Health systems performance in the political agenda: Sharing lessons for current and future global challenges

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA | OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Hybrid: In-person and virtual
As a field, health policy and systems research (HPSR) serves as an essential lever through which to advance socially relevant and rigorous science and practice. It does so by building partnerships across stakeholders, disciplines and sectors, informing and accelerating global commitments to realising critical goals like universal health coverage, and cultivating dialogue and debates at regional, national and sub-national levels. HPSR situates the goals of realising health for all, within broader contexts shaped by COVID-19, climate change, extreme inequalities, elite capture, and political fragmentation. It also anticipates rapid changes linked to social movements, market dynamics, urbanisation, and migration. In addressing these dynamic complexities facing health systems, it harnesses social, technological and methodological innovation, solidarity and resilience to inform solutions to strengthen health systems worldwide.

In this time of COVID-19, it has emerged as a critical component for and building back stronger, robust, and more resilient health systems, and will play a crucial role in ensuring that they remain fit for purpose.

HSR2022 celebrates 12 years of hosting the Global Symposia on Health Systems Research as a means for health professionals, planners, advocates and scientists engaged in strengthening health systems to come together to share their experiences and expertise. While remaining true to its universal and global engagement, HSR2022 also breaks new ground by hosting these conversations within the Latin America and Caribbean region.

Join us in helping shape the conversations and collaborations that will make a difference, and in making HSR2022 a success!
Health Systems Global is a membership only society that connects the health systems research, policy and practitioner communities and contributes to the attainment of better, health equity, and well being.

We link and engage researchers, policymakers, healthcare managers, educators, civil society, the media, and donors from around the world to advance the field of health policy and systems research.

We create opportunities to strengthen individual and collective capacity for generating, sharing and applying knowledge necessary for health systems strengthening.
HSG continues to build strong and inclusive communities with members based around the world.

- **Facebook Likes**: 15,325
- **LinkedIn HSG Group Members**: 5,459
- **Twitter Followers**: 22,103
- **Newsletter subscriptions**: 5,806

**Total Global Membership**: 2350+

**Region Breakdown**:
- **North America**: 294
- **Europe & Central Asia**: 335
- **Latin America & the Caribbean**: 280
- **Middle East & North Africa**: 58
- **South Asia**: 246
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**: 525
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Thematic Working Groups

TWGs are a key part of HSG. They are multi-disciplinary groups that provide a platform for discussion and the exchange of health policy and systems research.
Regional Events and Workshops
• To convene HPSR communities, assess regional needs, and debate on policy design and implementation for more equitable and effective health systems and services.

Network expansion and partnership building
• To connect and grow the HSG Society, enhance knowledge sharing, capacity strengthening, and regional participation in HSR and other global events.

Symposia pre-conferences
• To explore and debate HSR symposium themes, identify regional relevancy, and support submission to its scientific program.

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Scholarships and Research Opportunities
• To facilitate scholarship and fellowship opportunities, and introduce collaborative research prospects through convenings or partnerships.

HSG Regional Networks
The HSG Regional Networks seek to facilitate engagement, knowledge exchange, and mutual learning on health policy and systems research in and between different regions of the world. They generate space to convene and collaborate with national and regional partners and work toward building the HPSR field.

Regional Networks
• Africa
• Asia and the Pacific
• Eastern Mediterranean
• Europe
• Latin America and the Caribbean

Latin America & the Caribbean Region
21 Symposium pre-conferences have been organised throughout the region over the past 4 years from Ottawa and Washington to Buenos Aires and Montevideo, from Mexico, Bogotá and Lima to São Paulo.

Sub-Regional events were also organized in Central America – San José, Costa Rica, and the Caribbean – St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago.

Overall, more than 50 regional institutions, including the Pan American Health Organization were involved, highlighting the wealth of academic and policymaking work performed across the region.
Every two years, we co-organize the largest global Symposium on health systems research. The Seventh Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR2022) will bring together over 2,000 policymakers, practitioners and researchers from more than 100 countries to Bogota, Colombia from October 31st to November 4th 2022. HSR 2022 will provide a catalyzing platform for evidence and learning on strategies to respond to challenges within and beyond the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Global Symposia

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2010 Montreaux
2014 Cape Town
2012 Beijing
2016 Vancouver
2018 Liverpool
2020 Dubai

We are pleased to be appointed as host partners of the HSR2022 as Latin America faces enormous challenges regarding the performance of our health systems. Hosting the HSR2022 will allow us to delve into understanding more about the social and political processes surrounding public health. Through exploring and comparing the political economy of health systems, we will promote new research and participation processes to aid in decision-making with an improved global perspective. This requires solidifying the processes that strengthen participatory democracy and drive reforms towards health equity.”

Dr. Rolando Enrique Peñaloza Quintero
General Director
Institute of Public Health of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá campus)

The HSR2022 global symposium is an example of the strength and importance of our country as one of the main centers for academic discussion and analysis and design of public policies oriented towards the health system.”

Paul Rodriguez
Professor, Faculty of Economics,
Universidad Rosario
A critical moment for health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The Latin America and Caribbean region – home to significant health care reforms over the past 30 years – is at a crucial phase in the strengthening of its health systems. Considerable progress has been made with significant contributions to the field; the diversity of the region’s network of institutions and their strength in health systems research, a rich history around community advocacy and participatory approaches, there is much to learn from the histories and contributions that the region has made to debates related to decolonization, health system reform and social justice.

However, the unique sets of challenges and realities facing the region today, fueled by COVID-19, system fragmentation and segmentation, burgeoning economies, and epidemiological and demographic transitions, are having a major impact on health, resources and overall equity levels in health. These challenges and complexities require responses from multiple sectors and commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Critical to this will be policy decisions and actions informed by high quality, timely and policy relevant evidence emerging from enriching debates, and expanded spaces of interregional collaboration that is co-produced with key stakeholders and considers dynamic and complex social and political contexts.

Health Systems Global will host HSR2022 with co-sponsors, supporters and a consortium of organisations from Colombia led by the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, headquartered in Bogotá and Cali, the Universidad de Antioquia in Medellín, the Universidad de Cartagena, the Universidad Colegio Mayor Nuestra Señora del Rosario, and the San Ignacio University Hospital in Bogotá, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia.

Daniel Maceira, PhD
Board Member, Health Systems Global
Representing the Americas Region Chair, Symposium Program Working Group
Health Systems Performance in the Political Agenda: Sharing lessons for current and future global challenges

Health systems face significant challenges all around the world and the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic reveals just how valuable strong health systems are to society. It has also been laying bare weaknesses in service provision, intersectoral action, information systems; and governance, including community engagement in low-, middle- and high-income settings alike. What is clear, now more than ever, is that trust and solidarity are the central and most important values from which to build back stronger, more resilient health systems.

The 7th Global Symposium must face the challenge of optimally sharing – and learning from – the experiences of the last two years. The stress that health systems have faced, and the varying degrees of success they encountered during the pandemic, can only be truly understood through the lens of systems thinking. Complex interactions between politics, policy, and service provision have translated into priority-setting processes, where vulnerable and already marginalized populations become more excluded from participating in decision-making processes. The role that global supply chains play, as well as the ability that state and non-state actors have in influencing policy, calls for reflection on how the concept of power must be considered in policy development; intersectoral approaches; and the role that communities and individuals play. In addition, the ability to learn, both from our own experiences and that of other country contexts, will be central for responding to this and future pandemics.

HSR2022 Theme

The HSR2022 Programme

HSR2022 will host a full and diverse programme over the week.

- Plenaries
- Poster Presentations
- Marketplace
- Organized Sessions
- Opportunities to network and engage
- Satellite and skills building sessions
The Sixth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR2020) was a virtual Global Symposium, taking place over three phases from November 2020 – March 2021, that explored how we can build health systems that improve people’s health and are socially just.

HSR2020 had more delegates than ever participating from low- and middle-income countries and from nearly all regions, and 70% of delegates were first-time participants in a Global Symposium on Health Systems Research.

2,350 participants.
125 countries!

Top 3 reasons for attending:
- Gaining new knowledge
- Learning of innovations
- Gaining new skills and research methods

70% attended the HSR symposium for the first time!

The symposium gave the opportunity to catch up with recent research and best practices on key HSR methods and reforms worldwide, despite the pandemic. It also presented a medium for connecting and networking with other experts and sharing my research and experience.”

— Delegate HSR2020
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