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World Health Summit 2024 kicked off: “Building Trust for a Healthier World”

Experts from around the world meet in Berlin at the leading global health forum

Berlin, October 13, 2024

On Sunday morning, the 16th annual World Health Summit started in Berlin. For three days, the event will focus on the future of global health under the motto: “Building Trust for a Healthier World”. More than 350 speakers and over 3,500 participants from around the world are expected to attend, including numerous ministers, government officials and representatives from science, the private sector, civil society and international organizations.

The official WHS Opening Night with Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Heyo K. Kroemer, CEO of Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Axel R. Pries, World Health Summit President, and others takes place at 6:00 PM CEST.

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The central event of the WHS 2024 is on Monday, 14., at 6:00 PM CEST. The presentation of the WHO Investment Round “All for Health, Health for All: Signature Event for the WHO Investment Round”, the largest international pledging moment so far for the WHO Investment Round. Among the confirmed speakers are Chancellor Olaf Scholz, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Bill Gates, Chair of the Gates Foundation and John-Arne Røttingen, CEO of Wellcome Trust. Numerous health ministers from various countries, including Germany, Norway, and France, are also expected to attend.

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On this first day of WHS 2024, the focus is on topics like health crises.

Federal Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach emphasized the importance of speaking with one voice: “For us, the brokers of scientific knowledge, we have to speak the same language.”

Jeremy Farrar, Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO) called for consistent and sustained efforts to build trust, highlighting its fragile nature: “Trust is also built in years and can be lost in an instant. You don’t build trust on a Tuesday when you want it. You build trust by providing good things for people, every Monday, every Tuesday, every Wednesday and not just in a crisis.”

Further WHS 2024 speakers include

- Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Jan Christian Vestre, Minister of Health, Norway
- Geneviève Darrieussecq, Minister of Health, France
- Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, Minister of Health, Malawi
- Spyridon-Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Health, Greece
- Sania Nishtar, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- Elhadj As Sy, Chair, Kofi Annan Foundation
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Victor J. Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine (NAM)



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- Karen DeSalvo, Chief Health Officer, Google
- Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet

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The main program of the World Health Summit is open to the press.

The entire program with over 60 sessions will also be available live online for free for people around the world who may not be able to attend the event in person at www.worldhealthsummit.org. Online participation is possible without prior registration. Video and audio material can be used upon request. Source: World Health Summit

The session recordings will be available here:

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The World Health Summit is the international platform for global health. It brings together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future and well-being for all. The World Health Summit strengthens exchange, stimulates innovative solutions to health challenges, fosters global health as a key political issue, and promotes the global health debate in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The World Health Summit as a conference and strategic forum takes place every year in October in Berlin and was founded in 2009 at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin. The President of the World Health Summit is Prof. Axel R. Pries, the International Presidents 2024 are Prof. Sophia Zoungas and Prof. Christina Mitchell, Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

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