



TCIH Report 2022 – 2023

Background

In the summer of 2021, the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare (TCIH) coalition was formed to represent the interests of TCIH organizations, professions, practitioners and consumers that use TCIH. We thank you and your organization for being one of the 318 organizations that signed the TCIH Declaration providing us with the support needed to represent the interests of the TCIH community. We want to take a moment and provide you with a summary of the global advocacy work that we have been doing on behalf of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare.

Establishing TCIH

The sponsoring organizations of TCIH spent a number of months establishing TCIH, the website and logo, the wording for the TCIH Declaration, and in securing organizations, such as yours; and individuals to support the goals of the TCIH. To-date, 318 TCIH organizations and over 8100 individuals have signed the TCIH Declaration. The organizations span all WHO Regions, and include over 35 different TCIH professions.

TCIH Vision: A world where people have full access to Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare (TCIH) and TCIH is fully embedded into national healthcare systems.

TCIH Goals: The TCIH Declaration represents a worldwide community of TCIH users and practitioners with the common goal of improving healthcare. The TCIH Declaration unites the voices of TCIH systems at global level by:

- Representing the policy asks of the TCIH Declaration and promoting international and national healthcare policies that are favorable of TCIH integration;
- Raising public awareness about TCIH and promoting the contribution of TCIH in addressing major public health challenges.

For a **Person-Centred** and **Holistic Approach** to Health



Lobby for a New WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy



One of the initial aims of the TCIH coalition was to raise awareness that the current World Health Organization (WHO) Traditional Medicine Strategy was expiring in 2023 and to lobby for a new WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy that was more inclusive of TCIH and that engaged with TCIH stakeholders to a greater degree.

In May of 2023 the World Health Assembly (WHA) passed a resolution to extend the current Traditional Medicine Strategy until 2025 while a new WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy is developed.

Global Advocacy for TCIH

The TCIH coalition has represented the interests of TCIH in the following ways:



WHO/TCIH CSO Dialogue

Shortly after the WHA, the TCIH group reached out to the WHO requesting a meeting to discuss the issues related to TCIH professions and practices. Gratefully, our request was accepted and on July 3rd, 2023 a Civil Society Dialogue (CSO) meeting was held between the WHO, including the Director General Dr. Tedros, and representatives from TCIH. The CSO WHO / TCIH meeting included a broad representation of TCIH including Indigenous Medicine, TCIH representatives from four WHO Regions, representatives from patient advocacy, research and education, practitioners and organizations.

During the CSO WHO/TCIH meeting, we had three asks of the WHO:

1. To adopt the term TCIH, thus recognizing the diversity of professions and practices that go beyond medicine alone.
2. To recognize the essential contribution of TCIH to global health and well-being.
3. To accelerate the integration into health systems and services by supporting countries.

The full [TCIH Press Release on the CSO WHO/TCIH Dialogue](#) can be found here.





WHO 1st Global Summit on Traditional Medicine

As a result of a very successful CSO WHO/TCIH Dialogue, eleven representatives from TCIH were invited to attend the WHO 1st Global Summit on Traditional Medicine which was held in Gujarat India on August 17th and 18th. Two representatives from TCIH were included as part of the formal discussions. Dr. Tido von Schoen-Angerer discussed the importance of the term TCIH versus TCIM (Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine) and Prof Jon Wardle spoke on TCIH education globally. The WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine marks a significant shift in the WHO's focus for TCIH and it will likely ignite a momentous opportunity for the TCIH community with respect to enhancing appropriate regulation and integration into health services in many countries. The Gujarat Declaration outlines the commitments of the WHO and the requests to the TCIH community and national health ministers following the Global Summit.

New WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy

The WHO is proceeding with the draft for the new WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy and we are pleased to announce the representatives from our TCIH coalition are part of that initiative to create a WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025 – 2034.



2nd World Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health

Representatives from the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative (TCI) department of the WHO attended the 2nd World Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health in Rome, September 20th – 23rd.

At the conference, a WHO representative highlighted the asks from the CSO WHO / TCIH Dialogue and highlighted their intention to continue to work with the global TCIH community.

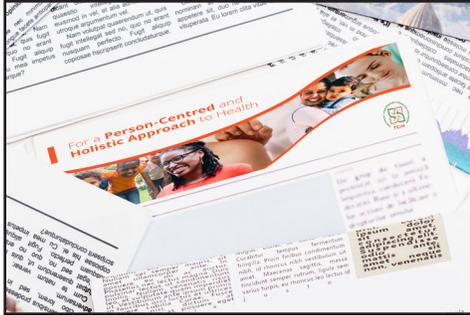
The TCIH Coalition organized a workshop at the Congress in Rome titled *Stakeholder Input into the new WHO Global Strategy for Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine*. Speakers included the head of WHO's TCI department and several leading academics. The workshop included two roundtables:

1. What does the research community need from WHO and what is the research needed for policy making?
2. Reflections on models of integrations to meet broader health goal.



Engagement with Signatories

The TCIH coalition is very pleased with the opportunities that we have had to represent the interests of the global TCIH community. The following are the ways that we are working to keep you informed:



TCIH Newsroom

TCIH Newsroom contains press releases and updates such as:

- Sept 18 '23: Civil society welcomes Gujarat Declaration and G20 support for TCIH
- July 19 '23: CSO Dialogue between TCIH Coalition and WHO Director-General highlights the need for Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Health (TCIH)
- May 30 '23: World Health Assembly decides to develop new WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy, including stakeholder involvement in the process
- April 3 '23: New Publication Highlights the Contribution of Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Healthcare in Achieving The Goals of The Astana Declaration and Universal Health Coverage

Take a moment to check out the TCIH updates.



TCIH Social Media

TCIH Social Media includes Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Please follow us to stay connected.



TCIH Meetings

On a quarterly basis TCIH holds open meetings for all TCIH signatories. This is a great opportunity to ask your questions and to stay informed about the global changes affecting TCIH practices, professions and products.

The TCIH coalition is continuing its global advocacy of TCIH. If you are interested in getting more involved please reach out to us at info@tcih.org.





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