

## **World Health Summit: Lessons learnt from Covid-19, vaccine equity, climate change and health**

One of the world's most important forums on global health opens on October 24 in Berlin

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Global strategies for pandemic control and prevention, the role of Germany, Europe and the WHO in global health, vaccine equity as well as climate change and health will be the focal points of this year's World Health Summit, one of the most important international meetings for global health, taking place in Berlin and online. More than 6,000 participants and 300 speakers from around the world are expected, partly on-site and partly online. The entire program is available online, details on participation and accreditation can be found below.

The World Health Summit will be officially opened on Sunday, October 24 at 6:00 PM CET with, among others, **EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, German Minister of Health Jens Spahn, and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**. More information [here](#)

Speakers 2021 (among others):

- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
- Sanna Marin, Prime Minister, Finland
- Jens Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations (video)
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Charles Michel, President of the European Council
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Özlem Türeci, Chief Medical Officer, BioNTech
- Seth Berkley, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Agnès Callamard, Secretary General, Amnesty International
- Heyo Kroemer, CEO, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Jane Halton, Chair of the Board, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
- Bernd Montag, CEO, Siemens Healthineers
- Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Minister of State, Ministry of State, Senegal
- Lothar H. Wieler, President, Robert Koch Institute
- Chikwe Ihekweazu, Incoming Assistant Director-General, WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International
- Paul Stoffels, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee & Chief Scientific Officer, Johnson & Johnson
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust
- Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF



- Bill Anderson, CEO, Roche Pharmaceuticals
- Stefan Oelrich, Member of the Board of Management and Head of the Pharmaceuticals Division, Bayer AG, Germany
- Eckart von Hirschhausen, Physician and Comedian
- John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

More on [speakers](#) and [program](#)

Other press-relevant events at the World Health Summit:

- **Monday, 25.10., 11:00 AM CET**, Saal 6: Launch of The Lancet & Financial Times Commission Report „Governing Health Futures 2030: Growing up in a Digital World” More information: <https://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/Session/WHS2021/PD-13>
- **Tuesday, 26.10., 9:00 AM CET**, digital: Launch of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board Report 2021. More information: <https://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/Session/WHS2021/WS-16>
- **Tuesday, 26.10., 2:30 PM CET**, Saal 7: Signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Global Health Projects between Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) with Heyo Kroemer, Chairman of the Board, Charité and Christian Drosten, Head of Global Health and Director, Institute of Virology, Charité as well as Tanja Gönner, Spokesperson of the Board, GIZ and Elke Siehl, Head of Sector and Global Projects, GIZ

**Digital participation** in the World Health Summit is possible without prior registration. The Zoom links can be accessed directly in the respective sessions: [www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2021](http://www.conference.worldhealthsummit.org/Program/WHS2021)

All session recordings can be accessed after the conference under <https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldHealthSummit1>

**On-site participation** is limited and by invitation only due to COVID-19. Access to the venue will only be granted with proof of EU-approved vaccination, recovery or negative test, not older than 24 hours. On-site, hygiene and distancing rules apply.

The World Health Summit is one of the world’s most important strategic forums for global health and brings together leaders from politics, science, civil society, and the private sector, aiming to set the course for a healthier future. It was founded in 2009 to mark the 300th anniversary of Charité and is held 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). President of the World Health Summit is Axel R. Pries, Dean of Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin. International President 2021 is Charles Ibingira, Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Uganda.



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**Press information:** <https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit.html>

The entire World Health Summit is open to the press, but due to COVID-19, places for journalists on-site are limited.

**Accreditation:** [www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/accreditation](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/accreditation)

**End of accreditation: Wednesday, October 20.**

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Questions can be asked using the Q&A function and video and audio material can be used upon request. Source: World Health Summit

### **World Health Summit**

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