

# A Call for a Global Summit to End the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear World Leaders Attending the 2021 UN General Assembly:

The world is at a perilous and urgent moment in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Delta variant has spread rapidly to more than 130 countries, demonstrating that we are fighting a virus that doesn't respect borders and advances rapidly across continents.

The best way to prevent further catastrophe is to dramatically decrease worldwide cases and slow transmission of the virus through widespread global vaccination, combined with other public health measures. However, inequitable access to high-quality vaccines and capacity to administer them is prolonging the pandemic and destabilizing economies and societies around the world.

**Therefore, we call on world leaders to convene a global summit during this year's United Nations General Assembly and commit to actions to make 7 billion doses of high-quality vaccines available before the end of 2021 and an additional 7 billion doses by mid-2022; ensure that every country is ready to implement equitable vaccination programs at scale by the end of this year; and vaccinate 70 percent of the world's population by mid-2022. People everywhere should also have equitable access to tests, therapies, and other proven interventions so lives can be saved using all COVID-19 tools.**

A global pandemic needs a global plan of attack. The summit should secure the commitments and actions needed to close the vaccine supply, financing and capacity gaps. Very soon there will be enough supply of high-quality vaccines to assure that all countries can meet the needs of their own citizens and also engage in a global effort to vaccinate everyone. Urgent actions must be taken to increase countries' distribution and delivery capabilities, which are poised to become the key constraint in the race between vaccines and variants. That is why we need a comprehensive response to the current crisis, which will also strengthen health systems and preparedness for the next pandemic.

We are in a race against time. Without immediate action, there will be millions more infections and deaths, and new variants could emerge and pierce vaccine immunity. We, the undersigned, urge world leaders to align on a common framework for urgent global action by all governments, and private sector leaders, to end the pandemic – everywhere.

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