

## World Health Summit 2013

The World Health Summit 2013, held from October 20 – 22 in the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, convened more than 1,000 participants from over 80 countries. Another 1,200 visitors from almost 90 countries followed the sessions digitally via live-stream on the Summit’s website and social networks.

Representatives from all health-relevant sectors, including academia, politics, the private sector, and civil society harnessed the 5th World Health Summit to foster intense discussions. Irrespective of sectorial origins, it was mutually agreed that only timely joint action can overcome obstacles towards improving health worldwide.

This consensus was supported by the M8 Statement, released on Tuesday, October 22, emphasizing the need of policies to be “rigorously guided by evidence to reduce the intolerable burden of disease”. The whole M8 Statement is available in its entirety to download at: [http://bit.ly/M8\\_Statement\\_Berlin](http://bit.ly/M8_Statement_Berlin)

The Summit was ceremonially opened by the keynote lectures of José Manuel Barroso (*President, European Commission*), Guido Westerwelle (*Foreign Minister, Germany*), Daniel Bahr (*Minister of Health, Germany*), Aaron Ciechanover (*Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry, 2004*), Annette Grueters-Kieslich (*Dean, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin*), and Christopher Viehbacher (*CEO, Sanofi*).

The three days brought additional keynotes and fruitful discussions led, among others, by:

- Hanny-Sherry Ayitey  
*Minister Of Health, Ghana*
- Hans Rudolf Herren  
*Right-Livelihood-Award, 2013*
- Ali Hyasat  
*Minister of Health, Jordania*
- Marie-Paule Kieny  
*Assistant-Director General, WHO*
- Hasso Plattner  
*Co-founder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board, SAP AG*
- José Ramos-Horta  
*Peace Noble Prize Laureate, 1996, former President of Timorleste*
- Jeanette Vega  
*Managing Director of Health, The Rockefeller Foundation*

Central topics were addressed in four major areas:

1. Research and Innovation
  2. Education and Leadership
  3. Evidence to Policy
  4. Global Health for Development
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### Media

The sessions held in the prestigious Weltsaal and Europasaal, including all keynote lectures and the press conference, have been recorded and are available at:

[www.worldhealthsummit.org/press-media/video/](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/press-media/video/)

With more than 100 representatives of international newspapers, broadcasting services, and radio stations visiting the WHS to report and participate, the media-response was immense and created a highly visible additional outlet for topics and discussions:

[www.worldhealthsummit.org/press-media/in-the-media/](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/press-media/in-the-media/)

### Regional Meeting São Paulo

On the final day of the Summit, an outlook to the WHS Regional Meeting Latin America São Paulo was offered. The meeting will be held from April 6 – 8, 2014, at the University of São Paulo Medical School.

It will be the second WHS Regional Meeting, following the highly successful inaugural WHS Regional Meeting Asia in Singapore in April 2013.

### Patronage

The World Health Summit 2013 was held under the high patronage of Angela Merkel (*Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany*), François Hollande (*President of the French Republic*), and José Manuel Barroso (*President of the European Commission*).

Underpinned by the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies, the annual World Health Summit is organized by Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin in collaboration with the National Academies of Sciences.

### Save the date:

**World Health Summit 2014**

October 19 – 21

Berlin

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