

The [World Health Summit](#) is one of the world's leading strategic conferences 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 the Charité. In 2020 it is 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. [Read the Welcome Messages of the Patrons](#)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the [World Health Summit 2020](#) is a fully digital, interactive conference with cost-free availability of the entire program.

All 50 keynote sessions, panel discussions and workshops are broadcast live digitally. The individual Zoom links can be accessed at [www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org) or directly in the program: [www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020](http://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020).

#### [Program:](#)

The core topic of the World Health Summit 2020 is COVID 19: Current knowledge about the virus, new strategies in the worldwide fight against pandemics, the role of Europe and the WHO in global health. Other [topics](#): The UN sustainability goals SDGs, climate change and health or latest approaches in health research.

#### [Speakers:](#)

The World Health Summit 2020 welcomes 300 speakers, among others:

- 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
- Marta Temido, Minister of Health, Portugal
- Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia
- António Guterres, General-Secretary, United Nations
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization WHO
- Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Nanette Cocero, Global President Vaccines, 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, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization WHO

#### 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.

During the three-day summit, leading experts from science, politics, industry and civil society discuss solutions for improving global health care.

At the end of each World Health Summit, the "[M8 Alliance Declaration](#)", a final declaration with recommendations for action for international policymakers, is drafted.

The "[M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies](#)" is the academic backbone of the World Health Summit and currently consists of 28 academic institutions in 19 countries, including the association of National Academies of Medicine in 130 countries.



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**Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten**, President and founder of the World Health Summit:

"A virus, infectious diseases or other health threats know no borders - therefore international, multilateral cooperation is essential".

For journalists online participation is possible without accreditation.  
Links to each session are available via [www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org) or [www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020](http://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020).

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