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In Conversation at WHS 2026

Who will be the next Director-General of WHO?



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OCTOBER 11-13, 2026
BERLIN, GERMANY
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Panel Discussion 03a
In Conversation with Prospective
Candidates for the Post of the
WHO Director-General



Ellen Knorr
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Hassan Ali Khamis
Prospective Candidate
for the Post of
WHO Director-General
Proposed by Qatar



Hassan Robby
Prospective Candidate
for the Post of
WHO Director-General
Proposed by Saudi Arabia



Maria Neira
Prospective Candidate
for the Post of
WHO Director-General
Proposed by Spain



Ravi Shankar
Prospective Candidate
for the Post of
WHO Director-General
Proposed by India



Gerd Gieseler
Prospective Candidate
for the Post of
WHO Director-General
Proposed by Germany

At a pivotal moment for WHO and the Global Health Architecture, this session brings together prospective candidates for the post of WHO Director-General to present their visions and priorities.

Each will have an equal opportunity to outline how they would lead WHO and strengthen its role within an evolving global health ecosystem.

Register now for #WHS2026 or follow the session live on YouTube.

 October 11, 2026 / 12:45-13:45 CEST
 Berlin and livestreamed

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WHS 2026 Livestream

Join WHS 2026 Online

Can't join us in Berlin? Follow the World Health Summit 2026 live from anywhere in the world. All main program sessions will be streamed live, free of charge and with no registration required.

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Side Meetings



Alongside the main WHS 2026 program, a variety of Side Meetings take place, providing a platform for in-depth dialogue, cross-sectoral exchange, and networking in a smaller, more interactive setting. As the schedule continues to grow, we encourage you to check back regularly for new events and updates.

[Explore the Side Meetings](#)



Youth Engagement at #WHS2026

Meet the Stipend and Fellowship Recipients



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Comment in Nature Health

Why Europe Must Step Up on Global Health

A new Comment in *Nature Health* outlines priorities for a stronger European role in global health, building on last year's WHS Global Health Dialogue in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. The publication takes these discussions forward, identifying sustainable financing, resilient health systems, and stronger crisis preparedness as key priorities.



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