



One Health at the World Health Summit 2021

October 24-26, 2021

[One Health at the World Health Summit 2021 in Berlin](#)

Founded in 2009 and held under the patronage of the German Chancellor, the President of the Republic of France, the President of the European Commission, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), every October the World Health Summit draws international experts from academia, politics, the private sector, and civil society. During the three-day summit, stakeholders and decision-makers from 100 countries and every field in healthcare work together to find solutions to global health challenges and set the agenda for a healthier future. [About the World Health Summit](#). See the Summit [Agenda](#). This year One Health was prominently featured in six sessions. <https://bit.ly/3jPOXeg>

October 24 - Panel Discussion

- [Transformational Partnerships for Global Pandemic Preparedness and Response](#)
 - Hosted by Johnson & Johnson with reference to Rudolf Virchow: The world has the ability to respond quickly to pandemic threats if the resources and collaborations between the governments, multilateral organizations, civil society and the private sector are already in place. This panel discussion brought together high-level stakeholders from these sectors to reflect on the COVID-19 response and what lessons can be learned from collaboration in global health to strengthen pandemic preparedness and response.

October 24 - Policy Track

- [One Health Focus on Zoonoses](#)
 - Hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Health. This session provided a forum for discussing the role of the One Health approach in the context of infectious diseases with a focus on (emerging) zoonoses and informed about the current status of the One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), its work plan and possible first recommendations. It provided an opportunity to identify open questions that can be taken up in the international processes as well as possible next steps to further develop the One Health collaboration. A special focus will be placed on the perspective of low- and middle-income countries.
- [Climate Resilient Health Systems within a One Health Framework](#)
 - Hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Health. Long sidelined in the climate debate, the role of health and impacts on health are increasingly being mainstreamed into climate discussions and national adaptation action plans. Health is inadequately incorporated in all climate policies, making up only a small percentage of multilateral climate financing. As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize the importance of:
 - Strengthening our early warning and surveillance systems
 - Increasing the resilience of health systems toward future pandemics and
 - The health impacts of climate change

October 24 - Roundtable Discussion

- [Innovative One Health Policy and Governance for Pandemic Prevention](#)
 - Hosted by the One Sustainable Health Forum, Pandora, PREZODE and the Lancet One Health Commission, this Panel discussed (<https://tinyurl.com/rxsfd2k>) how innovative One Health policy and governance should be implemented at the local, national, and international levels in order to reinforce existing and future pandemic prevention measures. It included a variety of stakeholders from practitioners and researchers to decision makers from the Global South and the Global North. Panelists used examples to describe how international collaboration and treaties and more local initiatives, can and should contribute to achieving better health by operationally implementing the One Health approach.



October 24 - Workshop

- [One Health – Good Practices and Challenges](#)
 - Hosted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); To represent the experiences of both practitioners and academics, with voices from the Global South 4-6 good practice examples for successfully implemented or just started One Health projects were shared. Session was divided into two sections: 1-short presentation of the respective project, 2-discussion on the challenges of One Health projects combined with a look into the future. The discussion should include the difficulties and obstacles as well as successful strategies.

October 26 - Panel Discussion

- [Planetary Health Determines Human Health: The Need for Effective Communication for Transformational Change](#)
 - Climate change, biodiversity loss, and the COVID-19 pandemic share a common cause: the human disruption of our planet's natural systems. As a result of the destructive way we treat our environment, we face an unprecedented global threat to human health. This is all known, but not understood - let alone put into practice and effective policies.
 - Digital Session: <https://worldhealthsummit.zoom.us/j/87986213801>