



A Defining Year for Global Health Action

A new edition of the World Health Summit brings us together this year, after key UN High-level Meetings and deliberations of the G7 and G20 were held over the last few months. I am delighted to be a Patron alongside Chancellor Olaf Scholz and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

As our world is shaken by multiple crises, our work to enhance cooperation, coordination and solidarity at the international level is more important than ever, in order to be better able to face future health threats and emergencies, together. No government or multilateral organization can face such threats alone. Only resilient health systems can help us achieve health sovereignty in all countries, a full-fledged prerequisite for global health security.

If we want to be efficient in tackling health challenges, we have to accelerate our cooperation on other pressing global issues, climate change, conflicts, population growth, and urbanization. This is why I believe strongly in a multi-disciplinary One Health approach, as human, animal and environmental health are fundamentally interconnected. This comprehensive approach is at the core of France's global health strategy for 2023-2027, in line with the European Union's Global Health Strategy.

One area where investments cannot wait: human resources, which are the very backbone of our health systems and a key element of our defense against future pandemics. This is why we have been supporting the WHO Academy in Lyon, to provide on-site and remote training of thousands of healthcare professionals around the world.

Achieving this ambitious agenda requires stepping up investments, in the spirit of the Paris Pact for People and the Planet which emerged in Paris last June when close to 100 countries met and agreed that no country should have to choose between fighting

poverty and fighting for the planet, stressing that each country should be able to follow its own transition path. This implies more public investment, relying in particular on more efficient multilateral development banks, and a better leverage on the private sector.

Our ambition: a world where vulnerable countries are better equipped to face future crises, including pandemics, and where we can guarantee the fundamental right to health for all.

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Emmanuel Macron
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