

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Virologist Christian Drosten, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros at the World Health Summit 2020
COVID-19 and Global Pandemic Control in Focus

(Berlin, Aug 27, 2020) Current findings on COVID-19, new global strategies for pandemic control and prevention, the role of Europe and the WHO in global health will be the core [topics](#) of this year's World Health Summit from October 25-27 in Berlin.

"To combat health threats of this kind, we need better educational structures," says Prof. Detlev Ganten, President and Founder of the World Health Summit.

The around 300 [speakers](#) include:

- Ursula von der Leyen, President European Commission
- Jens Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- Marta Temido, Minister of Health, Portugal
- Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization WHO
- Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute
- Heyo Kroemer, Chairman, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- 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
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Michael Ryan, Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, WHO

Due to COVID-19, the [World Health Summit 2020](#) is a hybrid conference with digital and on-site participation: All 50 keynotes, panel discussions and workshops are broadcast live and are available online. On site, the number of participants is limited and hygiene and distancing rules apply.

Participation in the digital World Health Summit is free of charge and possible without registration; each session can be accessed via a link in the program.

<https://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2020>

There you will also find details on sessions, topics, and speakers.

The [World Health Summit](#) is one of the world's most important strategic forums for global health and brings together leading international scientists, politicians and representatives from industry and civil society. It was founded in 2009 to mark the 300th anniversary of the Charité and is held under the patronage of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French



WORLD
HEALTH
SUMMIT

OCTOBER 25-27, 2020
DIGITAL

SCIENCE · INNOVATION · POLICIES

President Emmanuel Macron, the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization WHO.

World Health Summit

October 25-27

Kosmos, Karl-Marx-Allee 131a, Berlin & Digital

www.worldhealthsummit.org

The World Health Summit is fully open to the press.

Press Accreditation: www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/accreditation

Press Information: www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit

Interview requests are gladly arranged.

Please note: Due to COVID-19, places for journalists on site are also limited.

Press Contact

Daniela Levy

Phone: +49 30 450 572 102

communications@worldhealthsummit.org