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The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the need for better global governance of pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) and has emphasised the importance of organised knowledge production and uptake. In this Health Policy, we assess the potential values and risks of establishing an Intergovernmental Panel for One Health (IPHO). Similar to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an IPHO would facilitate knowledge uptake in public settings to a national level and foster support for addressing global disease emergence and consequences at the human-animal-environment interface. The potential benefits to pandemic PPR include a clear, unified, and authoritative voice from the scientific community, support to policy-makers and institutions to prioritise their investments, evidence-based policies for implementation, and guidance on deprogramming the global health system. Potential risks include a large and uncoordinated IPHO, a lack of clear mandate to leverage knowledge uptake in public settings, potentially inadequate space to facilitate response efforts, and coordination challenges arising in parallel efforts at global scales. We recommend weighing these factors when designing institutional reforms for a more effective global health system.

Keywords: COVID-19, pandemic, global health, One Health, IPHO, knowledge uptake, public settings, human-animal-environment interface, pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR), global disease emergence, consequences, evidence-based policies, implementation, guidance, deprogramming, global health system, potential risks, uncoordinated IPHO, lack of clear mandate, inadequate space, coordination challenges, parallel efforts, global scales, institutional reforms, more effective global health system.

Dans cet article en langue anglaise, les auteurs évaluent les avantages et les

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comprendre et traiter la

risques potentiels de la création d'un groupe intergouvernemental pour Une seule santé (« One health »). Selon eux, à l'instar du groupe d'experts intergouvernemental sur l'évolution du climat, un tel groupe faciliterait

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l'assimilation des connaissances dans l'élaboration des politiques par une approche multisectorielle, et permettrait ainsi de faire face à l'émergence et à la réémergence des maladies infectieuses à l'interface entre l'homme, l'animal et l'environnement.

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