

M8 Alliance Key Messages

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*Translation, Transition, Transformation—
these were the key words that set the tone of this year's
World Health Summit*

The World Health Summit 2010 was a great success thanks to the many lively talks and discussions led by many high-profile leaders from academia, politics, economy and civil society. More than 1200 participants from over 80 nations gathered in Berlin to search for cross-sectoral solutions to some of the most pressing health challenges of the next years. Among those were the increasing rate of non-communicable diseases in high- and low-income countries with their impact on the MDGs, financing models for health systems, the US and European Global Health Programs, the sophisticated use of information technologies to improve access as well as quality and efficiency of health care. Health requires strong and well-coordinated international efforts said Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal and current UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis, when he launched his new StopTB campaign at the World Health Summit.

The discussions led to results and the results were transformed into key messages to serve governments, academic institutions and leaders from the private sector as recommendation and roadmap for the future.

Key Messages:

- 1 |** Health is the most vulnerable value that reacts to changes of our environments and societies—and it remains the most universally agreed human right.
- 2 |** The key element is the cross-sectoral approach of academic medicine, governments, industry, and civil society. Academia has to take on responsibility and leadership for the transition of our natural and social environments by developing innovative healthcare delivery models.
- 3 |** We have to protect and develop our medical innovation capacities and translate our increasing scientific competence into prevention and improved treatment of diseases across global regions. We have to develop the cultural requirements to actively transform agendas and collaborative efforts in policy, industry, and science into better medicine and healthcare.