

WELCOME MESSAGE

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT 2019

When it comes to global health, each of us must act, but we can do very little alone. From climate change to noncommunicable diseases, basic research to universal health coverage, some of the biggest health challenges of our time affect people everywhere and require collaboration across borders. At the World Health Summit, voices from all over the world come together to do just that.

Improving health is something we can all agree on, and the World Health Summit is a platform where everyone pursuing this goal can exchange ideas freely. After a successful Regional Meeting in Iran, we look forward to carrying this momentum and spirit of international cooperation forward.

It's not just geographic borders we need to reach across. Every sector of society must be involved in creating a healthier future. Scientists, policymakers,

healthcare workers, businesses, and civil society must combine their expertise and coordinate resources. Together, we can expedite progress. We can ensure more people benefit from new and existing therapies, improved healthcare systems, and insights about social and environmental determinants of health.

Health is a human right, and is critical not only for SDG3, but central to all the Sustainable Development Goals. We welcome the prominent position that health topics have assumed on the the G7 and G20 agendas, and we are glad to see the World Health Organization receiving more support and other key organizations playing an increasingly coordinated role in supporting the United Nations in achieving these goals.

From ministers and international organizations to local actors and students, we are all here to take responsibility for shaping the future of the global health agenda. On behalf of the World Health Summit and our wonderful academic backbone, the M8 Alliance, we wish everyone fruitful discussions, meaningful insights, and strengthened collaborations for global health at the World Health Summit 2019 in Berlin.

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