



Amy Israel

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Biography

Amy Israel is an impact-driven leader with extensive experience enhancing healthcare across five continents through business, multilaterals, government and non-governmental organizations. She currently serves as the Senior Advisor, Access to Medicines for the Union for International Cancer Control's Access to Oncology Medicine Coalition where she has enabled access to 70 generic, innovative and biosimilar medicines for low- and middle-income countries in less than one year. As Vice President and Global Head of Oncology Policy & Health Systems at Novartis, Israel led efforts to improve cancer care access, earning a CEO award for creating a company-wide approach to address health systems barriers in pre-launch planning for priority medicines. She joined Novartis in 2018 to head global health and sub-Saharan Africa public affairs and was part of a five-member team designing a new business unit with patients as the target. Prior to Novartis, Israel led global health partnerships and thought leadership at Eli Lilly and Company, creating multi-million-dollar initiatives across eight countries to improve health outcomes for millions, resulting in over 100 peer-reviewed partner publications and models taken to national scale. Earlier in her career, Israel spearheaded health or policy initiatives in dozens of countries on behalf of nonprofit or international organizations. Examples include creating women's micro-enterprises in Mexico, HIV policy shaping in prisons, and designing new care pathways for drug-resistant tuberculosis in South Africa.

She has held numerous committee and advisory roles with entities such as the Private Sector Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Health Organization, the NCD Alliance, the NCD Roundtable, and former Executive Committee member of the Global Health Council Board of Directors. She is a current Executive Committee and Board member of ICASO and on the Strategic Advisory Council of the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. Israel holds a Master of Social Work in Community Organizing from the University of Michigan