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Ricardo Baptista Leite is the Founder & President of UNITE, a global network of parliamentarians committed to achieving political impact towards ending infectious diseases as a global health threat. Since 2011, Ricardo is a Member of the Portuguese National Parliament where he is, since the beginning of his third term, the Vice-President of the Social Democratic Party Parliamentary Board. He is also the National Spokesperson for Health of the Social Democratic Party.

A Medical Doctor trained in infectious diseases; Ricardo is also the Head of Public Health at Católica University of Portugal.

Ricardo is also the Vice President of the 'Parliamentary Network on The World Bank & International Monetary Fund', where he works directly with The World Bank Group and IMF. The network's mission is to provide a platform for parliamentarians around the globe to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in International Financial Institutions and multilateral development financing.

In April 2019, Ricardo became Global Ambassador of the 'G20 Health & Development Partnership' aimed at advising and advocating G20 countries on health policies aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In recognition of Ricardo's academic work and policy leadership in the field of hepatitis c, Ricardo was awarded by 'The Economist Intelligence Unit' as an 'HCV Change Maker' (2016). This acknowledgement was attributed to solely six people globally.