Rethinking Global Health

Building back better after Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic is unprecedented both in scope and magnitude. Within a couple of weeks, the pandemic has spread to all continents, unleashing the most challenging crisis we have faced since the Second World War. The functionality of our governments, health systems and international organizations are significantly challenged, and not all outcomes will be satisfactory. The coronavirus has changed the world and will reshape our future. While the short-term implications are already evident, the long-term consequences of the pandemic are still difficult to grasp.

For a truly transformative recovery from Covid-19 we must rethink global health in order to reduce the risk of future crises and to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, we will expand the discussion on the current pandemic and look at its long-term impact on the international order, the work of the United Nations and global health institutions. We will discuss new innovative strategies to involve different stakeholders in improving pandemic preparedness and accelerating the implementation of the goals of the 2030 Agenda. The ultimate aim of this conference is to contribute to an ambitious agenda to build a safer and healthier post-pandemic future for all.

Date: Monday, September 14, 2020
Time: 17:00 – 19:30
Venue: Paul-Löbe-Haus, Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin
Language: English and German (Translation)
Agenda

17:00 Opening Remarks
Michael Theurer, Member of the German Bundestag, Vice-Chairman of the FDP parliamentary group, Member of the German Bundestag

Keynote
Susan Bergner, Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

17:30 Managing Pandemics
- Dr. Bernhard Schwartländer, Chef de Cabinet, World Health Organization
- Dr. Christoph Benn, Director for Global Health Diplomacy, Joep Lange Institute
- Caroline Schmutte, Germany Office Lead, Wellcome Trust
- Susan Bergner, Associate, SWP
- Prof. Dr. Andrew Ullmann, Member of the German Bundestag

Moderation: Maike Voss, Associate, SWP

18:30 Pandemic Preparedness: Building stronger partnerships
- Birgit Pickel, Deputy Director General at Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Dr. Catharina Boehme, CEO, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics
- Roland Göhde, Chairman of the Board at German Health Alliance
- Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, President of UNITE Global Parliamentarian Network to End Infectious Diseases
- Prof. Dr. Andrew Ullmann, Member of the German Bundestag

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19:20 Closing Remarks
Ulrich Lechte, Member of the German Bundestag
Prof. Dr. Andrew Ullmann, Member of the German Bundestag