The World Health Summit is one of the world's most important strategic conferences for global health and brings together leading international scientists, politicians and representatives from industry and civil society.

The forum was founded in 2009 to mark the 300th anniversary of the Charité. In 2020 it is under the patronage of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization WHO.

Due to COVID-19, the World Health Summit 2020 is a hybrid conference with digital and on-site participation: All 50 keynotes, panel discussions and workshops are broadcast live and are available online. On site, the number of participants is limited and hygiene and distancing rules apply.

Program:
The core topic of the World Health Summit 2020 is COVID 19: Current knowledge about the virus, new strategies in the worldwide fight against pandemics, the role of Europe and the WHO in global health. Other central topics: The UN sustainability goals SDGs, climate change and health or latest approaches in health research.

Speakers:
(Confirmed, among others):

- Ursula von der Leyen, President European Commission
- Jens Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- Marta Temido, Minister of Health, Portugal
- Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization WHO
- Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN
- Christian Drosten, Director, Institute of Virology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Christian Spahn, Minister of Health, Germany
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust
- Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children
- Elhadj Sy, Chair, Kofi Annan Foundation
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Nuno Antunes, President, European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology
- Michael Ryan, Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, WHO
- Andrea Ammon, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi
- John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- George F. Gao, Director, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Kevin Plank, President and CEO, Under Armour
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Participation in the digital World Health Summit is free of charge; each session is accessible via a separate link in the program.

Goal of the World Health Summit:
Global health can only be improved by strengthening partnerships and international cooperation. That is why the World Health Summit actively facilitates and promotes the constructive exchange between stakeholders from all sectors in an environment of academic freedom.

During the three-day summit, leading experts from science, politics, industry and civil society discuss solutions for improving global health care. At the end of each World Health Summit, the "M8 Alliance Declaration", a final declaration with recommendations for action for international policymakers, is drafted.

The "M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies" is the academic backbone of the World Health Summit and currently consists of 28 academic institutions in 19 countries, including the association of National Academies of Medicine in 130 countries.

Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten, President and founder of the World Health Summit:
"A virus, infectious diseases or other health threats know no borders - therefore international, multilateral cooperation is essential."

The World Health Summit 2020 in figures:
3 days - 50 sessions - 300 speakers
Expected participants on site:
A total of 1,000, spread over all three conference days (due to COVID-19, a maximum of 400 are allowed at the same time)
Expected digital participants:
A total of 5,000 worldwide

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