FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION:
PARTNERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN SURGICAL & ANAESTHESIA CARE FOR ALL

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Paris & Madrid Conference Rooms
Two years after WHA Resolution 68.15 was passed, prioritizing the role of surgical and anaesthesia care as part of universal health coverage, we are convening a group of global leaders to discuss progress towards this resolution, challenges faced, and the importance of partnership and collaboration. This special advocacy session will feature remarks from Ministers of Health taking action to implement national surgical and anaesthesia care plans, as well as the civil society partners who are helping to strengthen surgical and anaesthesia care.

EVENING PROGRAM

6:30 PM  WELCOME REMARKS
H.E. Dr. Neil Parsan
Executive Secretary of Integral Development, OAS
Chair, G4 Alliance Board of Directors

6:35 PM  SETTING THE STAGE
Mr. John Flannery
President & CEO, GE Healthcare

6:40 PM  SPECIAL REMARKS
Dr. Thomas E. Price
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

6:45 PM  PANEL INTRODUCTION
Mr. Edwin Macharia
Partner & Regional Director of Africa, Dalberg

6:50 PM  GLOBAL SURGERY COLLABORATIONS: COMMITMENTS IN ACTION

Ethiopia  H.E. Dr. Yifru Berhan Mitke, Minister of Health
Dr. Abraham Mengistu, SS2020 Program Manager, Jhpiego

Tanzania  Hon. Dr. Ummy Mwalimu, Minister of Health - Invited
Ms. Asha Varghese, Director, Global Health, GE Foundation

Zambia  Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya, Minister of Health - Invited
Dr. John Meara, Professor, Harvard Program in Global Surgery and Social Change

7:20 PM  MODERATED DISCUSSION

7:50 PM  CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. David Barash
Executive Director, Global Health Programs
Chief Medical Officer, GE Foundation

8:00 PM  NETWORKING RECEPTION
HON. DR. CHITALU CHILUFYA
Minister of Health, Zambia

Dr. Chitalu Chilufya is the Minister for Health in Zambia. He is a medical doctor, holder of MBchB, with a wealth of public health experience. Dr. Chilufya worked at all levels of the health care system in government before joining a USAID-funded project, where he supported health systems strengthening. He served as Deputy Minister for Health before his appointment to Minister for Health. Dr. Chilufya is also the Member of Parliament for a rural constituency called Mansa Central.

H.E. PROFESSOR YIFRU BERHAN MITKE
Minister of Health, Ethiopia

H.E. Professor Yifru Berhan Mitke is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist. Prior to joining the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, he served with great distinction at a remote health center in Bule, Gedeo zone. He served as Dean of the College of Health Sciences of Hawassa University as well as Chief Executive Officer of the Addis Ababa University College of Health Sciences under the rank Vice President. Professor Berhan registered tremendous results in health development and research in his various leadership positions and the academic arena. He has published more than 70 articles in reputable national and international journals. He has played a significant role in mitigating and fighting disease outbreaks such as typhoid fever in the hospital that he served after completing his specialty in 2005.

HON. UMMY ALLY MWALIMU
Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Tanzania

Honorable Ummy Mwalimu, has been Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in the Cabinet of Tanzania since 2015. She is a two-term Member of Parliament. Mwalimu received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Dar es Salaam. She received her Master of Laws degree from the University of Pretoria in 2001. Between 2000 and 2010, she worked in various governmental and NGO agencies in legal, research and governance roles. Prior to joining the government of Tanzania, Ummy served as a Programme Officer of Good Governance, Refugees & Gender with the Embassy of Denmark/DANIDA in Dar Es Salaam. She also served as a Legal Officer for the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.
FEATURED SPEAKERS

DR. THOMAS E. PRICE, MD
Secretary of U.S. Health and Human Services

Dr. Thomas E. Price was sworn in as the 23rd Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on February 10, 2017. His first calling was to care for patients as an orthopaedic surgeon. Dr. Price received his Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Michigan and completed his Orthopaedic Surgery residency at Emory University. During his 20 years as a practicing physician, he also served as Medical Director of the Orthopedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital as well as an Assistant Professor at Emory University School of Medicine. Eager to broaden the impact he could have on improving access to quality health care, Dr. Price ran for public office and was elected to four terms in the Georgia State Senate. As Secretary, Dr. Price remains committed to six key principles: affordability, accessibility, quality, choices, innovation, and responsiveness; administering a wide array of services; supporting life-saving research; and protecting and serving all Americans.

DR. ABRAHAM ENDESHAW MENGISTU, MD, MPH
Safe Surgery 2020 Program Manager, Jhpiego

Dr. Abraham Endeshaw Mengistu currently serves as Project Director of the Safe Surgery project (SS2020) at the Jhpiego office in Ethiopia. Formerly, he was the Director of Medical Services at the Ministry of Health of Ethiopia for several years with responsibilities of ensuring the delivery of quality of care in health facilities. To this end, he has initiated and overseen the implementation of the Ethiopian Hospitals Reform Implementation Guidelines, the Ethiopian Hospitals Alliance for Quality (EHAQ) and the national Emergency Medical Systems (EMS). Additionally, he has led the development of the national Health Care Quality Strategy and the Primary Care Reform Guideline in Ethiopia. Dr. Mengistu received his MPH from University College Dublin, Ireland and his MD from Addis Ababa University School of Medicine. He was also a fellow of International Pain Policy and management by University of Wisconsin and APCA.

MR. JOHN FLANNERY, MBA
President & CEO, GE Healthcare

John Flannery is the President and CEO of GE Healthcare, an $18 billion business unit of General Electric that provides transformational medical technologies to the global healthcare industry. Prior to this, John was Senior Vice President for Corporate Business Development and President and CEO for GE India. Before leading GE’s industrial segments, John had an extensive career in GE Capital, concluding with his role as President & CEO of GE Capital Asia Pacific. John has been with GE for over 25 years and has extensive experience in building large teams and growing businesses in global assignments. He is a graduate of Fairfield University and holds an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Edwin Macharia, BS
Partner & Regional Director of Africa, Dalberg

Mr. Edwin Macharia is a partner at Dalberg and Regional Director of Africa, based in Nairobi. He advises developing countries' governments, bilateral and multilateral donors, international organizations, foundations, non-governmental organizations, and corporations on a range of issues including strategy, operational efficiency, and program implementation. Edwin joined Dalberg from the Clinton Foundation where he held multiple roles focused on rural communities. As Director of Agriculture, he led the Foundation’s thinking, operations, and partnership-building in the agriculture space for a $100M initiative focused on affecting holistic development at the grassroots. Before that, Edwin was Director of the Rural Initiative for the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, charged with developing and supporting programs that extend HIV/AIDS care and treatment services to low-level health facilities across partner countries. Prior to joining the Clinton Foundation, Edwin was at McKinsey & Company, where he served clients in the financial services and pharmaceutical sectors. Edwin holds a degree in biology from Amherst College.

Dr. John Meara, MD, DMD, MBA
Director, Harvard Program in Global Surgery & Social Change (PGSSC)

Dr. Meara is the Director of the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School and Plastic Surgeon-in-Chief of the Department of Plastic & Oral Surgery at Boston Children’s Hospital. Since 2008, he has co-directed the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship program in collaboration with Partners In Health. He co-chairs The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery to develop and assemble the best evidence on the state of surgery worldwide, study the economics of surgical and anesthesia care delivery, and develop strategies for improving access. Dr. Meara has a particular interest in augmenting the delivery of quality surgical care in low-resource settings. He is involved in multiple global surgery projects looking at the burden of surgical disease, surgical capacity and systems building in low-resource environments, surgical education, and the economic impact of untreated surgical disease.

H.E. Dr. Neil Parsan, DVM, MBA, CACM, RFC
Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States
Chair, The G4 Alliance Board of Directors

Dr. Neil Parsan is presently the Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States (OAS) and also serves as the Board Chair of the G4 Alliance. He assumed the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America and The United Mexican States and Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the OAS on February 7, 2011. He is presently the Chairman of the Global Gas Council, a Director of the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT), and sits on the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (GSB) Alumni Board. He also currently serves as chairman of the Inter-American Council forIntegral Development and Vice-Chair of the Permanent Council of the OAS. Dr. Parsan earned his undergraduate Medical Degree and Masters of Business Administration at the University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences. He also holds a Registered Financial Consultant (RFC) Degree, a CACM from Harvard University School of Public Health, and a World Trade Professional Degree from ITM Worldwide in Sweden. Dr. Parsan was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate for education, culture, and humanitarian work from American University, registered with Cambridge University (UK) and the Congress of Mexico.
MS. ASHA VARGHESE, BS
Director, Global Health, GE Foundation

Ms. Asha Varghese's range of responsibilities include leading GE’s philanthropic programs related to global healthcare. In particular, Ms. Varghese oversees GE’s Developing Health Globally (TM) program to improve access to quality healthcare across the developing world. Prior to this role, Ms. Varghese led the US Healthcare portfolio for GE Foundation, overseeing national initiatives focused on chronic diseases. In addition to her current role at the Foundation, Ms. Varghese also sits on the leadership council for GE’s Asia Pacific American Forum Education initiatives.

MR. BRENDAN ALLEN, BN, MPH
Executive Director, The G4 Alliance

Brendan Allen is the Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Surgery, Obstetrics, Trauma and Anaesthesiology (The G4 Alliance), which is committed to advocating for the neglected surgical patient by providing a collective voice for increasing access to safe, essential and timely surgical, obstetric trauma and anaesthesia care as part of universal health coverage. He has over 25 years’ experience working in the health sector (nursing, public health and health service management) and for the last 18 years has led teams providing program management and technical assistance in low and middle income countries within the academic, private and NGO sectors, predominantly in South and South East Asia. Brendan is also an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne (Nossal Institute for Global Health, School of Population and Global Health).

DR. DAVID M. BARASH, MD
Executive Director, Global Health Programs & Chief Medical Officer, GE Foundation

Dr. David Barash is the Executive Director of the Global Health Portfolio and Chief Medical Officer for the GE Foundation. The Foundation’s Developing Health initiatives are approached with the belief that simple interventions, along with strong partnerships and leaders, are often the answer to some of healthcare’s most complex problems. Dr. Barash is a practicing emergency medicine physician with more than 30 years’ experience. He has focused a great deal on understanding how new technologies can be commercialized and delivered to effectively close the gap between brainstorm and bedside. Prior to joining the GE Foundation, Dr. Barash was Chief Medical Officer of Life Care Solutions and Executive Medical Director of Health Care Services for GE Healthcare. He was also Founder and President of Concord Healthcare Strategies, where he provided strategic and operational expertise to medical technology investors and development stage medical technology companies. David is a graduate of Cornell University and author of several clinical publications.
5 BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SURGICAL CARE.

83% OF THE WORLD POPULATION LIVES IN COUNTRIES WITH LITTLE TO NO ACCESS TO ANAESTHESIA CARE.

CONDITIONS FOR WHICH SURGERY IS THE PRIMARY SOLUTION ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME INCREASINGLY COMMON.

SURGICAL CONDITIONS REPRESENT 1/3 OF THE TOTAL BURDEN OF ALL DISEASE.

95 MILLION CHILDREN LIVE WITH A DISABILITY RESULTING FROM SURGICALLY TREATABLE CONGENITAL CONDITIONS AND INJURIES.

TIMELY & EFFECTIVE SURGERY CAN ASSIST IN THE REDUCTION OF DISABILITY CURRENTLY ESPoused BY 15% OF THE WORLD POPULATION.

289,000 WOMEN DIE IN CHILDBIRTH EACH YEAR.

1/4 OF MATERNAL & INFANT DEATHS DURING LABOR COULD BE AVOIDED IF SAFE SURGERY AND ANAESTHESIA WERE UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE.

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