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GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA WELCOMES CREATION OF GRAND CHALLENGES BRAZIL

Like Grand Challenges Canada, the New Brazilian Commitment Focuses on Innovation to Address Global Health Issues

Toronto, Canada. Dr. Peter A. Singer, CEO of Grand Challenges Canada, offers his congratulations to Grand Challenges Brazil and welcomes Brazil to the Grand Challenges family.

Brazil's Ministry of Health and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a strategic alliance on April 16 in Brasilia, Brazil to seek out innovative solutions to global health challenges. The first initiative of the alliance is the launch of Grand Challenges Brazil. The initial focus will be on women's and children's health.

"The world faces common challenges in global health." says Dr. Peter A. Singer, "The growing network of grand challenges organizations gives us a platform for tackling these challenges together. Rapidly growing economies like Brazil have a special role to play because they deeply understand the challenges and the innovation needed to tackle these issues."

Grand Challenges Canada was launched two years ago and is funded by the Government of Canada. Canada was the first country in the world to fund a grand challenges approach to development innovation.

"Grand Challenges Brazil can serve as a model for other emerging economies using innovation to tackle global challenges. The Grand Challenges approach acknowledges that innovation is the prelude to entrepreneurship, health, and prosperity." says Dr. Peter A. Singer. "Grand Challenges Canada looks forward to working with Grand Challenges Brazil in the months ahead."

For more information, visit grandchallenges.ca

About Grand Challenges Canada

Grand Challenges Canada focuses on bold ideas with big impact to improve the health and well-being of people in developing countries by integrating scientific, technological, business and social innovation. Grand Challenges Canada is funded by the Government of Canada through the Development Innovation Fund announced in the 2008 Federal Budget. Grand Challenges

Canada works with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and other global health foundations and organizations to find sustainable long-term solutions to the most pressing health challenges. Grand Challenges Canada is hosted at the Sandra Rotman Centre.

www.grandchallenges.ca

About Canada's International Development Research Centre

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development. IDRC also encourages sharing this knowledge with policymakers, other researchers and communities around the world. The result is innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most. As the Government of Canada's lead on the Development Innovation Fund, IDRC draws on decades of experience managing publicly funded research projects to administer the Development Innovation Fund. IDRC also ensures that developing country researchers and concerns are front and centre in this exciting new initiative.

www.idrc.ca

About Canadian Institutes of Health Research The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the Government of Canada's health research investment agency. CIHR's mission is to create new scientific knowledge and to enable its translation into improved health, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system. Composed of 13 Institutes, CIHR provides leadership and support to more than 14,100 health researchers and trainees across Canada.

CIHR will be responsible for the administration of international peer review, according to international standards of excellence. The results of CIHR-led peer reviews will guide the awarding of grants by Grand Challenges Canada from the Development Innovation Fund.

www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca

About Sandra Rotman Centre

The Sandra Rotman Centre is based at University Health Network and University of Toronto. We develop innovative global health solutions and help bring them to scale where they are most urgently needed. The Sandra Rotman Centre hosts Grand Challenges Canada.

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