

NEW DELHI DECLARATION

International Conference on Standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of Medicine (I-CoSDiTAUS).

Ministerial Level Meeting

**Organized by Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India in collaboration with World
Health Organization (WHO)**

25- 26 February 2020, New Delhi, India

New Delhi declaration on Collection and Classification of Traditional & Complementary medicine (T & CM) Diagnostic data

We, Ministers of Health and senior health policy makers gathered in New Delhi, India from 25 to 26 February 2020, for the first ever ministerial conference organized on the collection and classification of Traditional Medicine Data in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of Medicine.

Recalling resolution of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly on 28 May 2019 (WHA72.15) adopting the eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) with effect of 1 January 2022.

Recalling the declarations on Primary Health Care made in Alma Ata (1978) and Astana in 2018

1. Note that Traditional & Complementary medicine (T & CM) is an area of health care in our countries.
2. Note that efforts to effectively regulate Traditional & Complementary medicine (T & CM) as an integral part of the health system requires standardized and evidence-based information, which should be shared regularly across the participant countries.
3. Acknowledge the importance of ICD as the international standard for systematic recording, reporting, analysis, interpretation and comparison of mortality and morbidity data at individual and population level.
4. Welcome the improvements made in the ICD-11 in terms of having an up-to-date and clinically relevant classification system which is digital health ready for use in electronic environments.
5. Recognize the importance of including and further developing the supplementary chapter on traditional medicine diagnoses in ICD-11 which enable the counting of Traditional & Complementary medicine (T & CM) services and encounters; the measurement of their form, frequency, effectiveness, safety, quality, outcomes, cost; comparison with mainstream medicine; and research, due to standardized categories, terms and definitions, nationally and internationally. However, we find this recommendation optional and each country may have its own approach.

6. Seek the opportunity to collaborate with WHO in the further development of the supplementary chapter on Traditional & Complementary Medicine (T & CM) diagnoses in ICD-11.
7. Affirm our commitment to take appropriate policy measures to facilitate the implementation of ICD-11 in our health information system, which should be shared regularly across the participant countries.
8. Emphasize the importance of regular and periodic sharing of knowledge and update regarding the regulation of Traditional & Complementary Medicine in each country.

We thank the Government of India for hosting and organizing this successful Conference. We especially thank the Honourable Minister of AYUSH, His Excellency Mr Shripad Yesso Naik for his leadership in this endeavour to improve collection and classification of TM diagnostic Data.