Amy Israel

Amy Israel is an impact-driven leader with vast experience shaping the environment for improved access to healthcare. She's passionate about making the seemingly unattainable possible using coalitions as a vehicle and evidence-based decision making as a foundation. Amy is adept at tapping into diverse experiences across five continents in the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government and alongside multi-lateral organizations.

Most recently, Israel was the Vice President and Global Head of Oncology Policy & Healthcare Systems at Novartis, where she led policy and systems strengthening to drive access to cancer care. She spearheaded a company-wide effort to systematically address health systems barriers as part of medicine launch processes, and drove Novartis' involvement as the first pharmaceutical company to join the Access to Oncology Medicines Coalition with a patented medicine to enable access in low- and middle-income countries. Israel joined Novartis in 2018 to lead global health and sub-Saharan Africa public affairs.

At Eli Lilly and Company (2012-2018), Israel led global health partnerships and thought leadership, creating multi-million dollar partnerships across eight countries to improve health outcomes in noncommunicable and communicable diseases. This resulted in national scale of pilot programs and, over 100 partner publications in peer-reviewed journals while improving individual health for millions. Israel catalyzed health or policy initiatives in dozens of countries earlier in her career on behalf of NGOs or government. Examples include creating women's micro-enterprises in Mexico, shaping HIV policy while at the International AIDS Society, 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 was a former Executive Committee member of the Global Health Council Board of Directors. She sits 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. Amy joined the ICASO board in 2022.