Is global health at a turning point?

Informal media reception

When: Monday 17 October 2022, 18:00-19:30 (CEST)

Where: World Health Summit, Wellcome Suite (5th floor, room 5058), Hotel Berlin Central District, Stauffenbergstraße 26, 10785 Berlin

Science has provided an exit strategy from the Covid-19 pandemic. But we can't stop there. From escalating infectious diseases such as Ebola and monkeypox, to the growing link between climate change and health, the twenty-first century is home to an array of health challenges that require urgent action.

Wellcome, the UK-based global health funder, is investing £16 billion in science over the next decade to help transform our understanding of life, health and wellbeing. We're taking on three big challenges – infectious disease, climate change and health, and mental health.

Journalists are invited to join us and speak to some of Wellcome's senior experts to learn more about what the key issues in these areas are, and our plans for funding and advocacy on them.

Dr Jeremy Farrar is the Director of Wellcome. *His whole career has been dedicated to protecting and improving global health. As part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jeremy has served as a member of the Principles Group of the ACT-Accelerator hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and formerly advised the UK Government as part of their Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). Before joining Wellcome, he spent 18 years leading the Clinical Research Unit at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, where he made many pivotal advances in the understanding of diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, typhoid, dengue and influenza.*

Cheryl Moore is the Director of Research Programmes at Wellcome. *Cheryl leads a broad interlinked portfolio that focuses on discovery research and three urgent health challenges: mental health, infectious disease and climate and health. Cheryl was previously President and Chief Operating Officer of the New York Genome Center where she was responsible for the strategic direction of the Center in advancing genomic research. She also spent six years as Executive Vice president and Chief Operating Officer of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, one of the largest philanthropic research funders in the US.*

Alan Dangour is the Director of Climate and Health at Wellcome. *Alan joined Wellcome in January 2022 to lead an ambitious new climate and health strategy that seeks to put health at the heart of global climate change action. For the past 20 years, Alan worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), where he led an interdisciplinary team working on the interconnections between environmental change, food systems and health.*

Dr Miranda Wolpert is the Director of Mental Health at Wellcome. *Miranda joined Wellcome in 2019 to oversee a £200 million programme to help develop a new generation of treatments and approaches for young people with anxiety and depression. Her role was expanded in 2020, and she now leads Wellcome's work on mental health. Miranda is also Professor in Evidence Based Research and Practice at University College London (UCL) and worked for many years as a clinical psychologist in the UK National Health Service (NHS) and in schools.*

Dr Josie Golding is the Head of Epidemics and Epidemiology at Wellcome. *Josie has led Wellcome's epidemic responses to a number of infectious diseases including Zika, yellow fever, Ebola and Covid-19, and has represented Wellcome through international forums, including as a member of the Science Advisory Committee for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI).*

To register for the event, or if you have any questions, please email:
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Please note that a press accreditation for the World Health Summit is also required to join the reception: https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/whs-2022/media-center/accreditation.html Accreditation ends on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 18:00 CEST.