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The World Health Summit promotes thought leadership in science and advances global health agendas. It was founded in 2009 on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Berlin’s Charité Hospital. The international conference is traditionally held under the patronage of the German Chancellor, the President of the Republic of France, and the President of the European Commission. In addition to the World Health Summit in October in Berlin, there are annual Regional Meetings in spring and Expert Meetings around the world.

**FACTS**

**3 DAYS · 100 NATIONS · 300 SPEAKERS · 2,500 PARTICIPANTS**

**Participants**
- 2,500 from 100 countries and 1,200 different international organizations
- 4,000 via live-stream

**Goals**
- Improve health worldwide
- Bring together stakeholders from all sectors
- Strengthen international cooperation

**Results**
- M8 Alliance Declaration
- Statements and recommendations for national academies, governments and international organizations
- Session reports

**Sector Affiliation**
- Academia: 37%
- Politics: 20%
- Civil Society: 27%
- Industry: 16%

**Origins**
- International: 52%
- Germany: 48%

**Gender Balance**
- Participants: 50% Male, 50% Female
- Speakers: 65% Male, 35% Female

**PATRONAGE**

**ANGELA MERKEL**
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

**EMMANUEL MACRON**
President of the Republic of France

**JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER**
President of the European Commission

“Over the years, the World Health Summit has become a major forum for addressing global health issues in a cross-cutting manner by bringing together all relevant stakeholders on an international level.”

“It is my great pleasure to offer my patronage once more to the World Health Summit, and to congratulate you on reaching the important milestone of your ten year anniversary. The World Health Summit is in good health!”

“The international community has set itself the goal of ensuring that every woman, man, and child in the world has the chance of a healthy life. The World Health Summit shows that this goal does not have to remain a mere wish.”
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Investing in Health and Education
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Expanding Rights and Access
SDG 3.8 envisions that by 2030 all people can use health services of sufficient quality without facing financial hardship. Despite strong international support, country level financing and implementation remains challenging. Multi-sectoral approaches are key for generating political will for investment in UHC and driving reforms.

The Future of Health Policy in the G7/G20:
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Healthcare has developed into a key policy issue at national and international levels. In 2019, the G20 in Osaka will include a meeting of health ministers set to cover topics like health security and antimicrobial resistance as well as a joint forum of finance and health ministers. The health governance issues inherent in the SDGs have underlined how increasing financial and political commitments are central to solving global health challenges.

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The success of the SDGs will be measured by their impact on the prosperity and well-being of people and the planet. Initiatives such as the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All endeavor to build a foundation of greater cohesion among global health actors in support of countries’ achievement of the health-related SDGs. The Action Plan was launched at the World Health Summit 2018.

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Building Capacities and Strong Institutions
The commitment of the United Nations Member States in achieving the SDGs by 2030 will require significant investment, innovation, and partnerships in Africa. The African Union has made health one of its priorities and we see increasing political commitment to invest in health in a number of African countries.

Digital Health:
Shaping Society and the Modern Economy
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GENERAL TOPICS

• Basic Biological & Medical Research
• Clinical & Patient Research
• Specific Diseases & Disorders
• Diagnostics & Therapy
• Medical Technology & Engineering
• Health Policies & Systems
• Universal Health Coverage
• Translational Science & Medicine
• Public Health & Prevention
• Lifestyle, Physical Activity & Nutrition
• Patient Safety
• Healthcare Facilities
• Drugs & Vaccines
• Regulatory Aspects
• Health Visions, Strategies & Ethics
• Evolutionary Medicine
• Demographic Change & Healthy Aging
• Global Health & Development

SESSION FORMATS

**Keynotes**
- 90 minutes
- Max. 5 speakers
- Up to 800 participants

**Panel Discussions**
- 90 minutes
- Max. 6 speakers
- Up to 300 participants

**Workshops**
- 90 minutes
- Max. 6 speakers
- Up to 250 participants
50 sessions, 300 speakers, and 2,400 participants from 100 countries and 1,200 different organizations – in October 2018, Berlin was the capital of global health once again.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Keynotes and panel discussions:
- Opening Ceremony
- Migration and Refugee Health
- Managing the Next Decade in Cancer
- An Integrated Response to Obesity, Diabetes, and NCDs
- ... and 12 workshops

“The Gender equity SDG would solve almost all of the global health problems: we would get rid of the neonatal infant mortality issues and at least HIV and malaria would – in terms of big daily burdens – almost go away.”

TREVOR MUNDEL
President, Global Health Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
"SDG 3 which we especially address today, can’t be considered in isolation from the other SDGs, such as guaranteeing access to quality education, empowering women and girls and fighting climate change."

FRÉDÉRIQUE VIDAL
Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, France

"We also have the 10th anniversary of the World Health Summit. Truly a fantastic combination."

BILL GATES
Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Keynotes and panel discussions:
• Vaccine Production and Delivery Systems
• Antimicrobial Resistance
• Global Health Security
• Value-Based Healthcare
• Big Data Analytics in Biomedical Research and Healthcare
• Pandemic Preparedness in the 21st Century
... and 12 workshops

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Keynotes and panel discussions:
• Joint Keynote Grand Challenges / World Health Summit
• Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All
• The SDG3 Global Action Plan for Health and Well-Being
• Health Systems Strengthening
• Innovation for Impact: The Grand Challenges Model
• The Digital Healthcare Revolution
... and 8 workshops
Global health is central to the Sustainable Development Goals. International organizations, governments and non-state actors are increasingly joining forces to shape a more sustainable future. In 2018, many high-level political gatherings have reinforced the importance of including health in their deliberations: At the United Nations two high-level meetings were dedicated to the challenges of non-communicable diseases and to tuberculosis, and the G20 continued its series of health ministers’ meetings with a focus on childhood obesity. All reinforce – as does the World Health Summit – that in order to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being of all people, the integrated support of all other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is required. It also reinforces the importance of a strong commitment to multilateralism to support global health. (...)

The rich discussions at the World Health Summit in 2018 lead us to highlight the need for action in six key areas of global health:

1 Commitment to support the SDG 3 Action Plan for health and well-being

The M8 Alliance and the World Health Summit will work as strong partners for international health organizations to support the implementation of the SDG Action Plan and its orientation to accelerate, align, and account for actions in global health.

In close cooperation with global partners, the M8 Alliance will orient its work towards the Action Plan accelerators and provide the World Health Summit in 2019 as a platform to centrally focus on strategies for further implementation.

2 Commitment to support the global move to universal health coverage

The M8 Alliance has regularly called for investment in universal health coverage as the cornerstone of global health and SDG 3. It notes that high-level political summits have reinforced this direction and underlines the importance of the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on universal health coverage in September 2019. An integrated approach to both infectious and non-communicable diseases, a focus on quality, patient safety, gender dimensions, and patient participation are central components of universal health coverage that the World Health Summit revisits regularly. The digital transformation provides unprecedented possibilities to leapfrog development. The commitment of the World Bank to invest in human capital – especially health and education – is a significant support for accelerating implementation.

The M8 Alliance calls on the next G7 and G20 summits – in France and Japan, respectively – to prioritize investments in universal health coverage and access to medicines in support of the implementation of the 2030 agenda. This includes investing in the digital transformation of health systems.

3 Commitment to a global health agenda that builds on the universal right to health

All work of the M8 Alliance is grounded in the values of health equity, human rights, gender equity and global cooperation. The M8 Alliance has underlined that a Health in All Policies approach and a better understanding of the social, environmental, and commercial determinants of health supports this orientation. The SDGs can only be implemented based on such an orientation, which is reflected in SDG 16, with its focus on peaceful and inclusive societies. The World Health Summit reinforces the right to health of migrants and other vulnerable groups and has chosen a special focus on mental health and inequalities in cities.

The M8 Alliance calls on all stakeholders to work together in the spirit of SDG 17 on partnerships, but also to engage for the achievement of SDG 16 with its focus on peace, rule of law, and accountable institutions.
The world continues to be challenged by serious disease outbreaks, as well as the ongoing challenge of antimicrobial resistance. At present, the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo underlines the connection between outbreaks, weak governance, and health institutions. This outbreak also shows the dangers emerging from outbreaks in war-torn areas and underlines the intersection of health emergencies and humanitarian and development action. The M8 Alliance recognizes the extraordinary work done by the WHO in this context but deplores the lack of commitment by member states to fully finance WHO emergency activities, especially the contingency fund for health emergencies. We recognize the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and MSF – and join them in drawing attention to the lack of adherence to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2286.

The M8 Alliance calls on international organizations and on policy makers to prioritize the digital potential of health systems. The M8 Alliance calls on decision-makers to strengthen their investment in health security – as an integral dimension of universal health coverage – and the implementation of the International Health Regulations. We welcome the increasing effort made through innovation and research to be able to prevent outbreaks through vaccine development, improved diagnostics and treatment. The One Health approach continues to be a guide for intersectoral and interdisciplinary action.

The partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Grand Challenges for the World Health Summit 2018 has highlighted the need to step up vaccine research and development. The M8 Alliance notes the progress achieved, for example in the development of an Ebola vaccine. This year’s World Health Summit has also drawn attention to the need to invest in the prevention and treatment of non-communicable diseases, such as cancer, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and dementia. Affordable services and treatments will be critical, especially for low- and middle-income countries.

The M8 Alliance reinforces its call to research and development organizations to support institution and capacity building in the Global South through strong cooperation networks. It also highlights the need for more implementation and social science research.

Violence in its many forms is challenging societies and has great public health impact – this includes war, civil war, gun violence, and domestic violence. Sexual exploitation is gaining increasing attention and needs to be seen through a public health perspective, taking into account both the physical and mental trauma associated with it, especially when the victims are minors. Gender-based violence and stigmatization against LGBTQ people need to be addressed.

The M8 Alliance will continue to address violence as a threat to public health and calls on public health agencies to cooperate across society and with affected groups and victims.

Respect and Dialogue: An international initiative

Against the backdrop of growing violent extremism, populism, conflicts, and suffering worldwide, the M8 Alliance calls for giving science a stronger voice and taking more responsibility. At this year’s World Health Summit, the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) – jointly with the M8 Alliance and other partner organizations – has launched the initiative “Respect and Dialogue” in order to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and contribute to an open, free, peaceful, forward-looking culture of discussion. The common initiative “Respect and Dialogue” will join forces with other organizations that bear witness to peaceful intercultural dialogue and that consider it part of their mission to actively drive this dialogue today and in the future.

The M8 Alliance renews its full commitment to support Goal 3 of the SDGs which aims to: “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.” We call on heads of state and government to invest in people and to ensure that no one is left behind. The M8 Alliance commits to the transformative approach of the SDGs. We call on politicians to make the political choice for health.
10 young entrepreneurs from 5 countries pitched on Monday, October 15, in front of a high ranking jury and audience. They were honored at the World Health Summit Night by Otmar Wiestler, president of the Helmholtz Association – the largest scientific organization in Germany.

The 2018 winner is research scientist and innovator Roopam Sharma, from India. His company Eyeluminati developed an intelligent glove: Manovue. The glove is the world’s first intelligent personal assistant for the visually impaired. It combines vision intelligence and the Internet of Things to help users read any printed text without knowing Braille. The jury explained their decision: “This solution allows those affected barrier-free access and therefore social participation. It empowers them to lead an independent life.”

For the World Health Summit Startup Track 2018, 60 health startups from 19 countries applied. 25 of them were invited to the World Health Summit.
MEDIA PARTNERS

The World Health Summit 2018 was featured e.g. in

- Ad Hoc News
- AFP
- allAfrica
- AP
- ARD Tagesschau
- Ärzte-Zeitung
- Atento Viseu
- Berliner Kurier
- Berliner Morgenpost
- Berliner Zeitung
- Biotech News
- Businessportal Norwegen
- Care Insight
- Daily Sabah Science
- Deutsche Welle
- Deutsches Ärzteblatt
- Deutschlandfunk
- devex
- Dignited
- Entwicklungspolitik Online
- epd
- Epoch Times
- Financial Times
- Focus.de
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- FT Health
- Ghana News Agency
- Greenpeace Magazin
- Hamburger Abendblatt
- Handelsblatt
- Health Capital Cluster
- Health Policy Watch
- Healthcare Startups Deutschland
- kma
- Le Figaro
- Market Insider
- MCEBISCO Nigeria
- MDR
- medicalonline
- Medizin Aspekte
- Med-Tech Innovation News
- Modern Ghana
- Nachrichten Welt
- neues deutschland
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- The Sagamore
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- WELT
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- Reports (print, online, TV, radio): 320
- Homepage: 130,000+ visitors worldwide
- Facebook: 8,000 likes, 19,000 mentions in October 2018
- Twitter: 7,000+ followers, 300,000 impressions
- Press releases: 1,800+ German and 1,000+ international media contacts
- Monthly newsletter: 20,000+ subscribers worldwide

Participants Press Conference 2018
Speakers
- Werner Baumann
- Albert Bourla
- Eric Cornut
- Thomas B. Cueni
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- Steven Hildemann
- Joseph Jimenez
- Neil Jordan
- Suresh Kumar
- Freda C. Lewis-Hall
- Stefan Oschmann
- Hasso Plattner
- Severin Schwan
- Steve Singh
- Frans van Houten

Organizations
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World Health Summit Regional Meeting – Iran
April 29–30, 2019
Kish Island

Hosts
Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Venue
Kish International Convention Center, Kish Island, Iran

Topics
• Health in Uncertain Situations
• Global Health in a Transitional World
• Sustainable Health Development
• NCD & Mental Health
• Planetary Health
• Medical Education

“I would like to cordially invite all of you to the Regional Meeting in Iran – the first one in this region. Tehran University of Medical Sciences has hosted two international conferences on SDGs in the course of the last three years. In that context and building up on the previous Regional Meetings, the current global health agenda, regional priorities, and in collaboration with the World Health Summit and the M8 Alliance we have created an interesting and attractive agenda.”

ALI JAFARIAN
Former Chancellor
Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran

Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) is the oldest and best-known higher education institute in health and medical sciences in Iran, and the region. The school is ranked as Iran’s top research university and is a national center of excellence for medical care. In 2018, TUMS had over 13,000 students (55% of whom are women) in various disciplines. The university has 11 schools, operates 16 teaching hospitals with over 4,000 beds, has 105 research centers and 44 libraries, and publishes 58 journals.

Previous Regional Meetings
• Coimbra 2018
• Montreal 2017
• Geneva 2016
• Kyoto 2015
• São Paulo 2014
• Singapore 2013

Save the Date
Regional Meeting – Uganda
April 27–28, 2020
Kampala
The World Health Summit supports young experts and innovative ideas

**ENTREPRENEURS IN GLOBAL HEALTH**

The initiative Entrepreneurs in Global Health highlights innovative ideas from all over the world with the potential to revolutionize healthcare and improve global health. Selected startups are invited to the World Health Summit to present their ideas in front of an audience.

**NEW VOICES IN GLOBAL HEALTH**

The initiative New Voices in Global Health promotes the active participation of young scientists. The World Health Summit Scientific Committee identifies the best applications. Selected participants present their work at the World Health Summit.

**IAP YOUNG PHYSICIAN LEADERS**

In this program, top junior professionals are nominated by the national academies of their countries and are trained in special leadership programs during the World Health Summit. The program is organized by the IAP for Health, the medical section of all national academies, and was launched in 2011 in partnership with the World Health Summit and the M8 Alliance.
The M8 Alliance is a unique network of 25 leading international academic health centers, universities, and research institutions, and includes 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.
InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) for Health
The IAP for Health combines the expertise and impact of all national academies of medicine and science worldwide to advance sound policies, promote excellence in science education, and improve public and global health.

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
Europe’s largest university clinic – and its oldest and most prominent hospital – is located in the German capital. Eleven Nobel Laureates have worked at Charité.

Coimbra Health, Portugal
Over 700 years old, the University of Coimbra is a keystone of European and global scientific culture, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Together with the Coimbra Hospital and University Center, it forms Coimbra Health.

Imperial College London, UK
The Imperial College of Science and Technology was created as a constituent college of the University of London. Fully independent since 2007, the Imperial College London attracts students from more than 100 countries.

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK
Founded in 1899, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is one of the leading research-focused graduate schools in the world.

Istanbul University, Turkey
With origins dating back to 1453, Istanbul University is an internationally recognized institute of higher learning with over 170,000 students and 22 faculties dedicated to research and education.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
A fully accredited private institution, the JHSPH was the first public health facility in the world, and it remains the largest school in the field.

Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan
The first institution of its kind in Japan, the Kyoto Imperial University College of Medicine was founded in 1899. Its successor, the Kyoto University School of Public Health, was established in 2000.

Makerere University, Uganda
One of the oldest and most prestigious centers of learning in Africa, Makerere University is home to a staff of over 4,000 and more than 40,000 students.

Monash University, Australia
As Australia’s largest university – with approximately 60,000 students from over 170 countries – Monash has seven campuses: five in Victoria, one in Malaysia and another in South Africa.

National University of Singapore
Founded in 1905, the National University of Singapore today consists of 16 different faculties and schools. Around 37,000 students can be found on its three campuses in Singapore and seven overseas locations.

National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Known for its diverse and international curriculum, National Taiwan University is made up of 11 colleges, 54 departments and 105 graduate institutes. It has a student body of around 30,000.

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Established in 1303 by Pope Boniface VIII, Sapienza is one of the oldest universities in the world. With about 115,000 students, it’s one of the largest in Europe as well.

Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
The university is the oldest, largest, and most highly ranked comprehensive higher education institute in the field of medicine and public health in Iran, offering a wide range of courses and receiving applications from students from around the globe.
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<td>The University Sorbonne Paris Cité is a recently established consortium of prestigious institutions that brings together higher education and research institutions in the city of Paris.</td>
<td>A global network of academic health institutions, the WFAIGH was set up to help provide evidence to inform policies on global health issues.</td>
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<td>Founded in 1559 as a theological and humanist seminary, the University of Geneva is renowned for emphasizing the unity of teaching and research. It’s the only tertiary-level educational institution of its kind in the region.</td>
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<td>The Geneva University Hospitals are heirs to a centuries-long tradition of excellence in medicine and science. The HUG represents a merger all public hospitals in Geneva.</td>
<td>The college is among the most selective medical institutions in the People’s Republic of China and one of its top two universities.</td>
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<td>A semi-private postgraduate institution, the Graduate Institute Geneva was the first university in the world to be dedicated solely to the study of international affairs.</td>
<td>Set up in 1944, the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences was considered the most prestigious scientific and medical organization in the Soviet Union. Its successor – the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences - was founded in 1992.</td>
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<td>A public research university that started with less than 100 students in 1878, the University of Montreal has more than 60,000 today. Comprised of 13 faculties and more than 60 departments, it has the highest sponsored research income in Quebec.</td>
<td>The IRCM was the first independent academic research center in Quebec to bring basic and clinical researchers together under a single roof.</td>
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| University of São Paulo, Brazil  |  |
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| Founded in 1934, the University of São Paulo arose from a combination of institutions, including a medical school. Today the largest university in Brazil is seen as the country’s most prestigious educational institution. |  |
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