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German Chancellor Scholz on Global Health: Networking and Good Cooperation Across National Borders are what Matter.

World Health Summit 2022 officially opened

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The World Health Summit 2022 was officially opened in Berlin on Sunday evening. The leading theme of the opening ceremony: Taking Global Health to a New Level.

At the opening ceremony, German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "Networking and good cooperation across national borders are what matter - especially in the field of global health. There needs to be an exchange between different scientific disciplines and also between science, politics and society. This is what the World Health Summit in Berlin stands for."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres stressed in his pre-recorded speech: "At this year's World Health Summit, let's move from alarm to action. And let's deliver the stronger health systems that every person deserves."

"The COVID-19 pandemic exposed, exploited and exacerbated the global health architecture as fractured and incoherent," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "Taking global health to a new level means we need a new global agreement based on a common vision, a new global health architecture that is coherent and inclusive, and a new global approach that prioritizes promoting health and preventing disease, rather than only treating the sick."

Sandra Gallina, Director-General for Health and Food Safety at the European Commission, highlighted: "These are times of deep and shared responsibility. The world needs urgent and collective action to overcome global health challenges – and the EU is ready to play a leading role in this effort through our upcoming EU Global Health Strategy."

World Health Summit President Axel Pries also called for international cooperation: "In these times, we must work together internationally in an unprecedented manner. Issues like global health, peace, and climate change and its consequences for health can only be addressed together and with mutual trust."

More opening ceremony speakers:

- Macky Sall, President & Chairperson, African Union, Senegal (Video)
- François Braun, Minister for Solidarity and Health, France
- Heyo K. Kroemer, CEO, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International
- Bill Gates, Co-Founder Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Video)
- Helga Mutasingwa, Global Youth Mobilization, Tanzania
- John Nkengasong U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State
- Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Mark Suzman, CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Axel R. Pries, President, World Health Summit
- Catharina Boehme, Chef de Cabinet, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Spring Gombe, Principal, Policy and Advocacy, Market Access Africa

More on the [opening ceremony](#)



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The World Health Summit 2022, which is being organized jointly with the World Health Organization (WHO) for the first time, is considered the world's leading meeting on global health. Well over 300 speakers from all regions of the world are expected: numerous government officials, representatives from academia, industry and civil society, as well as around 6,000 participants on-site and online. The entire program is available for free online.

On the second day of WHS 2022 speakers include (all times in CEST):

- Karl Lauterbach, Federal Minister of Health, Germany (11:00)
- Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany (9:00)
- Jane Ruth Aceng Oceru, Minister of Health, Uganda (9:00)
- Sandra Gallina, Director-General Health and Food Safety, European Commission (11:00)
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President, Liberia & Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of "Our Common Agenda," United Nations (11:00)
- Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization (WHO) (11:00)
- Gordon Brown, Ambassador for Global Health Financing, World Health Organization (WHO) (16:00)
- Seth Berkley, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (9:00)
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust (11:00)

More on [speakers and program](#)

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

Please especially note the Polio Pledging Moment on Tuesday, October 18, 12:30 PM CEST: KEY 05 - Investing in a Polio-free Future for More Resilient Health Systems More on [the session](#) and [the initiative](#)

The World Health Summit 2022 is 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 find 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, wearing an FFP2 mask is mandatory.



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