



VIRCHOW FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

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EDUCATION, PROSPERITY AND FREEDOM ARE THE
ONLY GUARANTEES OF A NATION'S LASTING
HEALTH.

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FOREWORD

FOUNDERS

Dear friends and colleagues,

This past year was truly a momentous period of growth and recognition for the Virchow Foundation for Global Health.

When we established the Virchow Foundation for Global Health in October 2021 on the 200th birthday of Rudolf Virchow, it was with a clear and hopeful mission: to broaden public awareness on the importance of global health and to convene stronger partnerships towards mobilising the attainment of the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in respect to “health and well-being for all”.

A key pillar of this mission is upheld through the awarding of the Virchow Prize for Global Health, which elevates those exceptional individuals who have dedicated their lives to improve global health.

As we look to what we have achieved as a global community since the UN SDGs were unanimously adopted by Member States in 2015, it is clear that major challenges remain ahead of us. Only together can we reach health equity as a prerequisite to protect our planet earth. Laureates of the Virchow Prize for Global Health serve as leading examples and inspiration on how outstanding contributions, strong commitment and ground-breaking innovation can drive this transformation.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony and celebration of Dr Nkengasong’s achievements were a pinnacle moment in 2022, paving the way for the potential this prize has to stimulate and inspire future generations in their commitment to global health. Moreover, the Foundation continues to grow in its activities and engage in strategic partnerships which advance thoughtful collaboration for global health.

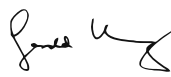
We remain grateful to those who supported us in 2022, without whom our rapid growth and success would not have been possible. Thank you and we look forward to continuing our journey for a more prosperous and healthy society together.

Yours sincerely,


CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES


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RUDOLF VIRCHOW

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Rudolf Virchow is a unique example of a great scientist, medical doctor, pathologist, anthropologist, sociologist and influential politician, who with his ideas, discoveries and activities, had profound impact on the health and well-being of people during his time through present day.

Born 200 years ago on 13 October 1821, Virchow worked as a physician at Charité. As the founder of the famous Berlin School of Medicine, he became one of the most influential scientists at the beginnings of modern medicine.

Virchow united in one person the interdisciplinary, intersectoral and humanistic concept of well-being which is needed today to improve health at a global scale.

Rudolf Virchow is thus a role model and inspiration to overcome complexity and to bridge the great variety of challenges within health and related areas.



MEDICINE IS A SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLITICS IS
NOTHING BUT MEDICINE ON A GRAND SCALE!





MISSION

THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE GLOBAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS SHALL BE REALISED IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- Awarding of the Virchow Prize for Global Health.
- Promotion of research projects and the application of research results.
- Networking across actors, sectors, and disciplines related to global and public health.
- Supporting symposia and conferences in the field of global health.

As a highly regarded and international platform, the Virchow Foundation for Global Health strives to promote and raise awareness of global health issues in a targeted and comprehensive manner among the general public, both nationally and internationally, to contribute to the improvement of global health.

Addressing health and disease from a holistic perspective, this awareness will be generated while regarding the complex interrelationships between medical, political, economic and social determinants.

This is promoted through a joint commitment of respected individuals and organisations, across disciplines and regions, who are dedicated to a sustainable improvement in global health. Upholding and aligning this work with the efforts of the United Nations by preserving the health of people and the planet through the attainment of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals.

VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH & THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Member States unanimously adopted the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on September 25, 2015. Health is influenced by all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and, more importantly, health itself influences each of these goals. Therefore, the Virchow Prize for Global Health simultaneously honours humanistic and interdisciplinary research, while upholding the United Nations' efforts to preserve the health of people and the planet.

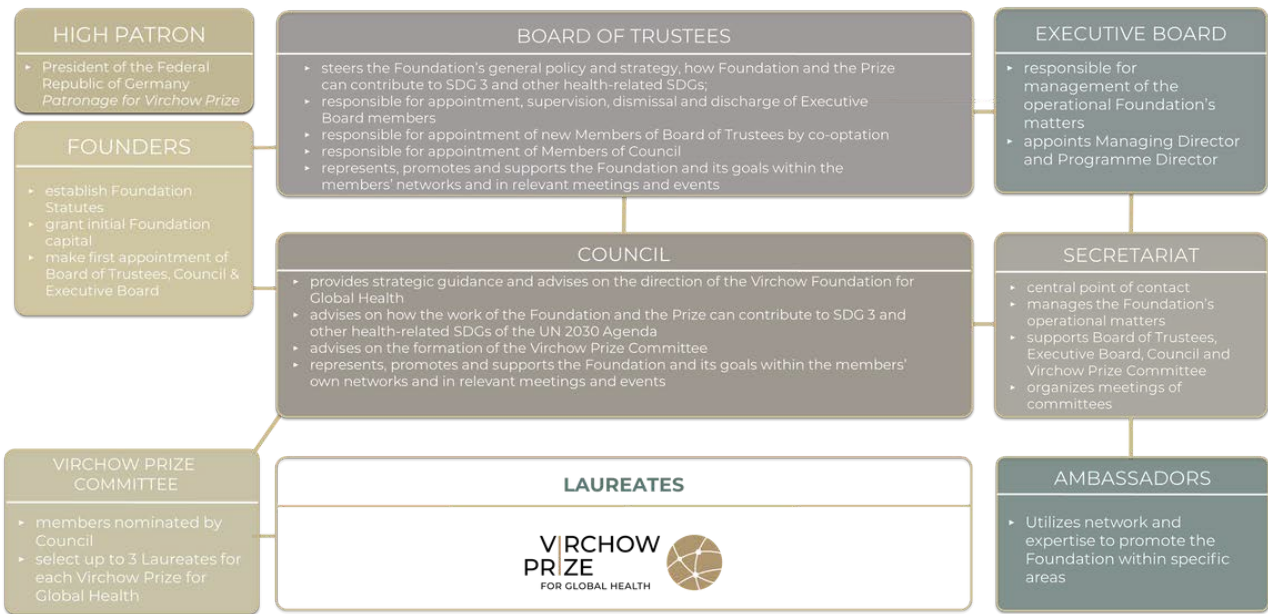
To accommodate the challenges of the 21st century, there is a need to expand the currently existing scope of international prizes at the highest level. The Virchow Prize for Global Health is an independent prize, which awards the lifetime achievement of individuals or organisations who have devoted their work to improving global health.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health is the first award of such high prestige to be deliberately established in direct connection to the UN SDGs, and specifically addresses SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-Being" among the 17 Goals.



VIRCHOW FOUNDATION

THE COMMITTEES OF THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH COMPRISE LEADING INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WITH BROAD EXPERTISE AND EXCEPTIONAL TRACK RECORD COVERING A BROAD RANGE OF SECTORS AND DISCIPLINES IN GLOBAL HEALTH.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees steers the Virchow Foundation for Global Health's general policy and strategy, aiming to realise the Foundation's purpose and mission as laid down in the Statutes of the Foundation. [Current composition.](#)

COUNCIL

Comprised of leading, international experts with a shared dedication to improve health worldwide, the Council provides strategic guidance on the direction of both the Foundation and the formation of the Virchow Prize Committee. Members of the Council are committed to ensure the Foundation's success through cross-sectoral cooperation and aligning activities with the United Nations 2030 Agenda SDGs. [Current composition.](#)

VIRCHOW PRIZE COMMITTEE

Following a thorough nomination and election process, Virchow Foundation for Global Health Council selected the 2022-2025 Virchow Prize Committee. Comprised of a select and diverse group of experts, the Virchow Prize Committee oversees the annual laureate selection for the Virchow Prize for Global Health. [Current composition.](#)

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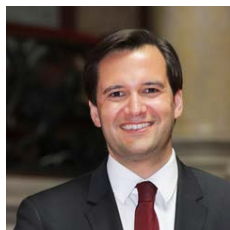
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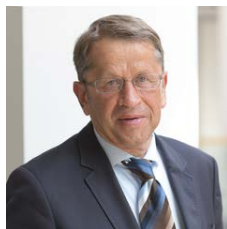
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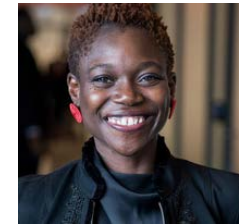
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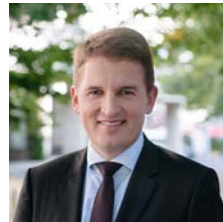
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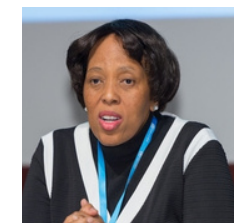
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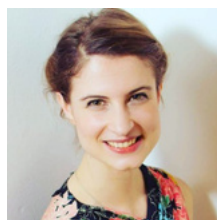
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MILESTONES

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	<p><u>FEBRUARY 8</u> BUILDING A EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION</p>	<p><u>MARCH 16</u> COUNCIL ANNOUNCED</p>	<p><u>APRIL 1</u> NOMINATION PHASE BEGAN</p>		<p><u>JUNE 9</u> SIGNED MOU WITH WHO FOUNDATION</p> <p><u>JUNE 16</u> VIRCHOW PRIZE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED</p> <p><u>JUNE 28</u> PRESIDENT STEINMEIER ASSUMES HIGH PATRONAGE</p> <p><u>JUNE 30</u> REGISTRATION OPENS: 2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
		<p><u>SEPTEMBER 1</u> JOINT MEETING ON THE 2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE LAUREATE</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER 12</u> 2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE LAUREATE ANNOUNCED</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER 14</u> VIRCHOW PRIZE DEBATED IN GERMAN PARLIAMENT</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 15</u> 2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH AWARD CEREMONY</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 15</u> FRIENDS OF THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION LAUNCHED</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER 1</u> 2023 NOMINATION PHASE OPENS</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 22</u> JOHN NKENGASONG DONATES PRIZE ENDOWMENT</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 30</u> IMPLEMENTING A EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL HEALTH & ONE HEALTH</p>	



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Virchow Foundation for Global Health was founded to promote awareness of global health issues nationally and internationally, while strengthening research and development cooperation to contribute to the sustainable improvement of global health.

2022 was a year of significant growth and opportunity for the Virchow Foundation. This annual report provides an overview of the Foundation's activities and finances towards upholding the four key pillars of its mission.



2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

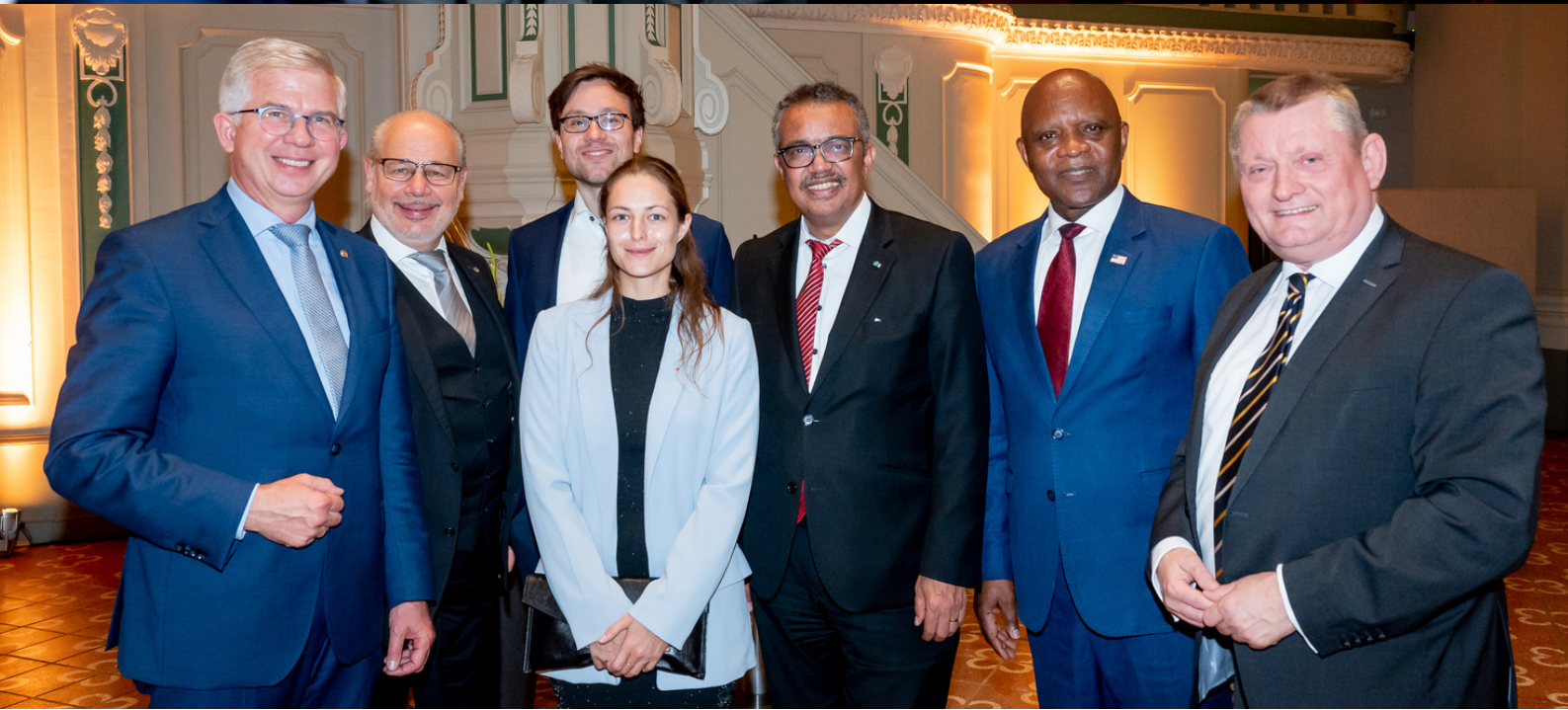


THE VIRCHOW PRIZE SYMBOLIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN GLOBAL HEALTH; BUT IT ALSO SYMBOLIZES GERMANY'S LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH IN RECENT YEARS



TEDROS GHEBREYESUS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Virchow Prize for Global Health is the first international award of its kind, founded in direct connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically addressing SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-Being" among the 17 Goals. Established and awarded by the Virchow Foundation for Global Health, the prize aims to raise awareness of the outstanding importance of international, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral cooperation.



AWARD CEREMONY

Last year marked the launch of the first Virchow Prize for Global Health. The inaugural award ceremony was held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Berlin. John N. Nkengasong was awarded in the presence of several hundred distinguished international guests from the global health community, diplomats, political leaders and scientists from all over the world.

Award Ceremony Speakers

- **Master of Ceremony** | Stéphanie Seydoux, Former Ambassador for Global Health, France
- Franziska Giffey, Governing Mayor of Berlin
- Gerald Haug, President, Virchow Foundation for Global Health, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
- Karl Lauterbach, Minister of Health, Germany
- **Laudation** | Peter Piot, Former Director, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- **Laureate** | John N. Nkengasong
- Axel Pries, President, World Health Summit

Watch the ceremony highlights [here](#)



2022 HIGH PATRON

FRANK WALTER STEINMEIER
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY



The 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health was held under the High Patronage of the German Federal President, Frank Walter Steinmeier. Under the High Patron, the mission of the international Virchow Prize for Global Health and its alignment with health-related Sustainable Development Goals within the United Nations 2030 Agenda are endorsed. As stated in the Federal President's letter upon taking over the patronage on May 12, 2022, "international and interdisciplinary collaboration in research networks to address global health crisis deserve our great support".

This year was particularly special, because the ceremony awarded the first laureate of the Virchow Prize for Global Health; representing a milestone towards improving awareness of global health issues and achieving our common mission of health for all. The Virchow Foundation for Global Health was honoured to award the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health to John N. Nkengasong under the distinguished recognition of President Steinmeier.

AWARD CEREMONY PROGRAMME

WELCOME NOTES

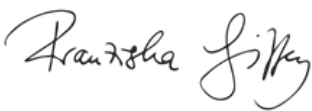
The Virchow Prize for Global Health is being awarded this year for the very first time. Welcome to Berlin for this very special event!

The COVID-19 pandemic has given us fresh proof that research and innovation in the health care sector are essential to achieving sustainable development and decent living conditions everywhere in the world. I am delighted that starting this year, the Virchow Prize will be honouring award winners for their many years of outstanding work in the area of global health and in conjunction with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

This international award shines a spotlight on vital issues and can be another incentive for the commitment to finding innovative solutions in health care. At the same time, the Virchow Prize

will help to raise Berlin's profile still further as an exceptional home to science, academia, medical research and treatment, and an innovative health care industry. Our city's development in these areas has been very gratifying, and we want to continue to move forward with that. For this reason, too, I am delighted about this new award.

My special thanks go to the Virchow Foundation for Global Health and to everyone else whose hard work and support is making this premiere possible. And now I'd like to wish all of you an unforgettable awards ceremony and inspiring encounters, as well as a very pleasant stay in Berlin



FRANZISKA GIFFEY
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN



WELCOME NOTES

Dear guests and friends, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the opening ceremony of the Virchow Prize for Global Health.

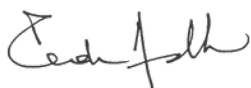
Health is an essential human right, and improving access to health services globally is a humanitarian imperative. Yet governments often under-invest and under-prioritise it. Despite the unique opportunity presented by the COVID-19 pandemic to fundamentally change health and response mechanisms, we see the same breakdowns persisting. Understanding the diverse needs of our communities to strengthen local health policy and establish innovative partnerships essential for establishing a sustainable global health architecture.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health aims to contribute to global health security and was launched during a momentous time for health in Germany. The German Government launched its ambitious Global Health Strategy 2020, followed by the opening of the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in 2021. The Virchow Prize for Global Health, and the Virchow Foundation for Global Health which awards this annual prize, build on these initiatives to serve as a platform for raising awareness of global health while fostering collaboration across sectors and expertise.

There are many reasons to be remain optimistic about the future and the progress we have achieved. This is due in great part to exceptional individuals like Ambassador John Nkengasong, who have persevered in bridging the gap for equitable healthcare to the world's most underserved and vulnerable.

For the past 30 years, Ambassador Nkengasong has demonstrated unparalleled commitment in addressing complex global health challenges, setting an example of for new generations of activists, diplomats and scientists.

Our celebration of Ambassador Nkengasong not only recognizes his dedication to "health for all" and the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, but aims to highlight the current state of global health and the importance of worldwide cooperation to achieve equitable health access.



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2022 VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LAUREATE

JOHN N. NKENGASONG

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I AM HUMBLLED AND HONOURED TO RECEIVE THE VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH. WHAT DRIVES ME TODAY AND HAS DRIVEN ME THROUGHOUT MY CAREER IN PUBLIC HEALTH OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS IS A NEED TO SERVE THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BY ELIMINATING INEQUITIES IN GLOBAL HEALTH.

GROWING UP IN MY COUNTRY OF BIRTH, CAMEROON, I EXPERIENCED FIRST-HAND AND VERY PERSONALLY WHAT IT MEANS TO BE VULNERABLE TO DISEASE THREATS. I FREQUENTLY SUFFERED FROM MALARIA EPISODES, ANY ONE OF WHICH COULD HAVE TAKEN MY LIFE BECAUSE ACCESS TO BASIC MEDICINE WAS LIMITED. I AM FORTUNATE, I SURVIVED, BUT MILLIONS HAVE NOT. MY EXPERIENCE IN CAMEROON WAS THE CATALYST FOR MY COMMITMENT TO BRIDGING INEQUITIES IN GLOBAL HEALTH. I AM AMONG MANY DEDICATED PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COMMITTED TO MAKING BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL A REALITY.

THE VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH IS THE HIGHEST HONOUR IN RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLOBAL HEALTH AND BRINGING VISIBILITY TO AN UNDERRECOGNIZED FIELD THAT HAS AN IMPACT OF GLOBAL PROPORTIONS. IT IS WITH DEEP GRATITUDE THAT I ACCEPT THIS AWARD, WHICH IS NAMED AFTER THE GREAT SCIENTIST RUDOLF VIRCHOW. HIS WORK ADVANCED GLOBAL HEALTH DURING HIS TIME THROUGH TODAY. I SHARE HIS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES AND WELLBEING OF THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DEDICATE MY TIME AND ENERGY TO THAT EFFORT.

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Read the Virchow Prize Committee rationale [here](#)

Watch the laureate announcement video [here](#)



JOHN N. NKENGASONG



The Laureate of the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health is John Nkengasong for his outstanding and significant lifetime contributions towards strength-ening global health.

Dr Nkengasong was born in Cameroon and started his impeccable and impressive academic career studying virology at the University of Yaoundé. He then went on to obtain master's degrees in Tropical Biomedical Science at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium and in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences University of Brussels School of Medicine. Dr Nkengasong also holds a doctorate in Medical Sciences and Virology from the University of Brussels, Belgium.

Dr Nkengasong has held many prominent positions towards furthering our understanding and response to infectious diseases. He researched the diagnosis, pathogen-esis, and drug resistance of HIV/AIDS as Chief of Virology at the World Health Organization (WHO). Following this role, Dr Nkengasong joined the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Assigned to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, under his leadership the team created one of the first laboratories on the continent capable of precisely measuring HIV in the blood and sequencing of the virus.

In 2011, Dr Nkengasong played a crucial role in establishing the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM), a pan-African organisation strengthening laboratory networks and systems in Africa, as well as lending strong sup- port and development opportunities to African researchers.

In 2016, Dr Nkengasong significantly contributed to the establishment of the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) as its Founding Director. Under his leadership, the Africa CDC established strong cooperation between African Union member countries to strengthen their public health institutes and tackle future health threats. The framework established moved the Africa CDC into a full autonomous health agency of the Africa Union.

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JOHN N. NKENGASONG

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Nkengasong continued to coordinate the African continent's response and was appointed Special Envoy to the Director-General of the World Health Organization on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response. Most recently, in June 2022, Dr Nkengasong was appointed the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Health Diplomacy of the United States. As the first coordinator of African origin, Dr Nkengasong is leading, managing, and overseeing the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

John Nkengasong has demonstrated an exceptionally impressive role in global health since his earliest academic and political beginnings in scientific research. This is underscored by his establishment of crucial global health institutions and advancing education, including training of new generations of global health scientists, activists, and diplomats, which contribute to raised awareness on the essential need for international cooperation in health.

During his time as Director of the Africa CDC, Dr Nkengasong implemented and developed health-improving governance and cooperation, which enhanced health and individual well-being on a global scale. This has elevated him as one of the key individuals in establishing the global health dynamics and infrastructures to raise the international participation of the Global South.

It is this unparalleled commitment to addressing complex global health challenges, his development of systemic and holistic approaches which have fundamentally shaped the global health landscape, and mobilisation towards the attainment of the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals and "health and wellbeing for all" that John Nkengasong is a deserving laureate of the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health.



VIRCHOW PRIZE TROPHY

The Virchow Prize for Global Health trophy is awarded for the first time on October 15, 2022 and aspires to be recognised as a symbol of innovation and dedication to advancing health for all.

This one-of-a-kind design provides a bridge between the past and future of global health. Its central feature is the glass specimen jar, curated from the Pathology Laboratory of the Charité University Medicine in Berlin. Estimated to be more than 100 years old, similar specimen jars were utilized by Rudolf Virchow himself to preserve medical discoveries and contribute to the advancement of science and education.

Suspended within each Virchow Prize for Global Health trophy is a “specimen” that represents or symbolizes that represents or symbolizes the longstanding work of the laureates and their unique contribution to global health. Within the trophy is a brass plate, laser etched with the name of the laureate and indicating the awarding year. The lid is additionally made of brass, etched with the image of Rudolf Virchow and sealed.

This original jar featuring the specimen, brass plate and lid will be showcased in the Historical Museum at the Charité University Medicine for students and the community to visit and learn from the achievements of the Virchow Prize for Global Health laureates – upholding Rudolf Virchow’s lifelong ambition to democratize and stimulate education.

The trophy awarded to the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health laureate, Ambassador John Nkengasong, will be a replica of this museum specimen; additionally utilizing an original glass jar curated from the Charité University Medicine.

The Virchow Prize for Global Health trophy design was developed under the direction and vision of artists Professor Axel Kufus, Noa Lerner and Bastian Thürich from Berlin University of the Arts (Universität der Künste) and OH Studio. Its concept and design finalized in close cooperation with the Virchow Foundation for Global Health Founders and Directors.



Watch the Making of the Trophy Video [here](#)

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Coverage of the Virchow Prize for Global Health and the inaugural ceremony was featured internationally, in both digital and print media. Select outlets are displayed below.

Frankfurter Allgemeine

ZEITUNG ONLINE



dpa

POLITICO

World Health Organization

Süddeutsche Zeitung



GHealth News
For a Healthy World



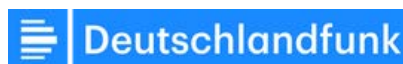
Augsburger Allgemeine



Actu Cameroun



Berliner Zeitung



Berliner Morgenpost



FOR BERLIN, THIS [VIRCHOW PRIZE] CEREMONY IS A GREAT SIGN OF RECOGNITION. IT HIGHLIGHTS ALL THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE SPOTLIGHT WHO CONTRIBUTE EVERY DAY TO BERLIN'S GOOD REPUTATION AS A CENTRE FOR HEALTH THROUGH WORK IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, [RESEARCH AND OF CARE].



FRANZISKA GIFFEY
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

PRIZE ENDOWMENT

On Tuesday, November 11, 2022, it was announced that John Nkengasong dedicates the full €500,000 Virchow Prize endowment to the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) in Kampala, Uganda. The Virchow Foundation for Global Health fulfilled the transfer of funds, which will go towards supporting programmes that will help address health inequities in vulnerable populations.



WE AT AFENET ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO DR JOHN NKENGASONG FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THIS GLORIOUS AND HISTORIC AWARD. WE ARE EXCITED THAT HE HAS CHOSEN AFENET TO IMPLEMENT THE ENDOWMENT TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. WE APPLAUD DR NKENGASONG FOR SELFLESSLY DEDICATING THE ENTIRE AWARD MONEY TO ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE. WE COMMIT TO MANAGING THE FUNDS PRUDENTLY FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE. CONGRATULATIONS DR NKENGASONG!



SIMON ANTARA
AFENET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Read the press release [here](#)



DEBATE IN THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT

On October 14, the day before the inaugural award ceremony, the Virchow Prize for Global Health was addressed as a separate agenda item for the first time at the 61st plenary debate of the German Parliament.

This occasion was the result of broad, cross-party recognition of the importance of the Virchow Prize for Global Health. The nearly 45-minute debate on the prize underlined that sustainability, global health and multilateral cooperation have become an overarching brand core of German politics.

Watch the debate [here](#)



[THE FOUNDERS] ESTABLISHED THE VIRCHOW PRIZE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH FOR THIS TOPIC AND IT IS THE FIRST AWARD WITH THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, IT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCATION GERMANY, AND ESPECIALLY BERLIN, [...] WHEN WE TALK ABOUT GLOBAL HEALTH. IT ALSO UNDERSCORES THE OUTSTANDING GERMAN COMMITMENT [TO GLOBAL HEALTH].



HEIKE BAEHRENS
MEMBER OF THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT



THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED VIRCHOW PRIZE WILL SPUR AND FACILITATE THESE BIG [GOALS] AND RECOGNISE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS SERVING THE WHOLE OF HUMANITY. THIS IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.



TINA RUDOLPH
MEMBER OF THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT

photo credit: German Bundestag



PARTNERSHIPS

As an awareness raising and networking platform, the Virchow Foundation for Global Health established strategic partnerships for both its organisational growth and the joint advancement of global health targets. Through these activities in 2022, the Foundation upheld the remaining pillars of its mission.

- Promotion of research projects and the application of research results.
- Networking across actors, sectors, and disciplines related to global and public health.
- Supporting symposia and conferences in the field of global health.

ONE SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FORUM

The One Sustainable Health Forum (OSH) brings together trans-disciplinary experts to gather significant recommendations and initiate innovative actions in favour of one sustainable health for all.

BUILDING A EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION

On February 8, the OSH launched the One Europe for Global Health Coalition, focused on engaging the European Union for a uniform and integrated health strategy.



The Coalition began following the Lyon Declaration for a European Health Union, which occurred on the occasion of the European Ministers of Health and Foreign Affairs meeting in Lyon on February 9, the meeting of European Health Ministers in Grenoble on February 10 and the virtual meeting of the European city's mayors. The Lyon Declaration grouped the voices from a diversity of professional organisations in Europe in the form of recommendations. The Virchow Foundation for Global Health joined in the drafting of the Lyon Declaration and participated in the launch event.

Read the Lyon Declaration [here](#)

IMPLEMENTING A EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL HEALTH & ONE HEALTH

On November 30, this hybrid event in Prague was organised with the Czech Medical Association and supported by the Virchow Foundation for Global Health. Held on the occasion of the 2022 Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union, this event engaged young people and discussed their important role in overtaking future decisions and problem solving towards ensuring sustainable health and continuity.

PARTNERSHIPS

WHO FOUNDATION

Formalising their joint co-mmitment to elevating awareness of global health and encouraging innovation towards finding solutions for its most pressing challenges, the Virchow Foundation for Global Health and the WHO Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on June 14.

Through this partnership, the Foundations aim to leverage their platforms and missions to advance the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to jointly foster awareness raising efforts and collaborative opportunities between relevant stakeholders within global health.

Key activities include jointly organising and facilitating meetings, as well as key global health events and the annual awarding of the Virchow Prize for Global Health.

Read the press release [here](#)



WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT



photo credit: World Health Summit

The 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony was organised in partnership with the World Health Summit (WHS), utilising the networks of both organisations to host an exciting and dynamic weekend for global health in Berlin. The Virchow Prize Award Ceremony was held on Saturday, October 14, the eve of the World Health Summit, as well as in the same location.

Therefore, guests were able to benefit by first attending the Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony and continue the networking opportunities at the three day WHS event.

A blue-tinted portrait of Rudolf Virchow, an elderly man with a full white beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark bow tie. The portrait is positioned on the left side of the page, with a dark blue vertical bar behind it. The text is on the right side of the page.

FRIENDS OF THE VIRCHOW FOUNDATION

A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE BUILDING A FUTURE TOWARDS HEALTH FOR ALL

At the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony, the Virchow Foundation announced the launch of its Friends network.

Friends of the Virchow Foundation is a change driven platform which brings together highly committed individuals, companies and institutions who support the Foundation's goals, both ideally and financially.

Key activities of Friends include:

- Raising awareness on the importance of global health among the broader public.
- Networking actors, sectors and disciplines related to global health on a national and international level.
- Elevating the recognition of the Virchow Prize for Global Health.

Friends of the Virchow Foundation part of an exclusive network that works towards contributing innovative solutions at the national, international and global level. These efforts uphold UN Sustainable Development Goal 17 – “Partnerships for the Goals”.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2022

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the balance sheet from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2022

Assets

Purchased property rights, similar rights and assets, licences	5,921.31	€
Bank Account	121,539.65	€
Total Assets	127,460.96	€

Liabilities

Basic Foundation Capital	100,000.00	€
Profit Carried Forward	(12,638.45)	€
Annual Result	40,099.41	€
Total Liabilities	127,460.96	€

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT on the surplus account from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2022

Income

Donations	950,000.00	€
Total Income	950,000.00	€

Depreciation	1,993.00	€
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Budget item

Cost of Staff	117,072.63	€
Prize Ceremony	241,223.49	€
Prize Endowment	500,000.00	€
PR & Communication	35,972.11	€
Miscellaneous	13,639.36	€
Total Cost	907,907.59	€

Annual Result	40,099.41	€
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Left to right: Detlev Ganten, Annette Welling, Roland Göhde, Victoria Grandsoult, Steffi Gasteiger, Harald Hasselmann

CORE TEAM

The Virchow Foundation for Global Health is comprised of a diverse and energetic team, dedicated to advancing global recognition on the importance of health and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

- Roland Göhde | Co-Founder & CEO
- Detlev Ganten | Co-Founder & Vice-Chair, Executive Board
- Victoria Grandsoult | Managing Director, Virchow Foundation Secretariat
- Annette Welling | Programme Director, Virchow Foundation & Friends
- Steffi Gasteiger | Communication & Partnerships Manager, Virchow Foundation Secretariat
- Harald Hasselmann | Chair, Friends of the Virchow Foundation

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