

2022 AWARD CEREMONY

“The Virchow Prize symbolizes outstanding achievement in global health; but it also symbolizes Germany’s leadership in global health in recent years.”

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization

The Virchow Prize for Global Health is the first award international and prestige award of its kind, founded in direct connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 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.

The inaugural Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony was held on **Saturday, October 15, 2022** in Berlin. The first laureate, **John N. Nkengasong**, was awarded for his outstanding and significant lifetime contributions towards strengthening global health. [Read](#) the announcement of his confirmation by the Virchow Prize Committee.



Dr 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. [Watch](#) ceremony highlights. 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. [Read](#) the press release. **Frank Walter Steinmeier**, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, served as **High Patron** of the 2022 Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony.

2022 CEREMONY PROGRAMME

- Master of Ceremony | Stéphanie Seydoux, Ambassador for Global Health, Republic of France (now: WHO Envoy for Multilateral Affairs)
- Franziska Giffey, Governing Mayor, City of Berlin
- Professor Dr Gerald Haug, President, Virchow Foundation for Global Health
- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
- Laudation by Peter Piot, Former Director, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



“[The Virchow Prize] is to my knowledge the only recognized international prize which recognizes this interaction: living conditions, public health, pandemics, the future of mankind, in many ways how social life and living conditions interplay with living conditions and the prospects of our future.”

Professor Dr Karl Lauterbach, Minister of Health, Federal Republic of Germany

SELECT INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- **U.S. Department of State** – [Virchow Prize Press Release](#)
- **U.S. Department of State** – [Press release with Dr. Nkengasong official statement](#)
- **PEPFAR** tweets on John Nkengasong & Virchow Prize: [Sep. 16](#) and [Oct. 16](#)
- [Tweet](#) by **Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State**
- [Tweet](#) by **Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS**



DEBATE ON VIRCHOW PRIZE AT 61ST PLENARY SESSION OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG

on Friday, October 14, 2022 ([watch](#))

MEDIA OUTREACH

National (DACH) media: 1320 contacts | International media: 8056 contacts

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

[LINKEDIN](#)

2,141 Followers

- Individual page views 1,072 (89.7% incr.)
- Individual visitors 428 (59.7% incr.)
- Organic impressions >30K with 769 reactions
- [Top post](#)

[TWITTER](#)

527 Followers

- [October summary](#)
- Tweet impressions 97.9K
- Profile visits 10K
- Mentions 335
- [Top tweet](#)

[YOUTUBE](#)

- Individual page views: 1,171
- 2022 Virchow Prize Ceremony livestream (598 views) is the [Top video](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

- Award ceremony week: 11,818 visits
- Current website visits to date: >88,000
- Visitors from 171 countries & territories