



The [World Health Summit](#) in Berlin is one of the world's most important strategic forums for global health and brings together leaders from politics, science, civil society, and the private sector to set the agenda for a healthier future.

The [World Health Summit](#) 2021 will take place from October 24-26 in Berlin and online with free digital access to the whole program. More than 300 speakers and 6,000 participants from around 100 countries take part in the World Health Summit, in Berlin and online.

Central Topics 2021:

- Vaccine Equity: A Call to Action
- Pandemic Preparedness: Lessons from COVID-19
- The Intersection of COVID-19 and Mental Health
- The Role of the European Union in Global Health
- WHO Council on the Economics of Health for All
- Unlocking Digital and AI Technologies for Health

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Speakers 2021 (among others):

- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
- Sanna Marin, Prime Minister, Finland
- Jens Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations (video)
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Charles Michel, President of the European Council
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Özlem Türeci, Chief Medical Officer, BioNTech
- Seth Berkley, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Agnès Callamard, Secretary General, Amnesty International
- Heyo Kroemer, CEO, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Jane Halton, Chair of the Board, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
- Bernd Montag, CEO, Siemens Healthineers
- Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Minister of State, Ministry of State, Senegal
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute
- Chikwe Ihekweazu, Incoming Assistant Director-General, WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International



- Paul Stoffels, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee & Chief Scientific Officer, Johnson & Johnson
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust
- Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Bill Anderson, CEO, Roche Pharmaceuticals
- Stefan Oelrich, Member of the Board of Management and Head of the Pharmaceuticals Division, Bayer AG, Germany
- Eckart von Hirschhausen, Physician and Comedian
- John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

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The World Health Summit was founded in 2009 to mark the 300th anniversary of Charité. In 2021 it is again held under the patronage of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

President of the World Health Summit is Axel R. Pries, Dean of Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. International President 2021 is Charles Ibingira, Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Uganda.

Goal of the World Health Summit:

Global health can only be improved by strengthening partnerships and international cooperation. That is why the World Health Summit actively facilitates and promotes the constructive exchange between stakeholders from all sectors in an environment of academic freedom. Leading experts from science, politics, industry and civil society discuss solutions for improving global health care. Each World Health Summit ends with the [M8 Alliance Declaration](#), a final statement with recommendations for action for international policymakers.

The [M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies](#) is the academic backbone of the World Health Summit and currently consists of 30 academic institutions in 20 countries, including the Association of National Academies of Medicine in 130 countries. The International Presidency of the World Health Summit rotates annually among the members of the M8 Alliance.

Prof. Dr. Axel R. Pries, World Health Summit President:

“Health needs to be a global public asset, this is one of the many things the COVID-19 pandemic has made absolutely clear. We need sustainable strategies for international health research cooperation, pandemic



preparedness and response. Responding to threats like COVID-19 requires a broad societal approach and worldwide collaboration among all sectors. We must act as a global community, this is in our common interest."

How to join the World Health Summit 2021:

Digital participation in the entire program is free and possible without prior registration. The individual Zoom links can be accessed directly in the program:

www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2021.

On-site participation is possible by invitation only. Due to COVID-19, the number of participants at the venue is limited and hygiene and distancing rules apply. Access to the venue can only be granted with proof of an EU-approved vaccination, recovery or a negative test not older than 24h.

Press accreditation for on-site participation:

www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/accreditation

End of accreditation: Wednesday, Oct. 20.

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

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Press information: www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit.html

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