

WELCOME MESSAGE 2022

WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT PRESIDENT



WELCOME TO THE WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT 2022

In 2022, we cordially welcome you to a very special World Health Summit: For the first time, the World Health Summit and the World Health Organization (WHO) join forces to host the world's leading international, inclusive and inter-sectoral global health conference. Co-hosted by the WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros, WHS 2022 will bring together the most prominent names in global health from all sectors in all regions of the world.

We are expecting far more than 300 speakers and several thousand participants in Berlin and online. In 60 sessions, they will discuss new strategies for global health, set the course to tackle the imminent health threats and work for a healthier, more equitable future.

"Making the Choice for Health" will be the overarching theme of this year's agenda in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goal SDG 17 "Partnership for the Goals". Germany and the G7 nations declared "Healthy Lives" a top priority and emphasized the need to improve "Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response" as well

as "Global Health Architecture" at the G7 Summit this past June in Germany. In these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, an international security crisis, and increasing speed of climate change, working together across national or sectoral barriers is more relevant than ever.

The World Health Summit 2022 will provide a prime opportunity to find new solutions for health for all. We are thankful that the German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, one of the high patrons of the World Health Summit 2022, stresses the importance of global health by addressing the Summit at the opening ceremony.

I wish you all fruitful discussions and fresh insights at this special World Health Summit 2022 together with WHO!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Axel Pries'.

Axel Radlach Pries

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