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Social Realignment

Health as a Global Public Good: Why we need a Global Pandemic Treaty

World Health Summit

Speakers:

Keynotes:

- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)

Panelists:

- **Catharina Boehme**, Chef de Cabinet, World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Gabriela Bucher**, Executive Director, Oxfam International
- **Frank Tressler Zamorano**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN in Geneva
- **Olive Shisana**, President, Evidence Based Solutions

Moderator:

- **Ilona Kickbusch**, Council Chair, World Health Summit

Session description:

The session will be moderated by Professor Ilona Kickbusch, member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB) – which had initially proposed a framework for pandemic preparedness. It will hear from a high level representative of the European Union on what was the initial intention of the proposal and where exactly it stands now, we will also hear from the World Health Organization (WHO) how the negotiation process will be conducted with member states and what difference such a treaty could make for the work of the WHO; and finally we would hear from one of the signatory countries calling for such a treaty from the Global Health. We would then hear from a CSO representative what they would hope from such a treaty.

Objectives:

In March 2021 a group of heads of government from around the world called for a global pandemic treaty. This idea had been initially proposed by the President of the European Council and fully supported by the Director-General of the WHO. This session will discuss what such a treaty hopes to achieve and what political processes are necessary to improve pandemic preparedness and response.



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Literature:

Further readings:

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