

**Video message
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Mr Rémy Rioux,

Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends,

It is an honour to speak with you today.

My thanks to the World Federation of Development Finance Institutions, the International Development Finance Club, and the French Development Agency, AFD, for hosting this important discussion.

We meet today at a pivotal moment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided irrefutable evidence of the need to better prepare for health emergencies, and for strong health systems that can underpin our response.

These must work in lockstep with systems that bolster economic and social growth for the good of all.

In order to facilitate investment in social infrastructure, particularly for low and middle-income countries, development institutions are coming together to pool their comparative strengths.

WHO has set up the Decide Health Decision Hub to help decision makers achieve best value for money in their capital investments in health infrastructure, by offering access to data, analytics and knowledge.

I encourage you all to join the Decide Hub, and to work together to strengthen health systems and support countries on their journey towards universal health coverage.

In so doing, you will create hope for people around the world who need to access to care.

With your support, we can build a healthier, safer, fairer world for everyone, everywhere.

I thank you.