DAKSHIN Events



DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS in collaboration with NIMS Institute of Public Health and Governance, NIMS University Rajasthan is organised a high-level consultation on “Health Diplomacy Futures: Capacity Building in the Global South” on Tuesday, 30 September 2025. The event witnessed rich participation from government officials, international organisations, policy makers, academicians and seasoned health experts. Dr Angela Lusigi, UNDP Resident Representative, India delivered the keynote address, underscoring that health diplomacy is the best medicine, bringing trust among people and equity between nations. She mentioned that contemporary key health priorities include investing in public health preparedness, real-time and transparent data sharing, South–South cooperation, a One Health approach, and building institutional capacities to strengthen global health equity and support the SDGs.

The day-long event was empanelled into four themes; Health Diplomacy as a Catalyst for Global South-South Solidarity, Building Institutional and Human Capacity for Health Diplomacy, Leveraging Multilateral Platforms for Building Capacity in Health Diplomacy and Financing the Future: Mobilizing Investments in Health Diplomacy. The experts highlighted the multifaceted nature of health diplomacy, the challenges of mobilizing resources, and the importance of building capacities in India while channelling them to global partners. They emphasized policy research, capacity building, and health tourism, underlining the significance

of regional leadership in strengthening multilateral health cooperation. Emphasis was laid on interdisciplinary training combining health, global research alliances and interdisciplinary networks and digital health and AI interventions. Deliberations revolved around the important role that multilateral institutions have to play in strengthening health systems and institutionalising technical expertise. The need for innovative financing through democratisation and entrepreneurship, and leveraging domestic resources to catalyse global health partnership was underscored. Stress was laid on providing opportunities for shared leadership, which would provide scope for the Global South countries to increase influence in multilateral health governance.

These discussions were critical and timely in terms of reflecting and emphasising on commitments concerning the global health diplomacy, the Global South's growing role in shaping the global agenda, and the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement across diverse sectors, including pharmaceuticals. It noted the pertinence of the intersection of health, peace, and sustainability as a foundation for inclusive governance. The consultation concluded with acknowledgements to all speakers, partners, and delegates for their invaluable contributions.