The world is confronting widespread, concurrent, and profound global health emergencies. Non-communicable diseases have become a significant challenge to health and sustainable development; as climate change accelerates, some existing health threats intensify and new ones emerge; and governments face uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk of future variants and surges and continue to grapple with its lasting health, social and economic impacts. To advance equity in health, there is an urgent need for an activist public health movement and political will to address racism and racial justice, gender equality, including the prioritization of women’s health and gender equity in the health workforce, challenges to achieving universal health coverage (UHC), and marginalization and exclusion from rapidly advancing technology and innovation.

2023 marks a critical inflection point of sustained leadership, intentionality, and strategic and assertive engagement in global health. This year, major leaders such the international Group of Seven (G7) and the Group of Twenty (G20) will gather to discuss health, and the United Nations will convene three separate high-level meetings on pandemic preparedness, UHC and Tuberculosis. And the World Health Summit, a unique international strategic forum for global health, will bring together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future by inspiring innovative solutions for better health and wellbeing for all.

Under the theme of "Bridging the Science to Policy Gap for Global Health," the US-based members of the M8-Alliance under the leadership of the WHS International President Professor Adnan Hyder of Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, are hosting the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2023 (WHS 2023 USA DC) on April 13th in Washington, D.C. This regional meeting will be held in partnership with the annual conference of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH 2023), and the Global Innovation Forum organized by the Association of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI).

Date and Venue
April 13, 2023
Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, District of Columbia, 20009 USA

ONE DAY
13 SESSIONS
LIVESTREAM:
all sessions of the main program will be digitally available, cost-free
The WHS 2023 USA DC will continue the momentum from the WHS 2022, where the overarching theme was “Making the Choice for Health.” To continue and deepen these discussions, as well as build a foundation for the 2023 World Health Summit in Berlin, the WHS 2023 USA DC agenda will address topics that will promote stronger linkages between research, policy and practice and stimulate effective solutions to health challenges.

In addition, the programs includes special morning sessions on young professionals in global health and rules of engagement for private sector. During these discussions of ways in which global health practitioners can work across sectors to develop comprehensive and innovative solutions, the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities, and National Academies will continue to serve as the academic backbone and think tank for the WHS.

**Current Program**

**Registration**
8:00 - 9:00 AM

**Parallel Morning Sessions**
9:00 - 10:30 AM
- Special Mini-Summit: Emerging Leaders in a Globalized World
- Workshop: Private Sector and Commercial Determinants of Health: Rules of Engagement
- Special Meeting: The Transatlantic Alliance and Health
- Joint Session with AAHCI: Leadership at the Academic Health Center

Coffee and Networking
10:30 - 11:00 AM

**Welcome and Opening Ceremony**
11:00 – 11:30 AM

**Plenary:** Global Health in a Political World
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch and Networking
1:00 – 2:00 PM

**Parallel Panel Discussions**
2:00 - 3:30 PM
- Climate Change, Pandemics & Social Determinants of Health
- Confronting the Burden of NCDs: A Universal Health Coverage Challenge
- Gender and Power: Equity at Work
- Joint Session with AAHCI: The Role of Academic Health Centers to Improve Public Health Outcomes in Local Communities

Coffee and Networking
3:30 - 4:00 PM

**Parallel Panel Discussions**
4:00 - 5:30 PM
- Racism in Global Health: Difficult Conversations
- Technology for Global Health: Harnessing Innovations with Equity
- Sustainable Giving for Global Health: Strategic Pathways
- Joint Session with AAHCI: Migration and the Health Workforce -Shortages, Emigration, and Regional Impact
Speakers
High-level experts from governments, multilateral agencies, funders, nongovernmental organizations, and academic institutions will speak at the meeting. A comprehensive list is provided on our website. Some of our confirmed speakers include:

- **Dr. Jarbas Barbosa**, Director, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- **Dr. Caroline Bollars**, Senior Advisor, World Health Organization, Office at the European Union
- **Ms. Beth Cameron**, Senior Advisor for Global Health Security, USAID
- **Dr. Pamela Das**, Senior Executive Editor, Lancet
- **Dr. Roopa Dhatt**, Executive Director, Women in Global Health
- **Dr. Oxana Domenti**, World Health Organization Representative to European Union, World Health Organization
- **Dr. Victor Dzau**, President, National Academy of Medicine
- **Ms. Sandra Gallina**, Director General of Health and Food Safety (SANTE), European Commission
- **Dr. Lynn R. Goldman**, Dean, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health
- **Dr. Garth Graham**, Director and Global Health, Healthcare and Public Health at Google/Youtube
- **Dr. Anselm Hennis**, Director, Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health, Pan American Health Organization and World Health Organization
- **Dr. Matthew Hepburn**, Senior Adviser, Office of Science and Technology Policy, White House
- **Professor Charles Ibingira**, Principal, Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Uganda
- **Professor Ilona Kickbusch**, Founding Director and Chair, International Advisory Board of the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute
- **Dr. Hans Kluge**, Director, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
- **Dr. J. Stephen Morrison**, Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Dr. Axel Pries**, President, World Health Summit and Former Dean, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Medical Center, Berlin
Goals
In a space that allows for different perspectives and free exchange, the WHS 2023 USA DC will aim to set the course to bridge the gap between science-based evidence and policy and build a healthier, more equitable future. The meeting will strive to:

• Highlight the essential role of evidence-based science for the development of global health policy

• Improve health worldwide

• Bring together stakeholders from all sectors and all regions of the world

• Facilitate open dialogue

• Strengthen international cooperation

Participants
• Leading scientists and medical professionals

• CEOs from industry and civil society

• Ministers and civil servants

• High-ranking officials at international organizations

• Young professionals and students

• Participants expected to be 500+ onsite and 1,000+ Online

World Health Summit Community
30,000+ individuals from 10,000+ organizations

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