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**Next year, the World Health Summit and the UNITE Global Summit will partner for an additional day of conference in Berlin – on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

After several successful collaborations and a strong on-going partnership, the UNITE Global Summit was jointly announced by Axel Pries, President, World Health Summit, and Ricardo Baptista Leite, President and Founder, UNITE Parliamentarians Network, during this year's World Health Summit.

The World Health Summit is the unique international strategic forum for global health. It brings together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future by inspiring innovative solutions for better health and wellbeing for all. The World Health Summit strengthens collaboration and open dialogue guided by science, fosters global health as a key political issue and promotes the global health debate in the spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The UNITE Global Summit is set to be the world's leading forum for forging partnerships between parliamentarians and leaders from the global health community. Experts from civil society, affected communities, international organizations and academia come together with leading parliamentarians from across the world, to discuss the most pressing issues in global health and set the political agenda for the year to come.

This additional day will foster a platform for parliamentarians to exchange with experts, private sector, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders, combining the strengths of both the World Health Summit and UNITE's Global Summit, to guide policymakers into taking action according to the recommendations they have been presented within the previous days.

By joining efforts, the World Health Summit and the UNITE Global Summit aim at supporting parliamentarians in placing global health at the highest levels of the political agenda, answering these two main questions:

- What can parliamentarians do to turn science and recommendations into evidence-based policies?
- What do they need from the global health community to achieve this goal?

Together, the World Health Summit and the UNITE Global Summit propose a series of debates, parliamentary inquiries and dedicated workshops in collaboration with experts and partners in the global health sector, intending to highlight a roadmap to turn science and guided recommendations into political engagement and action at global, regional, and local levels.

**Ricardo Baptista Leite, President and Founder, UNITE Parliamentarians Network said:**

"I'm very proud and grateful to be working with Axel [Pries], and with all of the team along with the secretariat at the UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health, and to have reached this partnership. We felt that with the growth of the World Health Summit, going from a meeting to a summit, from a summit to a platform, that there was a unique opportunity to innovate once again and to present a new model. So next year, the fourth day of the World Health Summit will be a parliamentarian summit, bringing together global policymakers so that everything we are working for, can become reality with political commitment".

Interested participants can already manifest their interest to join or participate in shaping the discussions of the event by following this link: <https://bit.ly/3PWcGqH>

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