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Private Sector and Commercial Determinants of Health: Rules of Engagement

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- Dr. Priya Balasubramanian, Senior Public Health Scientist, Public Health Foundation India
- Dr. Cristian Herrera, Senior Health Specialist; Health, Nutrition, and Population Global Practice, The World Bank
- Mr. Rubayat Khan, Founder and Chairperson, Jeeon Foundation
- Ms. Monika Kosinska, Head, Economic and Commercial Determinants of Health, World Health Organization
- Dr. Jim Rice, Senior Adviser, Governance and Leadership, Gallagher Human Resources and Compensation Consulting

The Transatlantic Alliance and Health

Chair: Dr. J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Speakers
- Ms. Mara Burr, Director, Multilateral Relationships, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
- Ms. Beth Cameron, Senior Advisor for Global Health Security, USAID
- Dr. Matthew Hepburn, Senior Adviser, Office of Science and Technology Policy, White House
- Dr. Hans Kluge, Regional Director, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
- Ms. Karin Olofsdotter, Swedish Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of Sweden

Emerging Leaders in a Globalized World

Chair: Ms. Ana Cecilia Ortega Dominguez, Psychologist, Compañeros en Salud (CES)

Speakers
- Ms. Alison Collard de Beaufort, Youth Leadership Board, Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety
- Mr. Matthew Carvalho, Research Fellow, The O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center
- Ms. Torrine Creppy, President, Safekids Worldwide
- Dr. Milagro Sanchez Cunto, Infectious Disease Specialist, F.J. Muniz Hospital
- Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Senior Technical Advisor, JUNAID Family Foundation
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Welcoming and Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Founding Director and Chair, International Advisory Board of the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute

Speakers
- Dr. Axel Pries, President, World Health Summit and Former Dean, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Medical Center, Berlin
- Dr. Mark S. Wrighton, President of George Washington University
- Dr. Keith Martin, Consortium of Universities for Global Health
- Dr. Stephen Kanter, President and CEO of Association of Academic Health Centers
- Ms. Prabha Raghavan, President of the George Washington University Public Health Student Association
- Dr. Aisha Jafri, Program Manager of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2023
- Mr. Dumi Wright, Performing Artist, MC, and Songwriter

Plenary: Global Health in a Political World

Chair: Dr. Adnan Hyder, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Global Health, George Washington University, Milken Institute School of Public Health

Speakers
- Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, Additional Secretary Asia and Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, Regional Director, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Dr. Hans Kluge, Regional Director, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
- Ms. Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, United States Department of Health and Human Services
Gender and Power: Equity at Work

Chair: Dr. Roopa Dhatt, Executive Director, Women in Global Health

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• Dr. Maria Julia Brunette, Associate Professor, The Ohio State University School of Health and Rehabilitation Services
• Dr. Choolwe Jacobs, Lecturer and Researcher, University of Zambia School of Public Health
• Ms. Vina HuLamm, Global Health Manager, American Public Health Association
• Dr. Sagri Singh, Chief, Gender and Health, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health
• Ms. Lanice Williams, Senior Program Officer, Jhpiego

Climate Change, Pandemics & Social Determinants of Health

Chair: Dr. Lynn R. Goldman, Michael and Lori Milken Dean, Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University

Speakers

• Dr. John M. Balbus, Acting Director, Office of Climate Change and Health Equity, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
• Professor Zulfiqar Bhutta, Director, Hospital for Sick Kids, Canada & Aga Khan University, Pakistan
• Dr. Victor Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine
• Dr. Ann Kurth, President, New York Academy of Medicine

Confronting NCDs: A Universal Health Coverage Challenge

Chair: Dr. Anselm Hennis, Director, Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health, Pan American Health Organization and World Health Organization

Speakers

• Dr. Jo Ivy Boufford, Clinical Professor of Global Health, New York University School of Global Public Health
• Ms. Diana McGhie, Global Advocacy Portfolio Lead, American Heart Association
• Dr. Bente Mikkelsen, Director, Noncommunicable Diseases, World Health Organization
• Dr. Junaid Razzak, Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Emergency Medicine, New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medicine
**Sustainable Giving for Global Health: Strategic Pathways**

**Chair:** Dr. Caroline Bollars, Senior Advisor, World Health Organization, Office at the European Union

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- Dr. Oxana Domenti, World Health Organization Representative to European Union, World Health Organization
- Dr. James Fitzgerald, Director, Health Systems and Services at Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Dr. Michele Gragnolati, Practice Manager for the Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank, Latin America
- Professor Charles Ibingera, Principal, Makerere University College of Health Sciences
- Ffion Storer Jones, Advocacy Officer, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung EU
- Dr. Anders Nordström, Ambassador for Global Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

**Technology for Global Health: Harnessing Innovations with Equity**

**Chair:** Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Founding Director and Chair, International Advisory Board of the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute

**Speakers**
- Professor Anurag Agrawal, Dean, BioSciences and Health Research, Trivedi School of BioSciences, Ashoka University
- Dr. Nira Goren, Senior Clinical Lead, Health Information Quality, Google and YouTube
- Dr. David Novillo Ortiz, Unit Head, Data and Digital Health, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems. World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe
- Dr. Olivia Vélez, Chief Digital Health Officer, IntraHealth International

**Racism in Global Health: Difficult Conversations**

**Chair:** Mr. Rajat Khosla, Director, United Nations University International Institute on Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

**Speakers**
- Dr. Ana Amaya, Associate Professor, Pace University
- Dr. Delan Devakumar, Professor, UCL Institute for Global Health
- Ms. Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, United States Department of Health and Human Services
Professor Anurag Agrawal

Professor Anurag Agrawal is Dean, BioSciences and Health Research, Trivedi School of Biosciences, Ashoka University, India, and former director of the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, a national laboratory of CSIR, India. After completing graduate medical education at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, he further trained in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA, followed by a PhD in Physiology from Delhi University. His primary research is in respiratory biology and broader interests are in a new vision of health and healthcare seen through the lenses of emerging technologies. He serves on numerous national and global advisory groups, most recently chairing the World Health Organization technical advisory group for viral evolution. He received the Shanti Swarop Bhatnagar Prize in 2014, the Sun Pharma Foundation award in 2020, and is a fellow of the Indian national science academies.
Dr. Ana Amaya

Dr. Ana B. Amaya is Associate Professor at Pace University with appointments at the United Nations University (UNU-CRIS) and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). A specialist in global health policy, her research examines multi-level governance for health with a focus on understanding the impact of new global health institutions on the health systems of low- and middle-income countries. Her recent work has explored regional organizations in the Global South and the effect of COVID-19 on health systems. Dr. Amaya’s work has been published in several academic journals, including *Globalization and Health, Health Policy and Planning, Global Public Health*, and *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. In addition, she currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Health Systems Global and is a Member of the Editorial Board for *Public Health Challenges*.

Dr. Amaya previously worked and consulted for several universities and international organizations, among these UNU-CRIS; the Overseas Development Institute; United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER); World Health Organization; Pan American Health Organization; the LSHTM; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the United Nations; and the University of South Florida.
Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, a national of Brazil, was elected Director of the Pan American Health Organization by Member States during the 30th Pan American Sanitary Conference on 28 September 2022. Dr. Barbosa begins his five-year term on 1 February 2023, succeeding Dr. Carissa F. Etienne of Dominica, who led PAHO from 2012 to January of 2023.

From July 2017 until his appointment as Director, he served as PAHO Assistant Director, leading five technical departments and PAHO’s Revolving Fund – a special program to increase equitable access to vaccines in the region. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Barbosa led the Organization’s efforts to support Member States in reducing the impact of the emergency on priority public health programs. He also led the PAHO Task Force for COVID-19 Vaccination in the Americas and launched a platform to expand production of mRNA vaccines in Latin America and the Caribbean to reduce the region’s dependency on imports during future health emergencies.

Dr. Barbosa obtained his medical degree from the Federal University of Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil. He specialized in public health and epidemiology at the National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation-FIOCRUZ in Rio de Janeiro, and holds a master’s degree in medical sciences and a PhD in public health from the University of Campinas-UNICAMP in São Paulo, Brazil. He began his professional career in 1982, working for the State Department of Health in Pernambuco, where he was later appointed Program Coordinator for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV/AIDS. From 1997 to 2003, Dr. Barbosa served as Director of the National Center for Epidemiology (CENEPI) in Brasilia, Brazil, within the Ministry of Health. In 2003, he was appointed Secretary for Health Surveillance and in 2006, became Deputy Minister.
Dr. Barbosa joined PAHO in 2007 as Area Manager for Health Surveillance and Disease Management, responsible for coordinating regional activities related to the surveillance, prevention, and control of communicable and noncommunicable diseases; veterinary public health; and health analysis and statistics. He served in this capacity until his return to Brazil in April 2010.

In 2011, Dr. Barbosa was appointed for the second time as Secretary for Health Surveillance and in 2015 he served as Secretary of Science, Technology and Strategic Supplies for the Brazilian Ministry of Health. From July 2015 until 19 July 2018, Dr. Barbosa served as the Director-President of the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA), where he modernized the regulation of medicines and health products and strengthened cooperation and integration with other regional and global regulatory mechanisms. Under his management, ANVISA became the first agency in Latin America to join the International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH).

Dr. Barbosa participated as a member of the Brazilian delegation in both PAHO and WHO Governing Bodies meetings and was President of PAHO’s Executive Committee in 2013-2014 and Vice-Chair of WHO’s Executive Board in 2014-2015. Dr. Barbosa was also a senior member of several international committees and working groups, such as the United Nations Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG UN) and the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Advisory Group (PIP Framework AD), where he served as a member and chair in 2016.

Dr. Barbosa has published numerous articles on global health, health systems management, disease surveillance, and on the prevention and response to outbreaks and epidemics. He has spoken in over 250 lectures, conferences and seminars and was a key PAHO spokesperson during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Dr. Priya Balasubramaniam is a public health leader with over 20 years of experience in large scale implementation research, education and program planning in academic, non-profit and government settings. Her interests and expertise cover universal health coverage, the private sector in health and digital technology innovation directed at strengthening mixed health systems in low and middle-income countries. She has a multi-disciplinary background and has assisted in shaping health system capacity in South and East Asia, East Africa, the United States and Canada with field-based research as well as in strategic program development in developed and emerging health markets.

As director Centre for Sustainable Health Innovations, Singapore she leads the tripartite- Innovations for UHC Collaborative to catalyse south-south dialogues around leveraging low-cost technological innovations and new models of healthcare in Asia and Africa. She is also co-founder of the Mutual Learning Platform for Mixed Health Systems launched in 2020 in response to the COVID 19 pandemic- that convenes the private sector and public health stakeholders for evidence sharing and building interventional capacity for stronger health systems As Senior Public Health Scientist at the Public Health Foundation of India, she directs the Universal Health Coverage Initiative part of one of India’s seminal health policy exercises on health system reform She was secretariat director for the Government of India’s High Level Expert Group recommendations on universal health coverage, part of the country’s 12th Five Year Plan.

Dr. Balasubramaniam has authored several reports, policy briefs as well as peer-reviewed publications over her career as both a clinician and researcher. She works closely with municipal and state governments regionally and served on a taskforce on Primary Healthcare constituted Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and was a member of the Technical Review Group on Urban Health constituted by the Ministry of Urban Development. She serves on the editorial board
of the International Journal of Health Governance, and is regional editorial advisor to Oxford University Press’s Healthy Cities and Communities Encyclopaedia. Dr. Balasubramaniam holds visiting faculty positions at the National University of Singapore and the Keenan Research Centre, Toronto, Canada. She is a frequent advisor on health systems and policy to numerous multi-bilateral organisations including WHO, IDRC Canada, the European Commission, the World Bank, the Wellcome Trust, USAID, DfID, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch

Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch is currently serving as Spokesperson and Additional Secretary Asia & Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Baloch served as Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Korea (2020-2021) and as Minister/Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Pakistan in China (2015-2020). She has also worked as Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC (2006-2011) and as Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, Geneva (1999-2002). At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad she served as Director (America), Director (Security Council and Human Rights) and Director (Strategic Planning) in the Office of the Foreign Secretary.

During 2014-2015, Ms. Baloch served as Director (Academic Programme) and later as Director General of the Foreign Service Academy Islamabad.

Ms. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch holds Masters degree in Physics from the Punjab University, Lahore, a Masters in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, USA and a degree in European Studies and Public Administration from the Ecole Nationale d’Administration, France.
Professor Gerald Bloom is a health system analyst based at the Institute of Development Studies in the UK. He has published widely on the management and governance of mixed health systems in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He is a co-convenor of a platform for research and mutual learning on the management of mixed health systems, which recently convened a series of consultative meetings on innovative public-private partnerships that have emerged in South Asia and Africa during COVID-19. He is a member of a WHO Advisory Group on the Governance of the Private Sector for UHC. His recent work has focused on the implications of innovations in digital health on health system organisation and governance.
Jo Ivey Boufford, M.D., is Clinical Professor of Global Health at the New York University School of Global Public Health and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine. She is President Emeritus of The New York Academy of Medicine and Immediate Past President of the International Society for Urban Health (2017-9). She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May 1997. While at HHS, she was the U.S. representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1994–1997. She served in a variety of senior positions in and as President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal system in the United States, from December 1985 until October 1989. In NYC, she currently serves on the Boards of the Regional Plan Association (RPA) and the United Hospital Fund, is Vice Chair of the NYS Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC) and Chair of its Public Health Committee. Nationally, she is on the Boards of the National Hispanic Health Foundation and the Health Effects Institute. She was elected to membership in the US National Academy of Medicine (formerly IOM) in 1992, served on its Board on Global Health, and served two four-year terms as its Foreign Secretary from 2003 to 2011, She was elected to membership of the National Academy of Public Administration in 2015. She is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Boufford attended Wellesley College for two years and received her BA (Psychology) magna cum laude from the University of
Michigan, and her MD, with distinction, from the University of Michigan Medical School. She is Board Certified in pediatrics.
Dr. Maria Brunette, born and raised in Perú, has substantial expertise in addressing equity issues among diverse communities in the Americas where she has continuously explored how to best adapt community-based participatory research (CBPR) methodologies to engage resource-constrained populations in addressing their health and social problems. Dr. Brunette, a social justice and health equity scholar, has secured external funding and conducted interdisciplinary research across a broad spectrum of topics including health equity, urban poverty, sustainable development, underrepresentation of women and minorities in STEM, and community-engaged teaching and learning. Drawing on her skills as a scientist, health systems thinker, and advocate, Dr. Brunette is fully engaged and committed to promote social justice, fight systemic racism and reduce social inequalities locally and globally. Her approach is as simple as it is creative and effective, beginning with an understanding of people and communities and involving them in developing systemic solutions. She is presently an associate professor at the Ohio State University School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences in the College of Medicine, and affiliated faculty in the Integrated Systems Engineering Department. Dr. Brunette received her degrees in industrial & systems engineering from the University of Lima, Peru (B.Sc), from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez (M.Sc.) and from the University of Wisconsin Madison (Ph.D.).
Ms. Mara Burr

Mara Burr joined the Department of Health and Human Services in October 2019 as Director, Office of Multilateral Relations, in the Office of the Secretary, Office of Global Affairs. In this position, she leads the work of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the Western Pacific Regional Offices (WPRO) and the other four WHO Regional Offices as well as the United Nations and other agencies. Ms. Burr is the lead U.S. government official in coordinating global health policy positions among the U.S. interagency for multilateral organizations. Ms. Burr was elected in May 2022 by her counterparts to serve as the Vice Chair of the Governing Council of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Ms. Burr leads the work of HHS on the Pan American Global Health Worker Training Initiative.

Ms. Burr currently serves as adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

From 2016 to 2019, Ms. Burr served as International Food Safety Policy Manager and led efforts on Public Health and Trade at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. During her tenure at FDA, Ms. Burr successfully led efforts to implement the export certification program for FDA’s Foods Program and represented FDA at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures, where she often presented to Members on the U.S. food safety regulatory approach, rulemaking, and transparency. Ms. Burr represented FDA in the U.S.-China Trade negotiations and successfully concluded the FDA-CNCA MOU with China in 2017 securing market access for U.S. dairy, infant formula, and seafood exports to China. For her work at FDA, Ms. Burr received the Foreign Agricultural Service Administrator Award for Outstanding Cross-Agency Team
Award (2019) and the U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award for excellence in interagency collaboration on WTO SPS Issues.

Ms. Burr was in private practice in 2015 and in 2016 working with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Governance for Inclusive Growth (GIG) Program, assisting the government of Vietnam in its efforts to undertake comprehensive legal and regulatory reform to implement its obligations under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Ms. Burr served as Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for South and Central Asian Affairs, from 2010 to 2014. In this position, Ms. Burr was responsible for negotiating trade, investment, and economic policy agreements and issues for 14 countries in South and Central Asia. Ms. Burr developed, negotiated, and concluded groundbreaking agreements to promote women’s economic empowerment through the United States-Afghanistan, and the United States-Pakistan, Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Efforts to Enable the Economic Empowerment of Women and to Promote Women’s Entrepreneurship. Ms. Burr served as the lead U.S. official for both MOUs. Ms. Burr was also responsible for concluding and implementing both the United States-Nepal Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) and the United States-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA) and in the reforms for the U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum.

From 2004 to 2010, Ms. Burr served as the Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Environmental and Natural Resources, where she was lead environment negotiator for the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and implementation of the environmental provisions of the United States-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). Ms. Burr was also lead environment negotiator for the free trade agreement negotiations with Malaysia (2005-2007). She was also responsible for implementation of the environmental provisions of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, and all the U.S. free trade agreements in the Middle East.

Ms. Burr served as Special Counsel for International Trade Policy for a major NGO and in private practice working on international trade, customs, World Trade Organization dispute settlement cases and export control issues.

Ms. Burr graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1996 with an LL.M in International and Comparative Law, receiving the Dean’s Certificate for Outstanding Contributions to the Law Center, a Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of

Ms. Burr received multiple awards for her work in international law, leadership, and development from Georgetown University Law Center, Hamline University School of Law, Mitchell Hamline School of Law (Law Review) as well as awards from USTR, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the State Department and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
Matthew Carvalho is a researcher at Georgetown University specializing in planetary health law and diplomacy. Originally from southeast Massachusetts, Matthew has worked multiple jobs in the global health governance fields, including work for the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Capitol Hill, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He currently serves as a research fellow for the O'Neill Institute, as well as the inaugural policy fellow for the Planetary Health Alliance, based at Harvard University’s T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He has served on delegations to the Working Group on the International Health Regulations, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on a new pandemic preparedness instrument, and the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction at the United Nations. He is the founder of the Global Health Governance as Public Service (GHGAPS) program, which aims to train students on global health and diplomacy, and leads them to the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland each year. His scholarly work, entitled "Reevaluating Global Health and International Law: The Relationship Between Regime Interaction and Legal Fragmentation Among Mechanisms Governing the Public Health Sphere," has awarded him commendations from environmental and global health legal experts across the globe. He plans to release a textbook chapter on the nexus between ocean law and human health this coming June. Matthew is currently pursuing a joint BS/MSc.GH at Georgetown's newly launched School of Health, and will be joining Georgetown University Law Center in fall of 2024.
Alison Collard de Beaufort is a dedicated global youth road safety advocate involved with various organizations. She is the North American representative on the Youth Leadership Board for the Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety, works as a Vision Zero for Youth team member at the National Center for Safe Routes to School, and is the founder of the Vision Zero Youth Council (VZYC). The VZYC is a fully youth-led organization that advocates for meaningful youth engagement and safe, sustainable, and equitable mobility.
Ms. Torine Creppy

Torine Creppy is the president of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global nonprofit dedicated to protecting kids from preventable injuries. For nearly 24 years, Ms. Creppy has dedicated her career to making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families, especially the most vulnerable. As president of Safe Kids, she works with partners, donors, legislators, and community leaders around the world to develop and implement strategic initiatives, create partnerships, and inspire behavior change to keep kids safe at home, on the road and at play. Ms. Creppy is a passionate advocate on Capitol Hill and is dedicated to finding new ways to reach high-risk and underserved communities. She also focuses on emerging issues such as child safety in automated vehicles.

In addition to her work at Safe Kids, Ms. Creppy is committed to other organizations who share her passion for helping children and families. She is on the YWCA National Capital Area Board of Directors, St. John’s Community Services Board of Directors, National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association, the Board of Directors Advisory Board of Hop Skip Drive, a Lifesavers Board Member and on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of The International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO). She is also a member of the American Public Health Association, National Urban League, NAACP, the National Head Start Association, Junior League of Washington, a Lifetime member of Leadership Greater Washington, and a Chief Member.

Ms. Creppy enjoys volunteering in direct outreach and advocacy for homelessness initiatives, reading autobiographies, 5K marathons for causes, youth mentoring and spending time with her teenage son. Ms. Creppy lives with her family in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
Milagro Sanchez Cunto is a primary care physician, specialized in Infectious diseases with a focus on HIV, tropical medicine, tuberculosis, endemic and neglected diseases. She is a medical educator at National University of Buenos Aires and works at Muñiz hospital, a reference public center for infectious diseases.
Dr. Delan Devakumar

Delan Devakumar is a Professor of Global Child Health in University College London. He is a public health specialist with clinical expertise in paediatrics and has worked in humanitarian contexts with Médecins Sans Frontières. He is co-Director of the UCL Centre for the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents and is chair of the International Child Health Group, a special interest group of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Delan led The Lancet Series on ‘racism, xenophobia, discrimination and health’ and will chair the new Lancet commission on racism and child health. He is director and founder of the Race & Health group. He was a commissioner and steering group member of the UCL-Lancet Commission on Migration and Health and is Child and Adolescent Health lead in Lancet Migration. Delan is a member of the Lancet’s Group for racial equity (GRacE).
Dr. Roopa Dhatt

Dr. Roopa Dhatt, WGH Executive Director and Co-Founder, is a passionate advocate for gender equality in global health and a leading voice in the movement to correct the gender imbalance in global health leadership. She is also a practicing Internal Medicine physician at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. and has faculty appointments as an Assistant Professor at Georgetown University. Dr. Dhatt is particularly committed to addressing issues of power, privilege, and intersectionality that keep many women from global health leadership roles and to opening up spaces for the voices of these women to be heard.

Determined to build a movement to transform women’s leadership opportunities in health, Dr. Dhatt co-founded Women in Global Health in 2015. Today, Women in Global Health has 47 chapters and 100,000 supporters in more than 100 countries and continues to grow. Dr. Dhatt, the Executive Director, the global team, and its network of chapters drive change by mobilizing a diverse group of emerging women health leaders, advocating for governments and global health leaders to meet commitments made, and holding those leaders to account. Dr. Dhatt has worked in global health for nearly 15 years, collaborating with 120+ countries. She holds numerous advisory and board roles. She advises global health institutions on matters of the health workforce, gender equity, and universal health coverage. Dr. Dhatt was recognized in the Gender Equality Top 100, the most influential people in global policy. She was on the Lancet COVID-19 Commission. She is a former W7 Germany Advisor and a current W7 Japan Advisor on advocating feminist agendas to the G7 governments (2023), a member of the Global Council on SDG3, a member of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Scientific Advisory Board, and a member of the Virchow Prize Committee. She was invited as a public delegate to the historic U.S. Delegation to the United Nations 65th
Commission of Status of Women Meeting in March 2021, which was led by Vice President Kamala Harris. She has published in the Lancet, British Medical Journal (BMJ), Devex, and Forbes and has been interviewed in National Geographic, Nature, NPR, EuroNews, and numerous other channels.
Ms Domenti was appointed as WHO Representative to the EU in June 2020. Before joining the WHO, she served as Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova (RM) to Switzerland, and Permanent Representative of the RM to the United Nations Office at Geneva (2018–2020), the WTO and other IO based in Geneva. Prior to her diplomatic carrier, she was a member of the Parliament of the RM (2009–2017) and has chaired the Parliamentary Committee on Health and Social Security. She also has chaired the European Branch of Global Parliamentary TB Caucus while serving also as a board member of this international network. She served as Presidential Advisor on Social Development Issues (2003–2009) and has taught health financing, health diplomacy and financial policy and investments in a range of academic institutions.

Throughout her career, she has contributed to the development of health and social policies at national, regional and global levels. Dr Domenti holds a PhD in economics and master degree in European Social Security and Public Health. She studied at University of London (UK), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) and Academy of Economic Studies (RM).
Dr. Victor Dzau

Victor J. Dzau is inaugural president of the National Academy of Medicine, formerly known as the Institute of Medicine. He is vice chair of the National Research Council, chancellor emeritus of Duke University, and past CEO of Duke Health System. Previously, he was professor and chairman of medicine at Harvard and Stanford universities. Dr. Dzau is recognized globally for a long and highly decorated career as a scientist, administrator, and leader. He is known for his seminal work on the renin-angiotensin system and pioneering research in gene therapy for vascular disease. He served on the National Institutes of Health director’s Advisory Committee and chaired their Cardiovascular Disease Advisory Committee.

At the NAM, Dzau designed and leads key efforts including the International Human Gene Editing Initiative; Vital Directions for Health and Health Care; Preparing for the Next Influenza Pandemic; and most recently, the Grand Challenge in Climate Change and Human Health. The Grand Challenge is a multi-year global initiative to improve and protect human health, well-being, and equity by working to transform systems that contribute to and are impacted by climate change, with a goal of catalyzing the health sector to reduce its climate footprint and ensure resiliency.

Dzau is active in global health and serves on the board of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation and the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board. Dr. Dzau is a Principal of the Access to COVID Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) and was on the board of Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation (CEPI). He was advisor to the G20 High Level Independent Panel on Financing for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, co-chaired the G20 Scientific Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, and serves on the G7 (Japan) Health Task Force. He leads the World Economic Forum Regional Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative and is co-chair of the Science and Technology Expert Panel for the Independent Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat.
Dr. James Fitzgerald

James Fitzgerald is the Director of Health Systems and Services at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), regional office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Americas. He oversees the PAHO/WHO work program in health policy and governance, health systems and services organization, health workforce, financing in health, health research and access to medicines and health technologies in the Region of the Americas.

As Director of Health Systems and Services at PAHO/WHO, he has led the development of reference policy frameworks to guide health sector reform to achieve Universal Health Coverage based on the Primary Health Care Strategy in the Americas. He has coordinated strategies to strengthen health systems resilience, health services organization, workforce capacity and regulatory systems development of medicines and medical products. He oversees the management of the PAHO Strategic Fund, a pooled procurement mechanism in the Americas to improve access to public health supplies, as well as the PAHO Virtual Campus, a capacity building platform with outreach to more than one million health workers in the Americas.

As a national of Ireland, he holds a B.Sc. (Pharm) and Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. After several years working with the pharmaceutical industry in Ireland, he joined PAHO/WHO in 1997 with posts held in developing countries including Haiti and Brazil. He assumed leadership of the regional work program in Medicines and Health Technologies at PAHO headquarters, Washington DC, USA in 2008, and was subsequently appointed Director of Health Systems and Services in 2014.
He is the author and coauthor of numerous articles and is a member of a number of professional societies and advisory groups associated with his profession and area of work.
Dr. Abdul Ghaffar

Dr. Ghaffar has extensive experience as a physician, professor, scientist, and senior executive in the UN and government. His distinguished career spans over 35 years, with leadership roles in the Ministry of Health of Pakistan, Health Services Academy, Islamabad, and the World Health Organization. He has advised many governments in designing and implementing interventions for strengthening health systems, helped establish policy and research institutes, served on technical and advisory boards, published more than 140 peer-reviewed papers, and led the writing and development of several global health reports, such as WHO’s Strategy on Health Policy and Systems Research.

Dr. Ghaffar started his career as a public health physician in his home country (Pakistan) and later worked in different leadership positions as Assistant Director General of Policy and Planning, Deputy Director General of International Health, and Director of the Health Service Academy, a national school of public health. Most recently, Dr. Ghaffar served as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research at the World Health Organization. Before joining the Alliance, he served as Regional Advisor for Research, in the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the World Health Organization. Earlier he was Health Policy and Systems Specialist at the Global Forum for Health Research.

He is MD with a PhD in International Health, from the Johns Hopkins University.
Lynn R. Goldman, a pediatrician and an epidemiologist, is the Michael and Lori Milken Dean and Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University. She is a renowned expert in pediatric environmental health and chemicals policy. Dr. Goldman has contributed academic scholarship that has helped shape this field of study. She also has translated research to policy by writing policy analyses and congressional testimony in service of successful efforts by Congress to enact reforms to federal pesticide law (the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act) and federal chemicals law (the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act for the 21st Century).

Previously, Dr. Goldman was Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University (1999–2010); Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she directed the Office of Chemical Safety and Prevention (1993–1998); and Chief of the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control (as well as other positions) at the California Department of Public Health.

Dr. Goldman is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and received the NAM Walsh McDermott Award for service to the academy. She is a recipient of the Heinz Award for Global Environmental Change and the American Public Health Association Environment Section’s Homer M. Calver Award. She has received alumna awards from Hopkins (Woodrow Wilson Award for Excellence in Government and Society of Scholars); UC San Francisco (150th Anniversary Alumni Excellence Award); and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health (Alumna of the Year and its Influential Alumni Award). Dr. Goldman serves on the Environmental Defense Fund
Board of Trustees; the Advisory Committee to the Director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; immediate past chair of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health and member of the NIH National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council.

Dr. Goldman earned her BS and MS from UC Berkeley, an MD from UC San Francisco; an MPH from Johns Hopkins University; and completed her pediatric residency training at the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland.
Dr. Nira Goren

Nira is the Senior Clinical Lead for Health Information Quality at Google and YouTube. She leads a team of clinicians focused on tackling health misinformation and ensuring the quality of health information cross-platform. Key to this mission is increasing the accessibility of high-quality health information, reducing or removing low quality health information, and educating organizations on how to create engaging content. A Stanford-trained pediatrician, Nira previously worked at DeepMind, driving strategy for clinician-facing products, and at the Boston Consulting Group, consulting for top-tier clients in the healthcare industry.
Dr. Michele Gragnolati

Michele Gragnolati currently serves as the Practice Manager for the Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region of the World Bank. Economist graduated from Luigi Bocconi Commercial University (Italy), Michele also has a Diploma in International Management from HEC (France), a Master’s Degree in Population and Development from the London School of Economics (Great Britain) and a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Princeton (USA).

Michele joined the World Bank as a Young Professional in 1998 and since 2000, he served first as an economist with the health, nutrition and population and education sectors in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia and South Asia, and later as program leader for Human Development for the Western Balkans, Brazil, and Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay where he worked on poverty, access to and quality of education and health services, measurement of school performance and safety net programs. His last positions were as Manager for Strategy and Operations in the HNP Global Practice and Global Lead for Population and Development where he worked mostly on issues related to high fertility and rapid population growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. Michele has worked for the World Bank out of HQ in DC and in Country Offices in Sarajevo, Brasilia and Buenos Aires.

Michele has published on different topics, including methodological and statistical demography, poverty during the East Asia financial crisis, malnutrition in Central America and India, the impact of health expenditures on poverty in former Yugoslavia, the economics of demographic change in Africa and the socioeconomic implications of population aging in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Michele speaks Italian, English, Spanish, French and Portuguese
Anselm Hennis is Director of the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, Pan American Health Organization. This Department coordinates activities on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related risk factors, nutrition, and mental health throughout the Americas. He obtained his medical degree from the University of the West Indies, qualified in Internal Medicine in London, and gained his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Dr. Hennis has been Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of the West Indies and is also Research Associate Professor in Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University, NY. Dr. Hennis has spent his career working to tackle NCDs through, clinical care, teaching, public health practice, and research and publication.
Dr. Matthew Hepburn

Dr. Matthew Hepburn is currently a Senior Advisor to Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for pandemic preparedness. Previously, Dr. Hepburn was the Vaccine Development Lead for the Countermeasures Acceleration Group (CAG), formerly known as Operation Warp Speed, a partnership between the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Defense (DoD) founded in May 2020 to help accelerate the development of COVID-19 vaccines. Prior to this position, Dr. Hepburn served as the Joint Project Lead of Enabling Biotechnologies for the Joint Program Executive Office for CBRN Defense. In this role, he was responsible for establishing a start-to-finish capability to develop vaccines and therapeutic solutions against current future biological threats. Due to the creation of this foundational capability, the team implemented the DoD Vaccine Acceleration Project, which provides key investments to advance vaccines and antibody therapeutic efforts, with special emphasis on acceleration of manufacturing these products and clinical trials. Dr. Hepburn served 23 years in the United States Army as an infectious diseases physician, retiring as a Colonel. His final assignment was as a Program Manager at DARPA (2013-2019).

Concurrent with the first two years at DARPA, Dr. Hepburn also served on the research and development team at the newly Research, Development and Acquisitions Directorate at the Defense Health Agency. From 2010-2013, he served as Director of Medical Preparedness on the White House National Security Staff. Additional assignments have included Chief Medical Officer, Level 2 Treatment facility in Iraq (2009-2010), for which he earned a Bronze Star.

Prior to deployment, Dr. Hepburn was Clinical Research Director at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases (2007-2009), leading domestic and international clinical research efforts on biodefense products. This role entailed extensive service with the Cooperative Threat Reduction program in the republics of
the former Soviet Union. Col. Hepburn was also an exchange officer to the United Kingdom (2005-2007) and internal medicine chief of residents at Brooke Army Medical Center (2000-2001) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Dr. Hepburn completed his infectious disease fellowship and internal medicine residency training at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He received his medical degree and undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering from Duke University.
Cristian A. Herrera is a Senior health specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, based in Washington, DC. His main areas of interest are health policy/politics and systems, health financing, cancer policy, evidence-informed health policy-making, and global health.

He began his career as a primary care physician and management advisor in the Department of Primary Health Care of the Municipality of Santiago, Chile, and was a member of the Committee of Health Experts of the Chilean Association of Municipalities. He later served as an advisor to the Chilean Minister of Health, and then as director of the Health Planning Division in the Ministry of Health, serving also as acting Viceminister of Public Health. Prior to joining the World Bank, Cristian was a health policy analyst at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. Since 2018, he has been adjunct researcher at the Department of Public Health of the P. Universidad Católica de Chile.

Cristian holds a medical degree from the P. Universidad Católica de Chile, a Graduate Diploma in International Relations from the University of London, an MBA from the Universidad de Chile, an MSc in Public Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics and Political Science and is a PhD candidate in Public Health from the University of Amsterdam.
Dr. Adnan Hyder is Senior Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Global Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health of George Washington University. Previously, Dr. Hyder served as the Associate Chair of the Department of International Health and Director of the Health Systems Program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He was also previously Associate Director for Global Programs at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and founding Director of the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit.

For over 20 years, Dr. Hyder has worked to improve global health in low- and middle-income countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; and pioneered empirical work around health systems, ethics, and injury prevention in the developing world. He has conducted studies focusing on defining the epidemiological burden, understanding risk factors, exploring potential interventions, estimating economic impact, and appreciating the socio-cultural correlates of non-communicable diseases around the world. He has studied health systems constraints, biomedical ethics, participated in trainings of thousands of health professionals, defined the loss of healthy life years, and explored issues of health policy development. Dr. Hyder has co-authored over 300 scientific peer-reviewed papers and numerous world reports on road safety, child injuries, and health systems. Dr. Hyder received his M.D. from the Aga Khan University, Pakistan and obtained his MPH and Ph.D. in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, USA.
Dr. Steven L. Kanter

Steven L. Kanter, MD, serves as special advisor to the president and CEO of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) and as executive director of the Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI). From 2018 to 2022, Dr. Kanter was president and CEO of the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) and AAHC International (AAHCI). In this role, he led the development of key initiatives on health security, cybersecurity, population health, and other areas of high impact for academic health centers. In addition, he developed the AAHCI Leadership Initiative to provide opportunities for academic health leaders in low- and middle-income countries to participate broadly in Association activities. In 2020, under Dr. Kanter’s leadership, the Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions became a formal part of AAHC. The AAHC Sullivan Alliance aims to strengthen the capacity and quality of the nation’s health workforce by increasing the numbers of ethnic and racial minorities in every area of healthcare and across all aspects of academic health centers. From 2014 to 2018, Dr. Kanter served as dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, where he was professor of Biomedical and Health Informatics and held the Merl & Muriel Hicklin/Missouri Endowed Chair in Medicine. Beginning in 2015, he led an effort that brought together ten of Kansas City’s leading health care institutions to align more closely as the University of Missouri-Kansas City Health Sciences District.

A former Fellow in Medical Informatics for the National Library of Medicine, he joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1991 and became vice dean in 2002. From 2008 to 2012, he also served as editor-in-chief of Academic Medicine, the peer-reviewed journal of the Association of American
Medical Colleges.

Dr. Kanter earned his M.D. at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio and served his neurosurgical residency at the University of Florida. Dr. Kanter’s contributions reflect a diverse background that includes experience in clinical medicine, medical informatics, medical education, scholarly publishing, and medical school and academic health center administration.
Mr. Rubayat Khan

Rubayat is a social entrepreneur passionate about taking high quality integrated healthcare to underserved populations using technology and market systems. He is Founder Chairperson at Jeeon Foundation, a not-for-profit social enterprise which has built the largest digital network of pharmacies in Bangladesh, which are upgraded with training, technology and formal sector linkages to provide better care, products and services to low-income communities. Jeeon was also instrumental in training over 25,000 frontline providers on COVID-19 response in Bangladesh, and building the government's digital API infrastructure for COVID case tracking. Recently, Rubayat has joined Endless Network, a US-based philanthropic outfit, as entrepreneur-in-residence, where he is exploring key gaps in global health and their intersections with emerging technology.

Before Jeeon, Rubayat co-founded and served as Co-CEO of mPower Social Enterprises, where he helped design award-winning and nationally scaled models reaching over a hundred million across health, agriculture and poverty alleviation programs in Asia, Africa and Central America. mPower's real-time data and decision-support solutions are used by over 150,000 frontline workers from BRAC, Save the Children, UNICEF, the Government of Bangladesh, and many other reputed development organizations.

Rubayat is a fellow of the Aspen Institute and Acumen Academy, and has a Masters in International Development from Harvard University. He taught himself to code at the age of eight, and recently trained ChatGPT to make his own global health research repository searchable.
Mr. Rajat Khosla

Rajat Khosla is the Director of the International Institute on Global Health (UNU-IIGH). Rajat works on global health and inequalities through the intersections of research, policy and practice. Over the last twenty years his research has focused on global health, development, gender equality, health equity, and human rights. He has published widely in academic publications and writes regularly on global health issues. His present research commitments include: racism and global health; social justice; accountability; and gender and digital health governance.

Prior to his appointment at UNU-IIGH, he served as Senior Director for Research, Advocacy, and Policy at Amnesty International. He previously worked at the World Health Organisation and UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights where his work focused on research and normative development for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals related to health in particular on issues related to sexual and reproductive health; develop and guide policy and legal analysis; and develop policy frameworks on the integration of women’s rights in humanitarian emergencies. Previously Rajat has served in a variety of research and policy roles at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, the International Environmental Law Research Centre, and other organisations, and worked as an independent research and policy consultant for such organisations as UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA.

Rajat is an Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Southern California Institute on Inequalities in Global Health and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Essex Human Rights Centre. His current affiliations include serving as a member of the WHO Advisory Group on Gender Equality, Health Equity and Human Rights, and
a member of the UNU-IIGH Gender and Health Hub High-level Advisory Committee. He is an alumna of University of Delhi and University of Essex.
Professor Ilona Kickbusch is the Founder and Chair of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

She is a member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, the WHO Council on the Economic of Health for All, Council Chair to the World Health Summit in Berlin and vice-president of the European Health Forum Gastein. She has been involved in German G7 and G20 activities relating to global health and the global health initiatives of the German EU presidency in 2020 and most recently co-chaired the T7 2022 taskforce on global health.

She chaired the international advisory board for the development of the German global health strategy and advised on the establishment of the WHO Hub on Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence. She works on a continuous basis with EU presidencies on global health and is advisor to the development of a revised European Global Health Strategy.

She publishes widely and serves on many other commissions and boards. She initiated the @wgh300 list of women leaders in global health. She is program chair of the leaders in health network SCIANA at Salzburg Global. She is co-chair of a Lancet FT Commission on “Governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world.” She is honorary professor at the Charité, Berlin.

Professor Kickbusch has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization. She was key instigator of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and WHO's Healthy Cities Network. She was the director of the Global Health Division at
Yale University School of Public Health and responsible for the first Fulbright Programme on global health.

She has received many prizes and recognitions. She has been awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (*Bundesverdienstkreuz*) and the WHO Medal for contributions to global health.
Dr. Hans Kluge

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge of Belgium embarked on his role as WHO Regional Director for Europe on February 1, 2020, shortly before COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic. Since then, he and his team have led WHO’s response to this health emergency across 53 countries encompassing Europe and Central Asia.

Lessons learnt from the crisis, along with other key health priorities, are encapsulated in the WHO European Programme of Work, which reflects a dual track approach to health: Preparing better for mounting health emergencies even as countries strengthen essential health systems and services including for non-communicable diseases.

Having qualified in medicine, surgery and obstetrics, Dr Kluge’s extensive global experience includes seminal years with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Belgium amid health and humanitarian crises in Liberia and Somalia, as well as serving as the Moscow-based Regional TB Advisor for countries formerly part of the Soviet Union.

He joined WHO in 1999, first as TB/HIV Project Manager at WHO Russia, and then at WHO Myanmar as TB Medical Officer, eventually becoming Team Leader for the HIV, TB and malaria unit.

Dr Kluge moved to the WHO European Regional Office in 2009, and a year later was appointed Director of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health, as well as Special Representative of the Regional Director to Combat Multi/Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis.

In his current role, Dr Kluge advocates all the more strongly with governments and funders for health systems strengthening, prioritizing primary health care as a
cornerstone of public health. “For me, universal health coverage is more than a slogan,” he says. “Strategic, practical investments, grounded in human rights and propelled by political will, can transform societies and countries – accelerating the achievement of health for all.”
Dr. Ann Kurth

Ann Kurth, PhD, RN, CNM, MPH, FAAN, FACNM (she/hers) is a leader in health – with a passion for the planet. In January 2023 Dr. Kurth began as President of the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM), a leading organization focused on research for health equity; she is the first epidemiologist to lead NYAM in its 175-year history. As President, Dr. Kurth supports NYAM’s mission to eliminate the barriers that prevent every individual from living a healthy life. As former Dean and Lorimer Professor at Yale School of Nursing, and Professor, Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases, Yale School of Public Health, Dr. Kurth helped shape Yale’s university-level strategies around a ‘planetary solutions’ science priority; inclusive excellence; and campus sustainability. She co-founded the Yale Institute for Global Health, and she currently co-chairs the National Academy of Medicine Board on Global Health, which includes a focus on climate change and health. Dr. Kurth’s research focuses on HIV/reproductive health, and global health system strengthening, in the context of pandemics, climate change and other stresses. She has published ~250 peer-reviewed articles, chapters, and monographs. Dr. Kurth is an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM), and of NYAM. She is past chair of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, the 175+-university member association supporting “academic institutions to improve the wellbeing of people and the planet.”
Dr. Bente Mikkelsen is Director, Noncommunicable Diseases in the division of UHC/Communicable and Noncommunicable diseases, World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters (Geneva, Switzerland). She was formerly Director, Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-course at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen, Denmark), Head of Secretariat for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (WHO GCM/NCD) at the World Health Organization Headquarters (Geneva, Switzerland) from its inception in 2014 as well as a former CEO of the Southern and Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority.

Dr. Mikkelsen is trained as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician and holds a Master’s degree in Health Administration and Management from the University of Oslo. Her current focus is on achieving the SDGs through the reduction of premature deaths from NCDs in the context of WHO General Programme of Work, and working across sectors with multi-stakeholders, within and beyond the health sector using innovation, implementation research, health literacy and new technologies.
Diana Vaca McGhie is currently the global advocacy portfolio lead at the American Heart Association and has over 15 years of experience working in leading non-profits on various aspects of their mission delivery. Her public health experience is primarily in the areas of non-profit capacity building, international relations, advocacy and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. In former roles she has launched international and leadership programs, led organizational diversity initiatives, consulted in strategic planning and served as a lobbyist to garner support for education and advocacy efforts focused on women’s health and health disparities. Diana brings a solid history of program development, managing and overseeing projects in over ten countries and brings a unique perspective to grassroots mobilization and civic engagement. Diana holds a BSc. in Business Administration from Stony Brook University and a Masters in Public Administration from New York University. She makes her home in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband and twins.
Anders Nordström is since 2010 the Swedish Ambassador for Global Health at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. Medical doctor by background from the Karolinska Institute.

He is currently a member of the Alliance for Health Systems Research’s board, the Chatham House Commission for Universal Health, the International Vaccine Institute Global Advisory Group of Experts, and the Virchow Foundation for Global Health Council.

Recently he headed the Secretariat for the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (2020-21).

He has served as Director-General for the Swedish International Agency for Development Cooperation (2007-2010).


As the Interim Executive Director, he established the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as a legal entity in 2002.

He has previously served as board member of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, GAVI, UNAIDS and PMNCH and chaired a number of international working groups and processes.
Dr. David Novillo Ortiz

Dr. Novillo serves as Unit Head working on data and digital health at the World Health Organization (WHO) in the regional office for Europe in Copenhagen (Denmark).

Prior to joining WHO/Europe, he served as a Regional Adviser on eHealth at the Pan American Health Organization from 2010-2018. Furthermore, Dr. Novillo served from 2006 to 2010 as a Technical Officer for the Ministry of Health of Spain, where he was appointed Executive Advisor to the Minister.

Dr. Novillo obtained his Masters and Ph.D. in Information Sciences from the University Carlos III of Madrid (UC3M). He also received a Masters in Public Health from the University of Bordeaux and the Public University of Navarre.

Dr. Novillo currently sits on the editorial board of the International Journal of Medical Informatics. In addition, he serves pro bono as an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College London and as an Adjunct Professor on biomedical informatics at the University of Utah.
Ms. Ana Cecelia Ortega Dominguez

Ana Ortega holds a B.A. in psychology and an MSc. in international development. She currently works in the mountains of Chiapas for Compañeros en Salud (Partners in Health Mexico), as a community psychologist and case manager. In this role, she trains and supervises community health workers and health professionals in psychosocial interventions. Since 2021 she has also coordinated the co-creation and implementation of a community-based intervention consisting of women’s mental health circles. Furthermore, Ana has experience working with survivors of gender-based violence, as well as developing mental health projects that are trauma-informed and have a gender perspective.
Ms. Loyce Pace

Ms. Pace is a global health expert currently serving as Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her role includes overseeing the department's engagement with international organizations such as the United Nations General Assembly and the World Health Assembly. Prior to her work in policy-making, she spent over a decade working with grassroots organizations in Africa and Asia, advocating for improved access to healthcare for marginalized communities. Ms. Pace holds a Bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with a focus on international health and human rights.
Professor Dr. Axel Radlach Pries has been president of the World Health Summit, the unique international strategic forum for global health, since January 2021. Until the end of 2022, the professor of physiology was dean and member of the board of Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, the largest university hospital in Europe and one of Germany's most research intensive institutions. During his eight-year tenure, Axel Pries was instrumental in reforming teaching and establishing new courses of study such as public health, as well as the founding of the Charité Center for Global Health. Before his appointment as dean in 2015, the Cologne native was director of the Institute of Physiology at Charité.
Prabha Raghavan is an MPH candidate and the President of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA) at George Washington University’s Milken Institute School of Public Health. She is specializing in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation.

Previously, she spent six years as a business journalist reporting on various regulatory, policy, and corporate developments in India’s pharmaceuticals, healthcare, biotechnology, medical devices, and trade sectors. Her extensive reporting has highlighted inequities in access to safe and effective treatment in the nation. Her coverage has included exclusionary drug manufacturing agreements, changes to taxation policies, lapses in the enforcement of drug regulations, and the rollout of India’s public health insurance program.

Growing up in five different countries has shaped Prabha’s worldview and deepened her understanding of public health issues on a global scale, allowing her to approach this field with a unique “third culture” perspective. As a public health student, she seeks to leverage her diverse upbringing and journalism background to design and implement evidence-based programs to address the inequities she has observed, focusing on health financing in resource-constrained, low- and middle-income settings.
Dr. Junaid Razzak

Dr. Razzak is the Director of Research in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and Director of the Center of Excellence for Trauma and Emergencies at the Aga Khan University. Before his current role, Dr. Razzak served as the founding Director of the Center for Global Emergency Care and Professor of Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. In addition, he has served as the Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Emergency Medicine and Trauma; chair of NIH’s Collaborative on Enhancing Emergency Care Research in LMICs (CLEER) and CEO of a non-profit health system in Karachi, Pakistan. Dr. Razzak’s research has focused on the intersection of emergency care and public health. He has received numerous awards for his global health contribution, including the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award by the Global Emergency Medicine Academy, Award for Outstanding Contribution by the International Section of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and Mentorship and Teaching Awards by his residents. Dr. Razzak did his MBBS from Aga Khan University in Pakistan, completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Yale University, and Ph.D. in Public Health from Karolinska Institute.
Dumi Right, is a performing artist, MC, and songwriter, who has been recognized as a standard bearer in global and progressive hip hop circles for many years. He was first introduced to audiences during hip hop’s golden age as a member of Zimbabwe Legit, one of the first hip hop groups coming from Africa to gain widespread international recognition. His influence has been documented in the domestic and international mass media from Billboard, to the Source, Hip Hop Connection, Waxpoetics, as well as in academic works of hip hop history, including Say It Loud! The Story of Rap Music by K. Maurice Jones and The Hip Hop Wars by Tricia Rose.

Always the innovator, in 2019, as part of the annual SXSW Festival, Dumi was the ultimate winner of a groundbreaking, entrepreneur pitch contest, Pitch & Flow. The competition paired 6 dope, socially conscious emcees with 6 visionary entrepreneurs to pitch a compelling story of social enterprise in rhyme form. He won convincingly with a message about climate change and how his assigned entrepreneur uses environmentally conscious “waste-to-energy” solutions to turn garbage into electricity in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Dumi has been invited to speak and perform for classes and panel discussions at colleges including University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Howard University, George Washington University, American University and Virginia Tech University. Over the years, he has also served as point person for several events involving music, arts and culture, collaborating and interacting with organizations and artists from a wide variety of different countries.
Sagri Singh is the Chief Gender and Health of the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH) where she leads gender equality integration across IIGH as well as the Institute's Gender and Health Hub - a global platform established to consolidate policy-relevant evidence effective gender integration in health policies and programmes, generated through research and practice at the global, regional and country level.

Prior to joining UNU, she served as the Senior Advisor, Gender Equality at UNICEF where she provided strategic, management and technical guidance on gender responsive programming to achieve results for women and children. Sagri has 25+ years of experience in designing and conducting research, program and advocacy initiatives on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including HIV, in south Asia and east and southern Africa. She has worked in multiple country settings including building capacity and leading multidisciplinary teams on program, research and policy strategies. Her prior work experience includes the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), World Health Organization (WHO), the Gates Institute of Population and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins University, The Population Council, the Ford Foundation, and the International Women’s Health Coalition. Sagri received her Doctorate in Public Health (Population and Family Health Sciences) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as a Gates Scholar, and her Masters in International Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
Olivia Vélez, PhD MS MPH RN, is a health informaticist currently serving as IntraHealth International’s first Chief Digital Health Officer. Dr. Vélez is a champion for digital transformation for the health and care workforce. She leads IntraHealth’s digital health and data science teams and initiatives, including iHRIS—an open-source human resources information system that helps countries make data-informed decisions about their health and care workforce.

In addition to her role at IntraHealth, Dr. Velez leads the Ethics & Equity subcommittee for the I-DAIR/WHO Digital Health Competencies Framework, is co-chair of the Global Digital Health Network, a Professor of Nursing at the University of Maryland, a 2010 Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar, a 2014 Alliance for Nursing Informatics Emerging Leader, and a 2022 WomenLift Health Leadership Fellow. She believes digital health tools are critical to strengthening health systems, reducing global health disparities, and enabling a fit-for-purpose health workforce.
Lanice C. Williams is a Sr. Program Officer at Jhpiego where she provides cross-cutting management and programmatic support for the Maximizing Options to Advance Informed Choice for HIV Prevention (MOSAIC) project in two countries. She has over 10 years of experience working on research, programmatic, and policy initiatives in the United States, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to Jhpiego, she worked as a Gender Integration Specialist II at EnCompass LLC where she provided programmatic and technical leadership for gender and HIV prevention programming in Lesotho for PEPFAR DREAMS, GBV prevention and response, and gender integration. She has experience in policy and advocacy, civil society and partnership engagement through her previous work with Friends of Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria. She was a 2016-2017 Global Health Corps fellow at Global Health Council. Currently, she serves as the Chair for Women in Global Health DC Chapter and Co-Chair for the Young Professionals Program with United Nations Association-National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). On October 4, 2022, she was sworn in to serve as a Commissioner for the DC Commission for Women, which works closely with the Mayor’s Office on Women’s Policy and Initiatives. She has spoken on panels for Pathfinder International, Women in Global Health, and at APHA’s 2017 and 2020 Annual Convenings. She was an 2022-2023 WomenLift Health North America Leadership Journey. She is passionate about advancing equity at the intersection of health, gender, and race in the U.S. and globally. Her work on gender equality has been published in *Ms. Magazine* and *Just Security*. 
Mark S. Wrighton, Ph.D., was elected President of The George Washington University January 1, 2022. He served as the 14th Chancellor of the University from July 1, 1995, through May 31, 2019. During his tenure as Chancellor, Washington University made unprecedented progress. Wrighton served as a presidential appointee to the National Science Board (2000-06). He is a past chair of the Business-Higher Education Forum and the Association of American Universities.

Wrighton has received many awards for his research and scholarly writing, including the distinguished MacArthur Prize. He is the author of over 300 articles, is the holder of 16 patents, and co-author of a book, Organometallic Photochemistry.

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