

## WHO Releases "Gujarat Declaration" Reinforcing Commitment to Traditional Medicine

The World Health Organization (WHO) has unveiled the outcome document of the recently concluded inaugural WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023, encapsulated in the "Gujarat Declaration." This historic declaration reaffirms global commitments to preserving indigenous knowledge, biodiversity, and traditional, complementary, and integrative medicine, emphasising the need for rigorous scientific methods to advance holistic and personalised health approaches. Key points of the "Gujarat Declaration" revolve around scaling up efforts to implement evidence-based Traditional Complementary Integrative Medicine (TCIM) interventions and approaches to support universal health coverage and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).