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## **World Health Summit kicks off in Berlin**

Experts from around the world meet at the most important forum on global health

*Berlin, October 15, 2023*

The World Health Summit 2023, the world's leading meeting for global health, began Sunday morning in Berlin. The three-day conference will focus on topics such as climate change and health, pandemic prevention, digital technologies for providing healthcare worldwide, the G7 and G20 priorities in global health and 75 years of WHO. From October 15 to 17, leading international representatives from politics, academia, industry and civil society will discuss the most important issues under the theme "A Defining Year for Global Health Action". Well over 300 speakers from around the world, including around 20 ministers, are expected to join.

The entire program will be available live online for free for people who may not be able to attend the event in person.

The official opening ceremony takes place tonight at 6:00 PM CEST. Speakers on stage will include German Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach, Ayoade Alakija, medical doctor from Nigeria and WHO Special Envoy, Youth Envoy to the President of the UN 27th Climate Change Conference (COP27) Omnia El Omrani, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who will join live digitally, as well as Christina Chilimba, founder of a youth organization in Malawi. Among others, the Prime Minister of Barbados as well as the French and Japanese Ministers of Health will participate with video messages.

More on the [opening ceremony](#)

Livestream for the opening ceremony: [www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org)

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

Speakers include:

- 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
- Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International
- Kevin Ali, CEO, Organon



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- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Omnia El Omrani, Youth Envoy to the President, 27th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27)
- Sunao Manabe, Executive Chairperson and CEO, Daiichi Sankyo

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

The entire World Health Summit 2023 is open to the press.

Information for media representatives as well as an overview of special press-relevant events is available in the press kit:

[www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit.html](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/media/presskit.html)

All livestream links are available in the respective session in the [online program](#) and during WHS 2023 at [www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org). Video and audio material can be used upon request. Credit: World Health Summit

The recordings of all session will be afterwards be available here:

[www.youtube.com/worldhealthsummit](http://www.youtube.com/worldhealthsummit)

The World Health Summit is the world's leading international strategic forum on global health. The WHS 2023 is once again held under the patronage of the German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, the French President Emmanuel Macron, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The World Health Summit strengthens collaboration and open dialogue guided by science, fosters global health as a key political issue and promotes the global health debate in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. President of the World Health Summit is Axel R. Pries, International President 2023 is Adnan Hyder, Senior Associate Dean for Research, Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, USA.

### **World Health Summit 2023**

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