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# Launch of the France–Brazil International Research Platform in Global Health (PRISME)

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In order to strengthen scientific collaboration, France and Brazil announce the launch of the France–Brazil International Research Platform in Global Health (PRISME France–Brazil), an international consortium bringing together several key stakeholders from both countries. The result of over twenty years of close scientific and technical cooperation between France and Brazil in the field of health, this initiative brings together researchers, clinicians, decision-makers and representatives of civil society. It is now entering a new phase with the signing of PRISME, which will be officially launched on 1–3 October 2025 in Fortaleza, during the 31st France–Brazil Scientific and Technical Cooperation Seminar and the 9th Scientific Day of the ANRS MIE partner site in Brazil. Labelled France-Brazil Season 2025, these events are supported by the authorities of both countries under the banner of innovation and scientific cooperation.

### A new stage in Franco-Brazilian collaboration

In 2025, Franco-Brazilian collaboration reaches a new level with the launch of the PRISME France–Brazil initiative (International Research Platform in Global Health), bringing together several French and Brazilian institutions (*see partners in the paragraph below*). This innovative model, co-developed by ANRS MIE and its French and international partners, aims to move beyond the logic of bilateral collaborations towards a more federative approach by bringing together French and Brazilian institutions already engaged in the field within a single alliance.

The PRISME France-Brazil initiative is unique in that it promotes operational and scientific collaboration across our shared border between French Guiana and the state of Amapá in Brazil. This geographical continuity provides a unique opportunity to extend existing partnerships and strengthen their impact on public health policies at the regional and international levels.

**By bringing together existing networks, PRISME aims to optimise collaborations, give them greater international visibility and strengthen their impact on public health policies and programmes.**

### Research for global health

The main missions of the France-Brazil PRISME initiative are to support research and training through active scientific coordination, joint projects and skills development initiatives. They also aim to develop solutions that are directly applicable to the health of Brazilian and French populations, to

promote new collaborations on topics of common interest, and to support institutions and researchers in strengthening their capacities and accessing funding.

Building on work to combat HIV, sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis, PRISME France-Brazil aims to address current health challenges, marked by the emergence or re-emergence of infectious agents and recurrent epidemics linked to the consequences of climate change.

The platform adopts an integrated and interdisciplinary approach, with a "One Health" perspective, in order to transform research into concrete actions for public health.

### **A network of excellence to collectively respond to global health challenges**

PRISME France-Brazil will bring together a network of leading French and Brazilian institutions within a single alliance to strengthen scientific cooperation in global health.

- **On the Brazilian side**, the Ministry of Health (MS), the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) play a central role in defining national health research priorities and supporting research.
- **On the French side**, the National Institute of Health and Biomedical Research (Inserm) and its autonomous agency, the ANRS Emerging infectious diseases (ANRS MIE), the Pasteur Institute (IP), the Pasteur Institute of French Guiana (IP Guyane), the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) and the French Embassy in Brazil contribute their scientific, technical and diplomatic expertise.

*"With PRISME France-Brazil, scientific cooperation between our two countries is taking a decisive step forward: it is becoming a strategic lever for collectively responding to major global health threats and affirming a common ambition, that of placing health at the heart of the future."*

**Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Director of ANRS Emerging Infectious Diseases**

*"Reflecting on and responding together to major global health challenges is the whole objective of PRISME France-Brazil. The Institut Pasteur, in close collaboration with the Institut Pasteur de Guyane, is committed, alongside its French partners, to putting its historical relationship and scientific expertise in Brazil and French Guiana at the service of future Franco-Brazilian collaborations."*

**Odette Tomescu-Hatto, Director of International Affairs, Institut Pasteur**

*"The PRISME model is at the heart of IRD's partnership strategies in the field of global health. The PRISME France-Brazil Platform illustrates the excellent complementarity between French and Brazilian higher education and research stakeholders in the co-construction of solutions that benefit the most vulnerable populations facing significant health challenges."*

*"It demonstrates our shared desire to strengthen the effectiveness and structure of our actions in the field, working with citizens through an interdisciplinary approach and in a framework conducive to innovation."*

**Valérie Verdier, President and CEO of IRD**

*"Global health is a priority for France, and its cooperation with Brazil occupies a special place in this area. The Prisme platform will strengthen these close ties on the 'One Health' approach by working more – and better – together. The mobilisation of French health research stakeholders clearly illustrates the importance of this partnership. The embassy will support and accompany the development of this platform in line with France's actions to reduce health inequalities in concrete terms and promote equitable access to health for all citizens."*

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#### **About the French Embassy in Brazil:**

The French Embassy in Brazil has been based in Brasilia since 1975. It is France's diplomatic representation in Brazil. This year, we are celebrating 200 years of diplomatic relations between France and Brazil.

#### **About ANRS Emerging Infectious Diseases:**

ANRS Emerging Infectious Diseases (MIE), an autonomous agency of Inserm, leads, evaluates, coordinates and funds research on HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. It prepares the scientific response to the challenges posed by these diseases.

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#### **About Inserm:**

Created in 1964, Inserm is a public scientific and technological institution under the dual supervision of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Research. Dedicated to biological, medical and human health research, it is involved in the entire process from research laboratory to the patient's bedside. On the international stage, it partners with leading institutions committed to scientific challenges and advances in these fields.

#### **About the Institut Pasteur:**

A non-profit foundation created in 1887 by Louis Pasteur, the Institut Pasteur is an internationally renowned biomedical research centre dedicated to the study and fight against diseases, particularly infectious diseases. From the invention of the rabies vaccine to the identification of HIV and the discovery of messenger RNA, some of the greatest discoveries in modern biomedical science have

been made there. The excellence of Pasteurian research has been recognised with 10 Nobel Prizes in Medicine and Physiology.

The Institut Pasteur has more than 3,100 employees of nearly 100 nationalities, including 1,700 researchers and engineers. Its Paris campus hosts hundreds of researchers from other research organisations, in particular Inserm and CNRS, and it collaborates with numerous international research organisations (EMBL, University of Oxford, Crick Institute, Rockefeller University, UCSF, etc.).

As a member of a network of more than 30 institutes spread across five continents – the Pasteur Network – and host to nearly a dozen collaborating centres of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Institut Pasteur is committed to working alongside local populations to advance public health around the world.

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### **About IRD:**

As an international research institute, IRD helps strengthen societies' resilience in the face of global upheavals. It is present in more than 50 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific, as well as in France's overseas territories. Its research activities provide concrete responses to priority needs: climate change mitigation and adaptation, the fight against poverty and inequality, biodiversity conservation, access to healthcare, and consideration of social dynamics. Research questions are developed in collaboration with field actors and local populations. The teams combine perspectives, disciplines and knowledge through long-term partnerships to build robust, high-impact solutions.

The IRD advocates for research that benefits as many people as possible. It shares the results of its projects and puts science at the service of action. In this way, it supports the transformation of societies towards fairer and more sustainable social, economic and ecological models.

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