

World Health Summit Side Event:

**Women Global Health – What role do women and female health play in global health?**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Lounge Cairo, JW Marriott Hotel Berlin, Stauffenbergstrasse 26, 10785 Berlin**

**Background:**

Women's health and the role of women in healthcare are still neglected topics in the field of global health. In recent years, however, the topic has come more into focus. This has been advanced through a variety of avenues, such as advocacy platforms, focusing on mother-child health in development cooperation or on the importance of female work force in the health sector, and by courageous innovators who develop and successfully implement their ideas for improving health care into viable business models. But even though, for example, female entrepreneurs in the healthcare sector generate an average of 35% better returns, only 2% of venture capital investment has gone to women so far.

We would like to take up these topics in an expert level roundtable discussion and discuss the following focal points:

- Gaps in women's health and solutions
- Role of women in the health sector and global health institutions
- Equal opportunities in the healthcare system
- Healthcare education

**Roundtable Discussion:**

**11:00 h**      **Welcome Remarks**

**Hermann Gröhe, MP**

Deputy Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group at the Deutscher Bundestag

**11:10 h**      **Keynote speech by the 2023 Virchow Prize for Global Health Laureate**

**Prof. Rose Gana Fomban Leke**

Emeritus Professor of Immunology and Parasitology, University of Yaoundé

**11:20 h**      **The role of women and of female health in global health**

Leading questions:

- How to get from global health to women global health and what are the chances and opportunities to improve global health in whole?
- Which role do innovations and entrepreneurship play in the field of female (global) health?
- Which are the blind spots in health systems and research on women's health?

*Input by:*

**Dr. Catharina Böhme**

Assistant Director-General, External Relations and Governance, WHO

**Dr. Roopa Dhatt**

Executive Director and Co-Founder, Women in Global Health

**11:35 h**      **Comments from the Floor**

**Dr. Andreas Ullrich**

Department for Gynaecology and Gynae-Oncology, Charité

**Yasmin Hyder**

CEO, New World Concepts Pakistan

**Dr. Pradeep Kakkatil**

CEO and Founder, Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx)

**Jennifer Bencivenga**

Director of Partnerships and Communications, mTomady

**11:50 h**      **Open Discussion**

*Moderation:*

**Dr. Ayoade Alakija**

Special Envoy for the Access to COVID19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator at the WHO, Chair of the African Vaccine Delivery Alliance (AVDA), Chair of FIND

**12:25 h**      **Closing Remarks**

**Roland Göhde**

Chair of the Board, GHA - German Health Alliance

Co-Founder & CEO, Virchow Foundation for Global Health

**12:30 h**      **End of Side Event**