The World Health Summit is one of the world’s most prominent forums for global health and draws international experts from academia, politics, the private sector, and civil society to Berlin. The conference takes place within an atmosphere of academic freedom and is the premiere platform for exploring strategic developments and decisions in the area of healthcare. The World Health Summit was founded in 2009 on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Berlin’s Charité Hospital.

Patronage

The World Health Summit is traditionally held under the patronage of:

Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic
Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

Participants and Network

The World Health Summit community is a fast-growing network of 20,000+ opinion leaders and health protagonists from over 120 countries and 7,500 organizations.

The interdisciplinary conference attracts international experts from every health-related sector, including:

• Leading scientists
• Nobel laureates
• Ministers
• CEOs from industry and civil society
• High-ranking UN, WHO and NGO officials

Topics 2018

• Health Systems Strengthening
• Public Health in the Genomic Era
• Vaccine Production and Delivery
• Mental Health as a Global Health Priority
• Antimicrobial Resistance
• Counterfeit and Sub-Standard Medicines
• Migrants and Refugees
• From Nanotechnology to Artificial Intelligence

M8 Alliance

The M8 Alliance is a unique network of 25 leading international academic health centers, universities and research institutions from 18 countries, including the InterAcademy Partnership, which represents all National Academies of medicine and science. The M8 Alliance acts as an academic think-tank for the World Health Summit.

In addition to the annual World Health Summit in October in Berlin, the M8 Alliance organizes the World Health Summit Regional Meeting each spring and Expert Meetings in different parts of the world.

Initiatives

• Startup Track
• New Voices in Global Health
• IAP Young Physician Leaders
• Next Generation of Science Journalists-Award

Session Formats

Keynote
• 90 minutes
• Max. 5 speakers
• Up to 800 participants

Panel Discussion
• 90 minutes
• Max. 6 speakers
• Up to 300 participants

Workshop
• 90 minutes
• Max. 6 speakers
• Up to 250 participants

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