

The availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, including for the relief of pain and palliative care, remains low to non-existent in many parts of the world.

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## International and Regional Partners:

UNODC – Research, NPS

WHO – Essential Medicines, Cancer, NCDs

UICC

INCB

IAEA

UNDP

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

Human Rights Watch

Indiana University Walther Center in Global Palliative Care  
and Supportive Oncology

African Palliative Care Association

African Union

**National Governments, Civil Society, Higher Education**

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**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



**Technical Guidance:  
Increasing access and  
availability of controlled  
medicines**

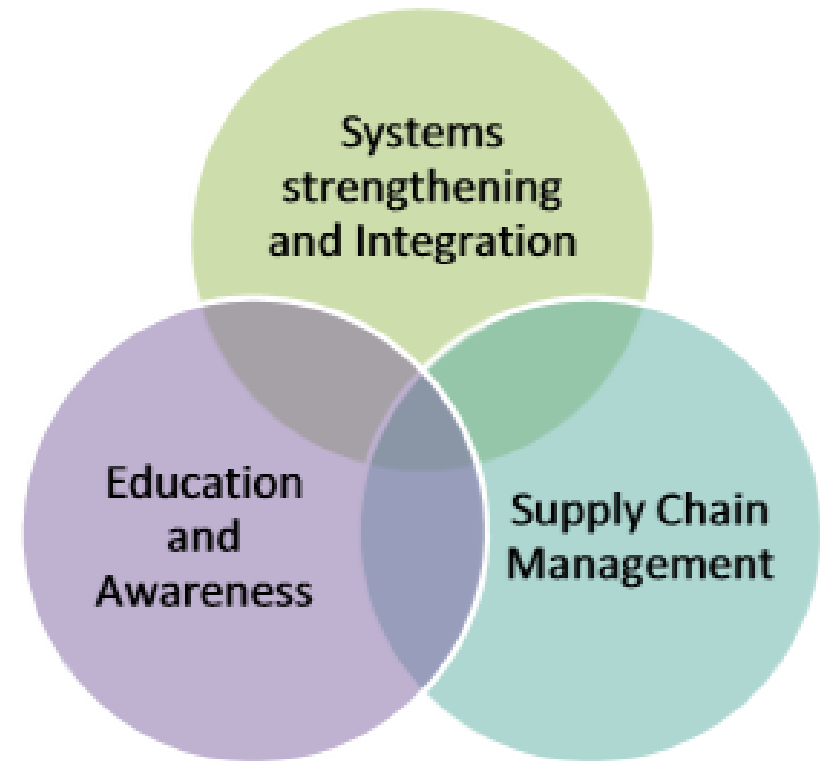
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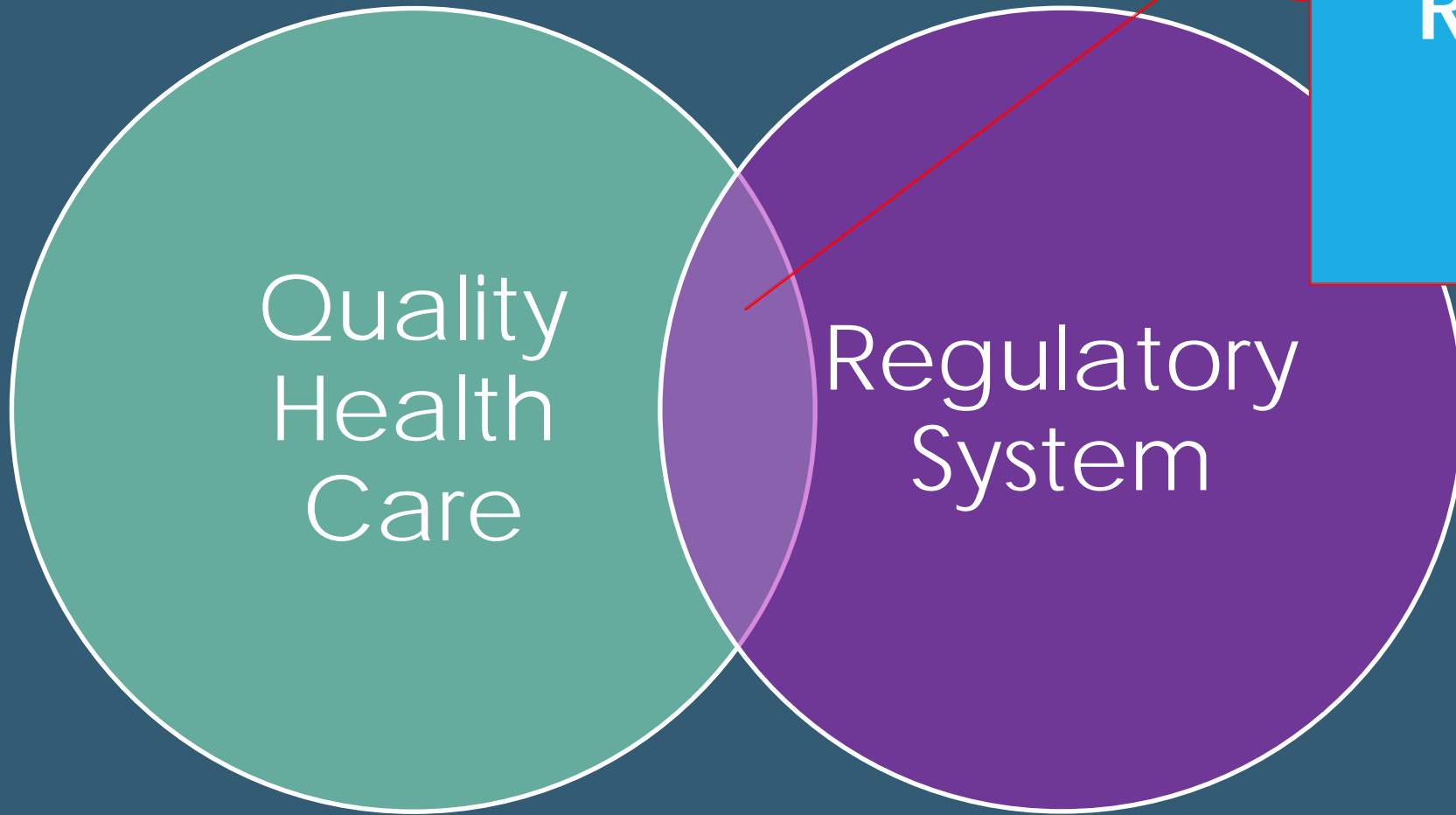
# UNODC-WHO-UICC National and Regional Interventions

Ghana, DRC, Nigeria, Timor  
Leste, Panama

Latin America, Central Asia

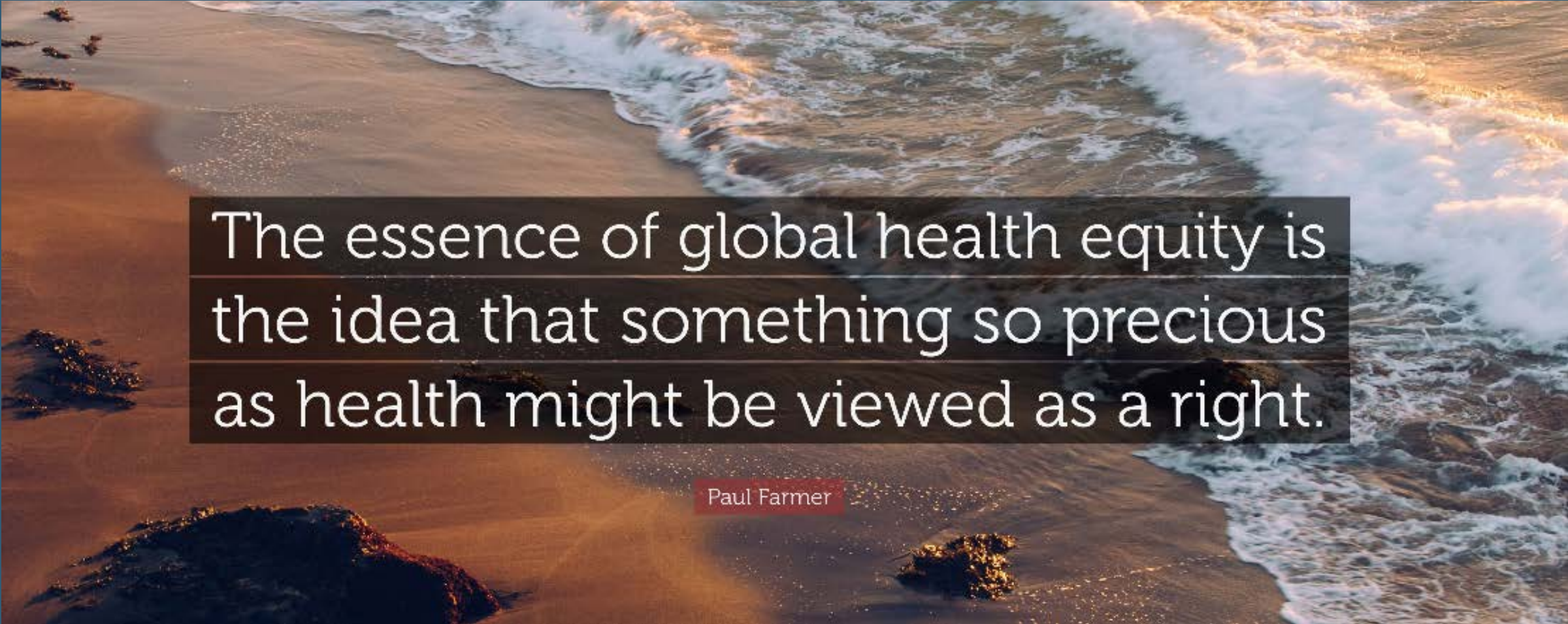
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## Rationale Use

- Right drug
- Right dose
- Right duration
- Right patient
- Right cost



The essence of global health equity is  
the idea that something so precious  
as health might be viewed as a right.

Paul Farmer

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