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**Speaker Invitation to the WELT AI Summit on September 25, 2025, in Berlin**

*Dear Minister Keldo,*

With great pleasure, I cordially invite you to the second **WELT AI Summit 2025** on Thursday, **September 25**, at our publishing house in Berlin.

Artificial intelligence and digital sovereignty will determine the future of our European competitiveness. To discuss the current state of knowledge, plans, challenges, and measures, we once again invite a distinguished circle from AI innovation, politics, leading companies, science, and society.

Since 2009, the WELT Summits have been among the most renowned forums for open exchange of ideas among around 50 CEO participants. The Chatham House Rule applies.

Speakers at the last AI Summit included **Jason Kwon** (Chief Strategy Officer of OpenAI), **Carme Artigas** (Co-Chair of the AI Advisory Board of the United Nations), **Alexander Schweitzer** (Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate), **Ana Paula Assis** (Chairwoman & General Manager of IBM EMEA), **Nicole Büttner-Thiel** (Founder & CEO of Merantix Momentum), **Dr. Philipp Herzig** (Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of SAP), **Dr. Daniela Gerd tom Markotten** (Board Member for Digitalization and Technology at Deutsche Bahn), **Prof. Dr. Karl Lauterbach** (Federal Minister of Health), **Michael Sen** (CEO of Fresenius), **Martina Link** (Vice President of the Federal Criminal Police Office), and **Alex Karp** (Co-Founder and CEO of Palantir Technologies).

We are happy to accommodate your scheduling preferences for your contribution. You have the option to arrive shortly before and leave the conference afterward.

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On the evening before the WELT AI Summit, September 24, 2025, we invite all participants to an exclusive reception followed by dinner. You are also warmly welcome to attend.

For further details, please contact Florian Nehm, Senior Advisor Public Affairs, at +49 172 450 4972 or [florian.nehm@axelspringer.com](mailto:florian.nehm@axelspringer.com).

I would be delighted if you could accept this invitation and enrich our circle with your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'J.P. Burgard'.

Dr. Jan Philipp Burgard  
Editor-in-Chief WELT Group

## **Venue and Format of the WELT AI Summit**

### **DINNER | Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

From 7.00 p.m.

Reception and dinner at the Axel Springer JOURNALISTENCLUB,  
featuring keynote addresses and discussion.

Axel-Springer-Strasse 65 (access via Zimmerstrasse)  
10969 Berlin

### **CONFERENCE | Thursday, September 25, 2025**

10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Conference at the Axel Springer New Building

Zimmerstrasse 50  
10117 Berlin

**Participants** are expected to remain at the conference table throughout the day.

**Speakers** may arrive shortly before their panel and are free to leave afterward.

**The duration of keynotes and panel discussions** ranges from 30 to 45 minutes, including Q&A.

**The Chatham House Rule applies.** Statements made during the conference will only be published by WELT with the explicit consent of the speaker.

**Media Coverage:** While all discussions held within the conference room are subject to the Chatham House Rule, POLITICO Germany, Business Insider Germany and WELT will provide cross-platform coverage of the WELT AI Summit, including authorized interviews on WELT.de, WELT TV, and in a special supplement of WELT AM SONNTAG.

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