Shaping an equitable post-COVID world: the role of Global South think tanks

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In the Latin American region, the pandemic is slowing down the progress made in moving towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As special social protection measures implemented to support people during the pandemic are coming to an end, multilateral organizations warn about deepening inequalities in healthcare access and financing. Meanwhile, economic and fiscal crises hamper the implementation of a timely and long-term response to the crisis. In this context, developing new research for more effective evidence-informed public policies is essential to reach innovative solutions. Given the increasing resource scarcity, cooperation between the civil society and the private and public sector is the most effective path. This session will explore the options for cooperation in the Latin American region, which has few precedents in this regard. Through a conversation with the Andean Health Organisation of the Andean Community of Nations (CAN, in Spanish) and regional development institutions, think thanks from Latin America will reflect on their role in the pandemic recovery and in building more sustainable, equitable, and resilient public health systems after the pandemic. The primary objective will be to identify the basis for a new agenda in regional cooperation, one in which think tanks can be relevant contributors in the process of strengthening equality and health financing.

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