

WELCOME MESSAGE

WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT PRESIDENTS



WELCOME TO THE WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT 2021

This year, the World Health Summit will once again welcome hundreds of experts from a vast array of healthcare related fields. Together, they will address the enormous challenges currently facing global health.

As one of the world's leading strategic forums for global health, the World Health Summit brings together leaders from politics, science, medicine, the private sector, and civil society to drive forward the global agenda for a healthier future.

Comprising of a unique worldwide network of thirty leading academic medical institutions, the M8 Alliance serves as the World Health Summit's academic backbone. Together they act as catalysts, stimulating a vast range of diverse stakeholders to define and tackle imminent global health dilemmas.

In this context, the current COVID-19 pandemic shows just how crucial the improvement of global health is and how fundamental the strengthening of international and interdisciplinary cooperation remains. This year

COVID-19 and related topics such as pandemic preparedness, vaccine equity and UHC (plus many more) remain a central topic of the more than fifty keynote sessions, panel discussions, and workshops .

Ours are testing times for global health issues! The World Health Summit's vision has perhaps never been more topical and relevant: To improve health worldwide via collaboration and open dialogue, steering tomorrow's agenda towards the improvement of research, education, healthcare and policy outcomes.

In order to achieve this we must all act in solidarity to ensure worldwide impact. In doing so, we will simultaneously support the pivotal premise that health is a global public good. This is our goal, this is the task of the World Health Summit, and it is against this backdrop that I see my personal role as President.

On that note, we cordially welcome you to the 2021 World Health Summit and wish us all fruitful discussions that will facilitate real and sustainable impact.



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