

# PHOENIX ZONES INITIATIVE

## Media Advisory

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**Albuquerque, NM** – Phoenix Zones Initiative’s president, Dr. Hope Ferdowsian, along with other experts, will lead an in-person satellite session on pandemic prevention on Thursday, April 13, in Washington, DC. Attendees will learn about addressing current gaps in global policy and the root causes of pandemic risk, as well as expanding on the science and evidence-driven policy measures to create an effective pathway to prevent pandemics.

- Who** **Hope Ferdowsian**, MD, professor at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, and President of Phoenix Zones Initiative; **Dr. Daniel Battaglia**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (video statement); **Nicoletta Dentico**, Society for International Development; **Professor Sam Halabi**, Georgetown University; **Nina Jamal**, FOUR PAWS International; **Dr. Syd Johnson**, Upstate Medical University; **Dr. Ann Linder**, Harvard Law School; **Dr. Catherine Machalaba**, One Health High-Level Expert Panel and EcoHealth Alliance; **John Scanlon AO**, End Wildlife Crime (video statement); **Dr. Chris Walzer**, Wildlife Conservation Society; **Dr. Chadia Wannous**, World Organisation for Animal Health (video statement)
- What** Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference on Pandemic Prevention Satellite Session: From Science to Policy: How the Pandemic Instrument Can Prevent Pandemics and Enable Equity
- When** Thursday, April 13, 2023, 8:00 am-noon EDT
- Where** Washington Hilton, Washington, DC
- Why** Nearly three-quarters of emerging infectious diseases stem from the poor treatment of animals and the environment. We need a prevention- and justice-centered pandemic treaty that advances the rights, health, and wellbeing of people, animals, and the planet to reduce pandemic risk.

### About Phoenix Zones Initiative

Phoenix Zones Initiative (PZI) uses medical and public health expertise to advance the health and wellbeing of people, animals, and the planet through education, research, and advocacy. Led by physicians and an interdisciplinary team, PZI promotes social, economic, and environmental policy to uplift the most vulnerable, and provides resources to empower others to advocate for similar changes.

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