World Health Summit with Federal President, EU Commission President, WHO Director-General and virologist Drosten begins

Covid-19 is the key issue, the entire program this year takes place exclusively online.

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The World Health Summit kicked off on Sunday morning - because of COVID-19 as a purely digital format, all sessions are exclusively online.

The focus of the three-day event: COVID-19.

The official opening event at 6:00pm with Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, UN Secretary-General António Guterres and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will be available as a livestream: www.worldhealthsummit.org

Video and audio can be used on request.

Further speakers and information: https://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/Session/WHS2020/KEY-01

All other 50 sessions will also be broadcast live digitally: The individual Zoom links are available cost-free on www.worldhealthsummit.org.

During all sessions, questions can be asked via the Zoom Q&A function, video and audio can be used on request.

All sessions will be available afterwards here: https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldHealthSummit1

Accreditation for media representatives is not required.

Among the 300 speakers of the World Health Summit (all data in CET):

- Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal President, Germany (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm)
- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm)
- Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (Oct. 27, 9:00 am & 11:00 am)
- Marta Temido, Minister of Health, Portugal (Oct. 26, 11:00 am)
- Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia (Oct. 26, 11:00 am)
- António Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm)
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization WHO (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm, Oct. 26, 9:00 am, Oct. 27, 4:00 pm)
- Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations (Oct. 27, 2:00 pm)
- Christian Drosten, Head, Institute of Virology, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany (Oct. 26, 2:00 pm, Oct. 27, 9:00 am)
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute, Germany (Oct. 25, 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm, Oct. 26, 9:00 am & 11:00 am)
- Winnie Byanyima, Director, UNAIDS (Oct. 25, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm)
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (Oct. 25, 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm, Oct. 27, 11:00 am)
- Nanette Cocero, President for Global Vaccine Development, Pfizer, USA (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm)
• Victor Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine, USA (Oct. 25, 4:00 pm)
• Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust (Oct. 27, 4:00 pm)
• George F. Gao, Director, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Oct. 25, 2:00 pm, Oct. 27, 2:00 pm)
• Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi (Oct. 25, 6:00 pm)
• John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Oct. 27, 11:00 am)
• Michael Ryan, Director of Emergency Relief, World Health Organization WHO (Oct. 27, 11:00 am)
• Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (Oct. 27, 4:00 pm)

The **World Health Summit** is one of the world’s most important strategic meetings on 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 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.

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