

Annual Report

World Health Summit 2012 | October 21–24, Berlin, Germany

Research for Health and Sustainable Development

Aim

The World Health Summit is an international, multisectoral forum for health, which addresses the most pressing issues in the medical and healthcare field.

Goals

The goals of the World Health Summit are to strengthen the link between research, academic medicine and decision makers in all healthcare sectors, to build and strengthen a worldwide network for health and research, and to provide academic expertise for the Global Health agenda.

Summary

“Research for Health and Sustainable Development” was the theme of the World Health Summit 2012, articulating the urgent need to find novel solutions for non-communicable diseases and conditions of global concern, like obesity, diabetes, and mental illness.

Hence, central goals and demands are:

- 1** | Strengthening research capacity in low and middle-income countries
- 2** | Greater awareness and efficient programs for facing global economic risks and human suffering
- 3** | Improvement of the epidemiologic demographic transition
- 4** | Sustainable solutions for healthcare systems
- 5** | The transformation of the existing “sick care systems” into “healthcare systems” with an emphasis on prevention