

# Global Citizen announces Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, as campaign chairs of Vax Live: The Concert to Reunite the World

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US President Joe Biden, First Lady Dr Jill Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris will make a featured appearance as part of the We Can Do This national initiative to increase public confidence in and uptake of Covid-19 vaccines

*Lineup grows to include South African actress and activist, Nomzamo Mbatha as well as Ben Affleck, Chrissy Teigen, David Letterman, Gayle King, Jimmy Kimmel, Nomzamo Mbatha, Olivia Munn and Sean Penn*

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## THE CONCERT TO REUNITE THE WORLD

International advocacy organisation [Global Citizen](#) has announced exciting new additions to the lineup for **Vax Live: The Concert to Reunite the World**, which will take place on **Sunday, 2 May** at the [SoFi Stadium](#) in **Los Angeles**. The first large-scale music event to be held for a Covid-compliant audience of fully-vaccinated frontline workers, Vax Live will be used to call on governments, the private sector and philanthropists to commit towards securing the equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines. The event will air **Saturday, 8 May 2021** on **MultiChoice's 1Magic** and on **the SABC's channel S3** in South Africa, which broadcasts throughout Africa and livestream on YouTube.

Among the lineup additions:

- **Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex**, are serving as campaign chairs of Vax Live and will be delivering an important global message for vaccine equity during the event. To help ensure equitable access to the vaccine, they've also been leading a coordinated drive across the private sector to raise critical funds for the vaccine-sharing program CoVax.
- With multi-platinum recording artist, actress and producer **Selena Gomez** as host, the event will be headlined by a multinational lineup that will include South Africa's very own **Nomzamo Mbatha** who will be joined by **Jennifer Lopez, Eddie Vedder, Foo Fighters, Ben Affleck, Chrissy Teigen, David Letterman, Gayle King, Jimmy Kimmel, Olivia**

**Munn and Sean Penn.**

- Global Citizen is proud to announce a special appearance by **US President Biden and First Lady Dr Jill Biden, Vice President Harris as** part of Global Citizen's partnership with the White House's **We Can Do This** initiative to increase public confidence in Covid-19 vaccines while reinforcing basic prevention measures, such as mask wearing and social distancing. Additionally, **President Macron of France, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada and Prime Minister Plenković of Croatia** will make appearances.
- **Cisco announced \$5m, the Analog Devices Foundation announced \$1m and The Coca-Cola Foundation announced \$500,000 to support CoVax.** Cisco's \$5M contribution to the Gavi CoVax AMC will be matched by a Swiss Foundation who prefers to remain anonymous. These commitments, totaling \$11.5m, will fund the purchase of an estimated 2.3 million vaccine doses for health workers.
- The Vax Live campaign is calling on **businesses** to donate dollars for doses via CoVax, **wealthy governments** to share excess doses immediately with CoVax and for **pharmaceutical companies** like Moderna to make vaccines available at not-for-profit prices.

The event will be pre-recorded and will be broadcast and streamed on **Saturday, 8 May** on a number of channels and radio stations in the US, Brazil and Colombia, as well as on **MultiChoice's 1Magic** and on **the SABC's channel S3** in South Africa and on which airs throughout Africa. Global Citizen's exclusive streaming partner, **YouTube**, will stream an extended 90-minute version of the event on the [Global Citizen channel](#), starting at 8pm ET (2am CAT). This will include additional performances and appearances by **NCT 127** and **Picture This** as well as by YouTube's creators, **Daniel El Travieso, Kati Morton, ShootforLove, Thembe Mahlaba** and **The Try Guys**.

As part of Vax Live, Global Citizen is campaigning to support the Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator (Act-A) initiative – including CoVax – a vaccine-sharing programme co-led by the World Health Organisation (WHO), to ensure global equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines. During the special, Global Citizen will call on governments asking them to pledge a total of \$19bn, the outstanding balance needed by the Act-A to get 1.8 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses plus tests and treatments to the world's poorest countries by the end of 2021. As part of the campaign, Spain announced the donation of an estimated **7.5 million vaccine doses** as soon as 50% of the Spanish population is vaccinated. France announced starting the sharing of doses for health workers across Africa with **an initial donation of 100,000 this month and at least 500,000 by June**.

"Over the past year, our world has experienced pain, loss, and struggle - together. Now we need to recover and heal - together. We can't leave anybody behind. We will all benefit, we will all be safer, when everyone everywhere has equal

access to the vaccine. We must pursue equitable vaccine distribution, and in that, restore faith in our common humanity. This mission couldn't be more critical or important," said **Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, campaign chairs of Vax Live.**

"As part of the Vax Live campaign, the government of Spain will facilitate to Latin America and the Caribbean a quantity of vaccines against Covid-19 that corresponds, at least, to between 5% and 10% of the total vaccines that our country receives throughout 2021. I am proud of my country and of the dedication of its people, including public representatives, for showing solidarity in responding to this crisis, that has been so brutal both in Spain and abroad," said **Prime Minister of Spain Pedro Sanchez.**

"Last autumn, I called for the sharing of the doses ordered by our countries, to ensure both solidarity and health security. This winter, I proposed that each country share at least 5% of the doses ordered with the poorest countries. I can already tell you that, as far as France is concerned, this objective will be exceeded by the end of the year. With the European vaccine sharing mechanism via the CoVax initiative that France is inaugurating, we are in concrete solidarity in the fight against the virus, which does not care about borders. Today I call on all my colleagues to join this momentum and make a commitment at Vax Live," said **President of France, Emmanuel Macron.**

**Fran Katsoudas, EVP and chief people, policy and purpose officer of Cisco,** said: "At Cisco, our purpose is to power an inclusive future for all, and we know that starts with an inclusive recovery from Covid-19. The private sector has an important role to play in this, and we are proud to make a commitment to CoVax to ensure that health workers and the most vulnerable have fair and equitable access to vaccines."

"CoVax has helped spur the rapid development of safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines. But this extraordinary effort will be for naught, if we don't get vaccines to the people who need them the most. This is the moment for the private sector to step up and support vaccine equity," said **Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi the Vaccine Alliance.** "Thank you to Cisco for leading the way with a \$5m contribution to the Gavi CoVax AMC, which will be matched dollar for dollar. We hope that this generous contribution will set an example for others from the private sector to pledge at Global Citizen's Vax Live event on 8th May."

"We are proud to partner with an amazing group of selfless frontline heroes, global leaders, civic groups and entertainment superstars to combat the pandemic and support vaccine efforts throughout the world," said **E Stanley Kroenke, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park Developer and owner/chairman of the Los Angeles Rams.** "We are honored that such a meaningful and impactful event – Vax Live – is our first event at SoFi Stadium open to the public. Hundreds of millions around the globe will be watching as we raise awareness and the resources desperately needed to bring communities back together again."

"We are truly grateful for the time, effort and energy that everyone has given to make Vax Live a reality within just a few months. We're thrilled to be hosting Global Citizen's first live event since the pandemic began alongside these incredible artists, entertainers and individuals who are donating their time to support our mission to achieve vaccine equity and build vaccine confidence globally," said **Katie Hill, SVP, head of music, entertainment and artist relations** at Global Citizen. "I'm moved by the enthusiasm of every Vax Live participant to play a role in ending the Covid-19 pandemic as we all work together to come back, safely."



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Vax Live is supported by the **World Health Organisation (WHO), European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Prime Minister of Italy and G20 Chair Mario Draghi and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Spain Pedro Sanchez, President of France Emmanuel Macron**

and the **State of California**.

Policy partners include the **WHO**; the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI)**; **Gavi**, the **Vaccine Alliance**; the **Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria**; the **Covid-19 Therapeutics Accelerator**; the **Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)** and **UNITAID**. Philanthropic partners include the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, **New Venture Fund** and **Allan and Gill Gray Philanthropy**.

In partnership with Declan Kelly and Teneo, the global CEO advisory firm, Vax Live and Global Citizen's [Recovery Plan for the World](#) are supported by a coalition of Global Partners including **Cisco**, **Citi**, **The Coca-Cola Company**, **Delta Air Lines**, **Google**, **Live Nation**, **P&G** and **Verizon** and Pan-African partner **Access Bank**. As leaders of many of the world's top companies, co-chairs **Chuck Robbins**, chairman and CEO of Cisco; **Jane Fraser**, CEO of Citi; **James Quincey**, chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company; **Ed Bastian**, CEO of Delta Air Lines; **Michael Rapino**, CEO of Live Nation; **Marc Pritchard**, CBO of P&G; and **Hans Vestberg**, CEO of Verizon will work together to engage the private sector to help achieve the campaign's priority policy goals. **Lorraine Twohill**, CMO of Google and **Mindy Grossman**, CEO of WW International are also supporting leaders of Global Citizen's Recovery Plan for the World.

With this and other initiatives, Global Citizen continues to be at the forefront of efforts to contain and end Covid-19. Last year, working in partnership with Lady Gaga, the One World: Together at Home concert mobilised over \$127,9m in support of healthcare workers on the frontline of the pandemic. And with the Global Goal: Unite for Our Future campaign, Global Citizen and the European Commission secured \$1.5bn in cash grants and \$5.4bn in loans, as well as the necessary political support to ensure that everyone, everywhere will have access to Covid-19 testing, treatments and vaccines.

The executive producers of **Vax Live: The Concert to Reunite the World** are **Global Citizen**, the **Ad Council** and **Covid Collaborative**, **YouTube Originals**, **iHeartMedia**, **Teneo** and **Live Nation**. The executive producers of the **Vax Live** broadcast will be **Casey Patterson** of **Casey Patterson Entertainment** and **Ken Ehrlich**.

The producers include **Michele Anthony** of Universal Music Group; **Michael Rapino**, the CEO of Live Nation; **John Sykes**, the president of Entertainment Enterprises at iHeartMedia; **Tom Poleman**, the president and chief programming officer at iHeartMedia; **Declan Kelly**, CEO of Teneo; **Rob Light** of CAA; **Amanda Silverman** of The Lede Company; **Shawn Sachs** and **Keleigh Thomas Morgan** of Sunshine Sachs; and Diversified Production Services (DPS).

For more information about **Vax Live: The Concert to Reunite the World**, visit [globalcitizen.org/vaxlive](https://globalcitizen.org/vaxlive) and follow @gblctzn on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

### **About Global Citizen:**

Global Citizen is the world's largest movement of action-takers and impact-makers dedicated to ending extreme poverty by 2030.

With over 10 million monthly advocates, we have the power to drive lasting change around issues such as sustainability and equality. We post, tweet, message, call, vote, and sign to inspire those who can make things happen — government leaders, businesses, philanthropists, artists, and citizens — to act together to improve lives.

By downloading our app, Global Citizens can learn about the systemic causes of extreme poverty, take action on those issues, and earn rewards such as tickets to concerts, events, and experiences all over the world. To date, the actions of our community, along with high-level advocacy efforts and work with partners, has resulted in commitments and policy announcements from leaders valued at \$48.4bn, affecting the lives of more than 880 million people.

During last year's Global Citizen-hosted campaigns, One World: Together at Home and Global Goal: Unite for Our Future, we mobilized over \$1.5bn in cash grants, \$1.1bn which has already been disbursed. For more information, visit [GlobalCitizen.org](https://GlobalCitizen.org).

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