

German Federal President Steinmeier, EU Commission President von der Leyen, Charité Virologist Drosten at the World Health Summit

COVID-19 and global health in focus

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The latest findings on COVID-19, new strategies in the global fight against pandemics, the role of Europe and WHO in global health will be the focus of this year's World Health Summit from October 25-27 in Berlin.

The international meeting will be officially opened on Sunday, October 25 at 06:00pm Berlin time by **German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**. Further speakers and information on the opening [here](#).

Please note the information on **accreditation and TV pool solution** below.

The 300 World Health Summit [speakers](#) include:

- Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal President, Germany
- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
- Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Jens Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- Marta Temido, Minister of Health, Portugal
- Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia
- António Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations (video message)
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization WHO
- Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations
- Christian Drosten, Head, Institute of Virology, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
- Heyo Kroemer, Chairman, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- Winnie Byanyima, Director, UNAIDS
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Nanette Cocero, President for Global Vaccine Development, Pfizer, USA
- Victor Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine, USA
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust
- Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- George F. Gao, Director, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi
- John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- Michael Ryan, Director of Emergency Relief, World Health Organization WHO

Due to current travel restrictions, not all speakers can attend on-site. Some will participate digitally.

All information on the program can be found in the interactive program planner:

<https://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020>

"A virus, infectious diseases or other health threats know no borders - that is why international, multilateral cooperation is so important," said **Prof. Detlev Ganten, President and Founder of the World Health Summit**.

Because of COVID-19, the [World Health Summit 2020](#) is a mixture of digital and on-site conference: All 50 keynotes, panel discussions and workshops are available live online. On-site attendance is limited due to COVID-19, hygiene and distance rules apply.

Participation in the digital World Health Summit is free of charge. Each session is accessible without registration via a link on www.worldhealthsummit.org or directly in the [program](#).

The [World Health Summit](#) is one of the world's most important strategic forums for global health and brings together leading international scientists, politicians, and representatives from industry and civil society. The forum was founded in 2009 to mark the 300th anniversary of Charité and is under the patronage of German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**, French President **Emmanuel Macron**, European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen** and **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General of the World Health Organization WHO.

Pressinformation: <https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit.html>

Accreditation:

The entire World Health Summit is open to the press, but due to COVID-19, places for journalists on-site are limited.

Press accreditation for on-site participation: www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/accreditation

End of accreditation: Wednesday, October 21.

Online participation in the World Health Summit is possible without accreditation.

Links are available at www.worldhealthsummit.org or www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020.

Important note:

For TV coverage of the opening of the World Health Summit on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 6:00 - 7:30pm Berlin time, a **TV pool** has been set up due to the strict COVID-19 regulations.

Phoenix and WeltN24 will provide pool pictures on request.

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