World Health Summit kicks off with German Chancellor Scholz, numerous Government Officials, WHO Director-General Tedros

Global health in focus

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The World Health Summit 2022, the world's leading meeting for global health, began on Sunday morning in Berlin. For the first time it is co-hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO). Among the central topics are climate change and health, pandemic preparedness, sustainable health systems and the role of the G7 and 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.

The official opening ceremony takes place tonight at 6:00 PM CEST. Speakers include German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell, and via video UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

More on the opening ceremony

Livestream of the opening ceremony:
www.worldhealthsummit.org

Please find details on the use of video and audio material below.

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, Minister of Health, Uganda
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, 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
- Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Minister of State to the President, Senegal
- Axel R. Pries, World Health Summit President
- 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
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

Please also note the final session: "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

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, Senegal’s President Macky Sall, 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

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