“Make Global Health a Political Choice”
World Health Summit 2022 ends with clear demands.

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The World Health Summit ended this afternoon after three days with 404 speakers and 61 different sessions. The leading international meeting for global health was jointly organized together with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Around 60,000 participants worldwide took part online via the World Health Summit and WHO channels. More than 4,100 participants from 141 countries were on site in Berlin. Over 30 ministers from around the world were among the speakers. There were more women speakers than men speakers: 203 of the speakers were women, 201 were men.

The opening ceremony on Sunday, October 16, was followed via livestream around the world by more than 40,000 participants and by 2,500 people on-site in Berlin.

The last day focused on the Polio Pledging Event and the final session of the World Health Summit 2022. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative announced pledges of $2.6 billion to eradicate polio at the summit.

"No place is safe until polio has been eradicated everywhere”, stated Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development. “We now have a realistic chance to eradicate polio completely, and we want to jointly seize that chance.”

"We are all acutely aware of the multiple overlapping crises around the world that are causing preventable death and disease, and depriving people of access to the health services they need,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "Certainly they are many, they are large, and they are complex. But they are not insurmountable. This year’s World Health Summit has been a powerful demonstration of the ever-increasing energy and commitment to meeting these challenges and overcoming them."

“During the first joint World Health Summit with WHO, we witnessed an exceptional energy and commitment towards our goal of Making Global Health a Political Choice”, stated World Health Summit President Axel Pries. “I urge all decision-makers worldwide to take this decision and ensure a healthy life for all on a healthy planet."

On the agenda of the World Health Summit 2022 were topics like climate change and health, pandemic preparedness, food security, digital transformation, sustainable health systems, investments in health and well-being, and the role of the G7 and G20 in global health. More on speakers and program

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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: 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.

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