



World Health Summit 2011 – Facts in a nutshell

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Venue: Campus Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus, Luisenstraße 58/59, 10117, Berlin, Germany
Presidents 2011: Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten, Prof. Dr. Steve Wesselingh
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Organization & Support:

- **Patronage:** Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel (Germany) and President Nicolas Sarkozy (France)
- **Organization:** by Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin together with the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers and National Academy Leopoldina, as well as the 60 most important National Academies, the WHO and the EU
- **Participants:** **Approximately 1.200 participants** from more than 80 nations: leading representatives and decision makers from science, academia, private sector and civil society, high-ranking politics

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Background & Aim

Health is a fundamental human right (UN Declaration 1948). It is of utmost importance for individuals and all societies. Despite the immense rate of progress we are facing in the medical sciences, we are lagging enormously behind. At present more than half of the world's population is not receiving proper medical care. The summit will address the most urgent challenges in medical research, global health and health care delivery with the aim of providing the results and recommendations to decision-makers from all relevant fields.

This is an ambitious objective in an increasingly complex environment of globalization and international interdependency. Taking a cross-sectoral approach, the World Health Summit 2011 will therefore, for the third time, bring together leading figures from the fields of science, politics, economics and civil society in order to stimulate networking and the sharing of ideas. By close collaboration in analyzing today's evidence and by extensively sharing international experience and debate, the summit seeks to structure tomorrow's agenda.

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The M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers and Medical Universities

“The M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers and Medical Universities” was founded on occasion of the first World Health Summit in 2009. It is a network of prestigious medical institutions dealing with scientific, political, and economic issues related to medicine and public health, together with stakeholders from politics, society, non-governmental institutions and industry worldwide. This international network gives the World Health Summit an outstanding academic background. The M8 Alliance was created as a permanent and sustainable platform for framing future considerations of global medical developments and health challenges. After the World Health Summit 2010, Sao Paulo University and National University of Singapore joined the network. With the accession of the two prestigious academic institutions, the M8 Alliance now consists of twelve members from five continents.

List of M8 Alliance Members:

- **Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany**
- **Imperial College, London, United Kingdom**
- **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA**
- **Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan**
- **Monash University, Australia**
- **NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Singapore**
- **Peking Union Medical College and Hospital and Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, China**
- **Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, Russian Federation**
- **Sorbonne Paris Cité, France**
- **University of Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- **InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP)**
- **Association of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI)**

Focus Topics of the World Health Summit 2011

- **Bridging Health Gaps with Vaccines**
- **Research for Neglected Diseases of Poverty**
- **Promoting Health - Preventing Non-Communicable Diseases**
- **Global Mental Health**
- **Climate Change and Health**
- **Public Health Response to Mega-Disasters**



Speakers at the World Health Summit 2011 (Selection)

- **Sheikh Hasina** (Prime Minister of Bangladesh)
- **Dirk Niebel** (German Federal Minister for Economic Development and Cooperation)
- **Annette Schavan** (German Federal Minister for Education and Research)
- Klaus Wowereit (Governing Mayor of Berlin)
- **Michel Sidibé** (Executive Director, UNAIDS)
- **Unni Karunakara** (President, International Council of MSF)
- **Hans-Joachim Schellnhuber** (Director, Potsdam Institute of Climate Change Impact)
- **Zsuzsanna Jakab** (Director, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe)
- **Dagfinn Høybråten** (Chairman of the Board, GAVI, former Norwegian Minister of Health)
- **Hermann Requardt**, (CEO, Siemens Healthcare)
- **Michel Kazatchkine** (Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria)
- **Richard Horton** (Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet)
- **Joseph Yieleh Chireh** (Minister of Health, Ghana)
- **Mickey Chopra** (Chief of Health, UNICEF)
- **Tikki Pang** (Director, World Health Organization, Switzerland)
- **Bernard Pécoul** (Executive Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDI), Switzerland)
- **Peter Piot** (Director, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK)
- **Ruhal Haque**, Minister of Health Bangladesh
- **Modou Diagne Fada**, Minister of Health, Senegal
- **Marie Bashir**, Governor New South Wales, Australia
- **Ilona Kickbusch** (Director, Global Health Programme, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Chair, Global Health Europe, Switzerland)



Presentation of Tracks and Topics 2011

The World Health Summit 2011 will take place under the motto “Today’s Science – Tomorrow’s Agenda” and will focus on the following topics: *Today’s Science, Research and Innovation, Strengthening Health Systems, Tomorrow’s Agenda*.

▪ **Today’s Science: Adapting research agendas to increasing challenges**

We are living in an extraordinary period of history. Never before has our world experienced such progress in research and powerful technology not only to fight diseases but to prevent them, improving the quality of life worldwide. At the same time, our world is experiencing tough challenges such as the rapid increase of non-communicable diseases and mental illness in addition to the still raging epidemics of HIV, TB and malaria. The health effects of climate change are already being felt as the warming of the planet influences both the distribution of food and water and of vector-borne diseases.

In 2011, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Foster the collaboration of different stakeholder groups to develop joint solutions
- Develop international and cross-sectoral strategies for the adaptation of research agendas to these increasing challenges

▪ **Research and Innovation: Reorganization of the academic system to increase efficiency**

Medical advances only arise from collaboration and mutual understanding between academia and healthcare, politics and the private sector. The academic community is aware of its responsibility to deliver results based on a strong collaborative approach to improve global health. This comprises basic and preclinical research and the development of new therapies, but also increasingly the delivery of health services. The burning medical questions and health issues of our time need immediate scientific answer without delay.

In 2011, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Discuss the reorganization of the academic system to increase translational efficiency between academic medicine, industry, and the operational actors of the health care system
- Develop strategies for the acceleration of the innovation process
- Evolve mechanisms and collaboration models to fight counterfeit drugs

▪ **Strengthening Health Systems: Strong healthcare as the basis of all development**

Governments around the world are struggling with the challenges of providing good healthcare under condition of increasing financial constraints. Evidence on which to base sound rational decisions is of short supply. Critical shortages, an inadequate skill-mix and an uneven geographical distribution of the health workforce pose major barriers to achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



In 2011, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Share knowledge on how to promote public health education and adequate training of the health workforce
- Discuss the both potential of information and communication technologies and the responsibility of society and media for the promotion of health and prevention of diseases

▪ **Tomorrow's Agenda: Health governance**

Good health governance has always been of the utmost importance. No country has yet discovered an ideal health-service model and evidence in this field is still weak. Therefore the links between evidence and policy on all levels (national and international) must be strengthened

In 2011, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Consider how to shape models of health collaboration and surveillance systems most effectively to tackle global health challenges such as the increase of non-communicable diseases and the health consequences of climate change and urbanization
- Discuss ways to control the various structural, socio-structural and economic determinants of health