

UNITE GLOBAL SUMMIT 2020: VIRTUAL PROGRAMME

The Global Summit: Virtual 2020 aims to commit, inspire, and empower policy makers towards the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) over the next decade, while building a roadmap on clear policy actions to eliminate the threat posed by communicable diseases. The Summit will conclude with parliamentarians and partners pledging their support to the UNITE 2020 Summit Statement – calling on parliaments and governments to uphold the SDGs and their commitments to ending infectious diseases as a global health threat, in the midst and aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNITE is an independent, non-profit, global network of 135 members of parliament from 64 countries. UNITE is committed to ensuring that no life is limited by infectious disease through unified political advocacy. Our global, non-partisan network of parliamentarians is divided into 10 Regional Chapters, each chaired by a parliamentarian leading activity in that geography. The UNITE global board provides governance for the organisation and consists of founder Dr Ricardo Baptiste Leite, the UNITE secretariat, and chapter chairs for Western & Central Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Asia & Pacific, Middle East & North Africa, Latin American & the Caribbean, West & Central Africa, Eastern & Southern Africa.

DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 7th 2020

	Opening Session
9:00 – 09:30 GMT+1	 Chaired by Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder & President, UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases
	Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS
	Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
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	Panel Session 1 – Epidemics: what are we learning from the global response to COVID-19? (session organized by CEPI & Wellcome Trust)
	 Moderated by Gabrielle Fitzgerald, Founder and CEO, Panorama Global WHO Speaker*tbc
09:30 - 11:00 GMT+1	 Rapid vaccine development and fair global access as key tool for future preparedness – Dr. Richard Hatchett, CEO, CEPI
	 Epidemics: why we have seen little progress in global preparedness and the case for collective action — Alex Harris, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, Wellcome Trust Why the world needs a Global Public Health Convention? - Michael Weinstein, President, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)
	This session will have Q&A time with the audience.
11:00 – 11:30 GMT+1	Break
11:30 – 13:00 GMT+1	 Panel Session 2 - Leadership Opportunities for Joint Action against Malaria and COVID-19 (session organized by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria & RBM Partnership to End Malaria) Moderated by Joy Phumaphi, African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) Opening Remarks by Joy Phumaphi on President Kenyatta's chairmanship of ALMA Framing Remarks on current resource mobilization efforts and needs for the next 12 months - Scott Boule, Senior Specialist, Parliamentary Affairs, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Delivering joint COVID/Malaria messages by Zambia's national End Malaria Council - Topsy Sikalinda, End Malaria Council member from the Zambia Revenue Authority Regional collaboration to address stock-outs resulting from COVID/malaria co-infection in Southern Africa - Richard Kamwi, former Health Minister, Namibia; Ambassador of the Elimination 8 Representative Civil Society engagement with parliamentarians to support health budgets, inclusive of COVID and malaria - Olivia Ngou, Global Coordinator, Civil Society Network for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME)



	 Financing malaria programs in the era of COVID-19: country examples highlighting risks,
	opportunities and challenges - Global Fund Representative
	This session will have Q&A time with the audience.
13:00- 14:00 GMT+1	Break
14:00 – 15:30 GMT+1	Panel Session 3 - Turning threats into opportunities: Accelerating leadership and applying lessons learned to strengthen the HIV response and to improve responses to current and emerging infectious diseases (session organized by IAS – the International AIDS Society) Co-moderated by Jeffrey Lazarus, Co-Chair, HIV Outcomes; Associate Professor, Barcelona Institute for Global Health & Julian Kerboghossian, Coordinator, Adolescent Treatment Coalition • Person centred, inclusive and quality care – integrating HIV, TB and harm reduction services to meet the complex health needs of people living with and vulnerable to HIV - Adeeba Kamarulzaman; President of IAS – the International AIDS Society • Political leadership – Galvanizing attention to Tuberculosis and integration with HIV - Nick Herbert, Co-Chair, Global TB Caucus • Whose reality counts? Participation of affected communities in clinical trials in pursuit of an HIV vaccine - Susan Buchbinder, Director of HIV Prevention Research, San Francisco Department of Public Health; Clinical Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of California • Mind the gap – accelerating access to treatment and meeting the needs of diverse children and adolescents - Martina Penazzato, Pediatric lead for the HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Department, World Health Organization • This session will Q&A with the audience.
15:30 – 16:40 GMT+1	 Closing Session – Bird's Eye View on the Continuum of Care Moderated by Dakota Gruener, Executive Director, ID2020 Sanitation and Hygiene – the first line of defense against pandemics and a key to achieving the SDGs - Hind Khatib-Othman, Chair, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) Catharina Boehme, CEO, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) Spurring Global Collaboration to Develop New TB Therapies - Morounfolu (Folu) Olugbosi, Senior Director, Clinical Development, TB Alliance Jerome Kim, Director-General, International Vaccine Institute This session will have Q&A time with the audience.

DAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 8th 2020

	Opening Statements
09:00 – 09:30 GMT+1	Jens Spahn, Federal Minister of Health, Germany
	Detlev Ganten, President, World Health Summit
	Paul Maritz, Chairman of the Board, The Paloma Project
	 Moderation by Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder &
	President, UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases
	This session will not have Q&A.
	Panel Session 4 - How Can Innovation Aid The Global Health Response? - Covid-19 And Beyond
09:30 – 11:00 GMT+1	 Moderated by Roland Göhde, Chairman of the Board, GHA – German Health Alliance
	 Marie-Ange Saraka-Yao, Managing Director, Resource Mobilization, Private Sector
	Partnerships & Innovative Finance Department, GAVI
	 Innovations in therapeutics to prevent and treat covid-19 - Mauricio Cysne, Director,
	External Relations and Communications, Unitaid
	 Joelle Tanguy, External Affairs Director, Drug for Neglected Diseases initiative
	Christoph Benn, Director, Global Health Diplomacy, Joep Lange Institute
	This session will have Q&A time with the audience
11:00 – 11:30 GMT+1	Break
11:30 – 13:00 GMT+1	Panel Session 5: Drug Policy: Time for Parliamentarians to Press for Reform
	Moderated by Mike Trace, CEO, Forward Trust
	From Repression to Health and Human Rights: The need for a paradigm shift in drug policy
	– speaker TBD



	 Decriminalization: An essential step towards race equality - Lord Simon Woolley, Member,
	House of Lords; Founder & Director, Operation Black Vote
	 Report from New Zealand: The referendum on a regulated cannabis market – Chlöe
	Swarbrick, Member of Parliament, New Zealand
	Report from Ghana: The fight to decriminalize drug possession - Seth Kwame
	Acheampong, Member of Parliament, Ghana & Anne Maria-Goretti, International
	Consultant, International Drug Policy Consortium
	• Report from Ecuador: Drug Decriminalization - Rodrigo Vélez, Founder & General Director,
	Parametria
	Report from the United Kingdom: The fight to open safe injecting facilities- Crispin Blunt,
	Member of Parliament, United Kingdom
	Report from Malaysia: Getting reform through a divided parliament - Adeeba
	Kamarulzaman; President of IAS – the International AIDS Society
	This session will have Q&A time with the audience.
13:00- 14:00 GMT+1	Break
	Panel Session 6 - Towards a New Global Public Health Convention (session organized by AHF Global
	Public Health Institute at the University of Miami)
	Co-moderated by Jorge Saavedra, Executive Director, AHF Global Public Health Institute,
	University of Miami & Jose Szapocznik , Professor & Chair Emeritus, Department of Public
	Health Sciences, University of Miami
	Michael Weinstein, President, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)
	Julio Frenk, former Secretary of Health, Mexico; President, University of Miami
	What has been the problem? - Jorge Saavedra, Executive Director, AHF Global Public
	Health Institute, University of Miami
	Methodology for consulting experts and recommendations- Jose Szapocznik, Professor &
	Chair Emeritus, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Miami
	How COVID-19 is showing us what is not working? - Laurie Garrett, Pulitzer Prize-Winning
	Science Journalist, Former Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations
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	Continuity between the Ebola report and the GPHC report - DAME Barbara M. Stocking DRE Parallel A Marray Educate Callege Hair again to face the inference of Company Chief Franchise
14:00 – 15:30 GMT+1	DBE; President, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge; Former Chief Executive, Oxfam
	 Discuss recommendations for reform that are reflected in the GPHC Report - Lawrence O.
	Gostin, Director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law; Director, World
	Health Organization Collaborating Centre on National and Global Health Law
	Governance of the Global Fund: Small But Diverse Global Board - Maksut Kulzhanov,
	Professor and Founder, Kazakhstan School of Public Health; Former Deputy Minister of
	Health, Kazakhstan
	Akua Sena Dansua, UNITE's Regional Chair for Western & Central Africa; Former
	Ambassador, Member of Parliament and Minister for Tourism, Minister for Youth and
	Sports and Minister for Women and Children's Affairs, Ghana
	Gisela Scaglia, Member of Parliament, Argentina; UNITE's Regional Chair for Latin America
	& The Caribbean
	Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder & President, UNITE
	Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases
	Aminata Touré, Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014) and Club de Madrid Member
	This session will have Q&A time with the audience.
	Bridging the gap between urban & global responses to public health threats (Keynote Statement led
	by Fast-Track Cities Initiative)
15:30 – 15:40 GMT+1	 Chaired by Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder & President,
	UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases
	Dr. José M. Zuniga, President/CEO, International Association of Providers of AIDS Care,
	Chair; Fast-Track Cities Institute
	This session will not have Q&A time with the audience.
	UNITE Global Board: Time to Take Action
	Moderated by Victoria Grandsoult, Executive Director, UNITE Global Network of Parliaments in a few districts and Processing States and Processing St
45.40 46.00 CMT-4	Parliamentarians to End Infectious Diseases
15:40 – 16:30 GMT+1	Mariam Jashi, Member of Parliament, Georgia; UNITE Chapter Chair Eastern Europe & Control Asia
	Central Asia
	Andrew Ullman, Member of Parliament, Germany; UNITE Chapter Chair Western & Central Furgue
	Europe



	Esther Passaris, Member of Parliament, Kenya; UNITE Chapter Chair Eastern & Southern Africa	
	Akua Dansua, former Member of Parliament, Ghana; UNITE Chapter Chair Western & Central Africa	
	Ibtissame Azzaoui, Member of Parliament, Morocco; UNITE Chapter Chair Middle East & North Africa	
	Gisela Scaglia, Member of Parliament, Argentina; UNITE Chapter Chair Latin America & The Caribbean	
	Pia Cayetano, Senator, the Philippines; UNITE Chapter Chair Asia & Pacific	
	 Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder & President, UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases 	
	 Strong Parliamentarism for Global Development by Liam Byrne, Member of Parliament, UK; Chair, Parliamentary Network of the World Bank & International Monetary Fund 	
	This session will not have Q&A time with the audience.	
	Closing Session	
	 Chaired by Ricardo Baptista Leite, Member of Parliament, Portugal; Founder & President, UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases 	
16:30 - 17:30 GMT+1	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization	
	 Congresswoman Donna Shalala; Former Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States 	
	This session will not have Q&A time with the audience.	