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The World Health Summit 2022 begins on Sunday

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The World Health Summit 2022, the world’s leading meeting for global health opens this Sunday, October 16 in Berlin. The three-day conference, co-hosted with the World Health Organization (WHO), will focus on topics like climate change and health, pandemic preparedness, food security, digital transformation, sustainable health systems, and the role of the G7 and the G20 in global health. More than 300 speakers from all regions of the world are expected, among them over 20 government representatives and ministers, representatives from academia, industry, civil society, and international organizations, as well as more than 6,000 participants on-site and online. The entire program is available for free online.

In the run-up WHO Director-General and WHS 2022 co-host Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that the COVID-19 pandemic had shown that “when health is at risk, everything is at risk. Health is therefore not a cost to be contained, but an investment to be nurtured; not a luxury for the rich, but a fundamental human right.” World Health Summit President Prof. Dr. Axel Pries, Dean of Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin stresses: “The time to act for a healthier future is now. Health everywhere in the world is an indispensable basis for secure and commendable societies.”

Speakers 2022 include:

- Olaf Scholz, Federal Chancellor, Germany
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Karl Lauterbach, Federal Minister of Health, Germany
- Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Bettina Stark-Watzinger, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany
- Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
- Jane Ruth Aceng Ocero, Former President, Liberia & Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of “Our Common Agenda,” United Nations
- Katsunobu Katō, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
- Charles Michel, President, European Council
- Didier Drogba, Former Soccer Player, Ivory Coast
- Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group
- Gordon Brown, Ambassador for Global Health Financing, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Christos Christou, International President, Doctors Without Borders
- Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director for Africa, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Seth Berkley, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust
- Marco Lambertini, Director-General, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) International
- Catherine Russell, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Carla Vizzotti, Minister of Health, Argentina

More on speakers and program
The official opening ceremony with German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz and other high-level speakers will take place on Sunday, October 16 at 6:00 PM CEST. More on the opening ceremony.

The final session with the title: Moving into the Future: Making the Political Choice for Health, will present central demands and will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 4:00 PM CEST. More on the final session.

Information on special press-relevant events during WHS 2022 and further press information are available in the press kit in the media center: https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/whs-2022/media-center.html

The World Health Summit 2022 will be the first joint World Health Summit co-hosted with WHO and will be held under the patronage of German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Aims of WHS 2022 are to strengthen exchange, stimulate innovative solutions to health challenges, foster global health as a key political issue and promote a global health conversation in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The entire World Health Summit is open to the press. Accreditation for on-site participation is closed. Digital participation is possible without accreditation. Zoom links are available in the online program and during WHS 2022 at www.worldhealthsummit.org. Video and audio material can be used upon request. Source: World Health Summit

Recordings of all 60 sessions: https://www.youtube.com/worldhealthsummit

For on-site participation, we will follow the state of Berlin’s COVID-19 regulations in effect at the time of the event.

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