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Heads of Global Organizations Issue Joint Call for Vaccine Equality (AFP)

Today, June 1, 2021, the Heads of Global Organizations Issued a Joint Call for Vaccine Equality, one week ahead of the G7 summit.

Statement overview

World leaders must make a "new commitment" to a more equal distribution of coronavirus vaccines to bring the pandemic under control, the heads of four major global organizations said today. The heads of the World Health Organization, World Bank, IMF and WTO blamed the gap in vaccination programs for the emergence of virus variants that have fueled fresh outbreaks in the developing world. "It has become abundantly clear that there will be no broad-based recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic without an end to the health crisis. Access to vaccination is key to both," they said. "Ending the pandemic is possible -- and requires global action now." They called on the G-7 nations to agree on a "stepped-up coordinated strategy, backed by new financing, to vaccinate the world" at their next meeting in the U.K. later this month. The officials recommended the G-7 agrees to fund a \$50b plan already put forward by the IMF to accelerate the end of the pandemic.

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