 2025, Kathmandu, Nepal, representing government, health development partners, academic and research organizations, and civil societies, jointly agree on the following declaration:

- 1- Emphasizing the need to ensure health system efficiency and equity, we call Ministry of Health and Population for institutionalizing transparent, fair, and country-appropriate priority setting processes that are evidence-based and inclusive.
- 2- Acknowledging insufficient resources for health sector, and Nepal's aspiration for graduation from low income country, we advocate for increased and sustained investment in health. We call for proactive strategies to expand fiscal space through effective implementation of health taxes, prioritization improved domestic resource mobilization, greater budgetary efficiency, and strengthened public financial management.

- 3- Recognizing the fragmentation in financial risk pooling within and outside health sector, we advocate for integration and/or harmonization of existing schemes to improve health system efficiency, strengthen risk pooling, and reduce duplication of efforts.
- 4- Addressing the financial hardship faced by households seeking health care, especially for non-communicable diseases, we call for actions that enhance financial risk protection, including expanding coverage of quality health care services, and prioritizing interventions that reduce impoverishment due to health care costs.
- 5- Committing to promote the use of health economics evidence in the implementation of health policy, we emphasize the need for stronger collaboration among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to share best practices, foster knowledge exchange, and bridge the gap between evidence generation and policy action.
- 6- Reiterating the urgent need for institutionalization of health economics within Nepal's health care system, we call for investment in capacity building of young professionals in health economics research to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.