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In January 2022, Germany took over the Presidency of the Group of Seven leading industrial states (G7). The annual meeting of the heads of state and government will take place from 26 to 28 June 2022 at Schloss Elmau.

Under the leadership of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the science academies of the G7 countries, convening in the Science7 format, have developed evidence-based statements related to topics on the summit agenda. Thematic priorities include antiviral drugs for pandemic preparedness, global health challenges posed by zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance, the impact of climate change on polar regions and ocean, and concrete measures for decarbonisation.

At the Science7 Dialogue Forum on 31 May 2022, the joint recommendations will be presented and discussed with national and international experts and the public. Moreover, the Science7 Statements 2022 will be handed over to the German G7 Presidency.

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Programme

09:00 – 10:00 | Registration

10:00 – 10:45 | High Level Policy Session

Opening
Moderator: Katie Gallus

Welcome and Introduction
Prof. (ETHZ) Dr. Gerald Haug ML
President of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Keynote Address
Wolfgang Schmidt
Head of the Federal Chancellery and Federal Minister for Special Tasks

Handover of the Science7 Statements

10:45 – 12:00 | Keynote Session

Moderator: Katie Gallus

Keynote Address
Challenges in Pandemic Preparedness and Response
Prof. Dr. Peter Piot ML
EU Chief Scientific Advisor Epidemics and Handa Professor of Global Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Keynote Address
Confronting the Climate Crisis: Time for Leadership
Prof. Dr. Thomas Stocker ML
Professor of Climate and Environmental Physics, University of Bern

Panel Discussion and Q&A Session

12:00 – 13:15 | Lunch Break

13:15 – 14:30 | Increasing Pandemic Preparedness and The Need for a One Health Approach

Moderator: Katie Gallus

Presentation of Science7 Recommendations
Prof. Dr. Sandra Ciesek
Director of the Institute of Medical Virology, University Hospital Frankfurt, and Professor of Medical Virology, Goethe University Frankfurt

Prof. Dr. Thomas C. Mettenleiter ML
President of the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute and Co-Chair of the One Health High-Level Expert Panel of FAO, OIE, UNEP and WHO

Panel Discussion
Prof. Dr. Jeremy McNeil
President of the Royal Society of Canada

Prof. Dr. Félix Rey
Director of the Virology Department, Institute Pasteur, Paris

Prof. Dr. Sandra Ciesek

Prof. Dr. Thomas C. Mettenleiter ML

Q&A Session

14:30 – 15:45 | Climate Change: From Ocean and Cryosphere to Decarbonisation

Moderator: Katie Gallus

Presentation of Science7 Recommendations
Prof. Dr. Ricarda Winkelmann
Professor of Climate System Analysis, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Prof. Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer ML
Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Panel Discussion
Prof. Dr. Marcia McNutt
President of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences

Prof. Dr. Maria Cristina Marcuzzo
Foreign Secretary, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome

Panel Discussion
Prof. Dr. Satryo Soemantri Brodjonegoro
President of the National Academy of Sciences of Indonesia (Science20 Chair 2022)

Prof. Dr. Anatoly Zagorodny
President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Q&A Session

15:45 – 16:15 | Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:15 | Where do we go from here? Outlook on the Future of G7 and G20 Policy Advice by the National Academies of Sciences

Moderator: Katie Gallus

Panel Discussion
Prof. (ETHZ) Dr. Gerald Haug ML
President of the Leopoldina (Science7 Chair 2022)

Prof. Dr. Takaaki Kajita
President of the Science Council of Japan and Nobel Laureate in Physics 2015 (Science7 Chair 2023)

Prof. Dr. Satryo Soemantri Brodjonegoro
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17:15 | Farewell
Prof. (ETHZ) Dr. Gerald Haug ML
President of the Leopoldina

17:30 | Reception
Music by Trio Noor

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