

# World Health Summit

## Young Professionals at the WHS 2013

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The outcome document of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development gives health a central place as a precondition for, and an outcome and indicator of, all three dimensions of sustainable development: economic growth, social improvement and environmental protection. Health is the central angle for addressing tomorrow's challenges and taking care of a better future worldwide.

Since its inauguration in 2009, this has been the credo of the World Health Summit ([www.worldhealthsummit.org](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org)) as well. The World Health Summit brings together representatives from civil society, academia, the private sector, governments and international health and development agencies to foster approaches for successfully addressing future health challenges. But the success of this unique initiative can only endure if the future leaders of global health are included too: students, young doctors and professionals from all health-related fields. What ideas will they bring in? How will they spar with the international academic elite? And how well are they prepared to take responsibility for the future global health?

The fruitful collaboration with the next generation of health professionals so far culminated in the satellite event "Rethinking Global Health – A Student Perspective" at the World Health Summit 2012. This included a series of

activities for students, that emphasized the important role of students in the vast area of global health. This course will be continued at the World Health Summit 2013 through further cooperation with student organizations and research groups. In addition, there is the "Young Physician Leaders" meeting of the InterAcademy Medical Panel, and the well-established competitive abstract submission and selection program "New Voices in Global Health" in cooperation with The Lancet, designed to highlight important research, policy and advocacy initiatives of new and future leaders in global health. And finally, there will be a special track focusing on "Education and Leadership" in the main-program of 2013, which further consists of "Global Health for Development", "Evidence to Policy", and "Research and Innovation".

The world needs well-trained leaders to build high-performing and sustainable health systems. They will be change agents who will better serve the needs identified by their communities. The World Health Summit invites these young professionals with a special student rate to join the meeting. The fifth World Health Summit will be held from October 20th – 22nd at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, under the high patronage of Chancellor Angela Merkel (Germany), President François Hollande (France) and President Jose Manuel Barroso (European Commission).