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| 18:30 – 18:35 | **WELCOME**

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute



Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre and Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. She has been deeply involved in the development of the Health 2020 European health policy framework. She was a member of the independent Ebola interim assessment panel of WHO and now serves on the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Health Crises Task Force. She has recently been awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz) in recognition of her invaluable contributions to innovation in governance for global health and global health diplomacy. She is a senior advisor to the Regional Directors of the WHO Regional Offices for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean and has advised many countries on their global health strategies. She has been involved in the German G7 and G20 presidencies, and currently advises the development of the first ever meeting of G20-members' Health Ministers. In Switzerland she serves on the executive board of the Careum Foundation and on the expert panel advising the Federal Councillor responsible for health. She has contributed to innovation in health in many ways throughout her career and has a strong commitment to the empowerment of women. She has worked with WHO at various levels and in academia as professor at Yale University. She has published widely and has received many prizes for her work. Her key areas of work relate to Global Health Governance, Health Security, Public Health, Health Promotion, Health Literacy and Health in All Policies. Details and updates can be found on her Website: www.ilonakickbusch.com and on Wikipedia. You can follow her on Twitter @IlonaKickbusch.

TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS

Director-General, World Health Organization



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was appointed the Director-General of the World Health Organization in 2017. Prior to that, he served the government of Ethiopia as Minister of Health from 2005 to 2012, Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2016, and as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia. As Minister of Health he implemented comprehensive health reforms that have improved access to health workforce training, health services, medicines, and health outcomes in Ethiopia. He was selected in 2012 by Wired Magazine as one of the 50 people who will change the world. As Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Tedros spearheaded the drafting of Agenda 2063 when he chaired the Executive Council of the African Union, oversaw the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, and played an important role in African Union's response to the Ebola epidemic. Moreover, he has the experiences of chairing multiple global health initiatives, including being the Board Chair of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Board Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, the Board Co-Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, and the Chair of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board. In addition, he was a member of the GAVI Alliance Board, the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board, and a Founding Board Member of the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). Dr. Tedros is a globally recognised malaria researcher who has co-authored numerous articles on this subject in prominent scientific publications.

| 18:35 – 18:50 | **REPORT SUMMARY**

VERONICA MAGAR

Team Leader, Gender, Equity and Human Rights, World Health Organization



Veronica Magar (Dr. Ph, MPH, MA) is the Team Leader for Gender, Equity and Human Rights at the World Health Organization (WHO). She leads a dynamic team of technical experts to support WHO programs and policies to ensure that 'no one is left behind'. Her work at WHO ensures that all people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage are able to access health services and enjoy health and well-being, without discrimination. Before joining WHO, in 2013, she held the position of Executive Director of an organization with international scope, entitled *reach* (research and action for change), based in Delhi, India leading community-based research and providing technical support worldwide. Since 2000, she has worked with UN agencies, NGOs, and governments in more than 30 countries across Asia, Africa, and the Middle East to address gender inequality and human rights. Prior to that Dr. Magar worked at international NGOs including CARE where she led work on gender mainstreaming, violence against women, research and evaluation in women's health. Dr Magar earned her MPH and MA at UCLA and DR PH the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

| 18:50 – 19:15 | **SHORT STATEMENTS**

ANTJE LEENDERTSE

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva



Antje Leendertse was appointed the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva in February 2017. She is a career diplomat with over 25 years of experience working in the German Federal Foreign Office. Holds a Master's degree in medieval and modern history, Roman languages, economics and philosophy from the University of Cologne in 1989, after which she joined the Foreign Service in 1990. Prior to her current post in Geneva, she worked in various roles both in Germany and in the German embassies in Moscow, London and Helsinki. Most recently, she was Ambassador and Head of the Task Force for the 2016 OSCE Chairmanship from 2015-2017, and the Ambassador and Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office from 2014-2015.

ALAN LUDOWYKE

Director, International Health, Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka



Dr. Alan Ludowyke is the Director of the International Health at the Management Development Planning Unit (MDPU) of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka. He has over 25 years of experience in both teaching and practicing medicine, which he combines in his role at the Ministry since 2015, where he is responsible for internationally funded health projects, cooperation and coordination between countries and global health diplomacy. Trained in medicine at the University of Colombo, Dr Ludowyke initially specialised in child health, obstetrics and gynaecology, and later worked at various hospitals and academic departments in Sri Lanka. He subsequently trained further in medical administration before joining the Medical Administrative Grade in Sri Lanka. Before joining the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine he was the Deputy Director at the Castle Street Hospital Women and the Deputy Director at the District General Hospital, Kegalle.

HILDA DAVILA

Director, International Relations, Ministry of Health, Mexico



Hilda Davila holds a B.A. in International Relations at El Colegio de Mexico. Since October 2011, Hilda Dávila is the Director General of International Relations at the Secretariat of Health of Mexico. She has been a public servant for the Government of Mexico at different posts such as the Deputy Director for Administration and Information of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad; Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Public Education and the Secretary of Health; Deputy Director for Migrant Health, during the last 20 years. In 1993 and 1994, she lived in Chicago working at the Consulate General of Mexico as Press Secretary. In 2014, she was appointed Delegate of the Secretary of Health of Mexico to the US – Mexico Border Health Commission. Ms Davila is the Mexico's representative to the WHO Executive Board.

LAURA THOMPSON

Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration



Ambassador Laura Thompson is the Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). She is responsible for assisting the Director General in administering and managing the Organization; conducting the political dialogue and building IOM relationships with governments, UN agencies, civil society and the private sector; as well as in defining policies, strategies and prioritised action. Prior to this position, Laura Thompson was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva. She also served at the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva in a prior occasion and at the Delegation to UNESCO. In addition to her diplomatic experience, Laura has held posts as Legal Officer in two UN Organisations. Laura Thompson obtained a Master's degree in international relations, with a specialization in international law, from the Graduate Institute for International Studies of Geneva and holds a degree in law from the University of Costa Rica. She has also completed Executive Education at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and INSEAD. In addition to Spanish, which is her mother tongue, Laura Thompson is fluent in English, French and Greek, and has a basic knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.

KATE GILMORE

Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations



Kate Gilmore was appointed United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights on 1st December 2015. She brings to the position diverse and longstanding experience in strategic leadership and human rights advocacy with the United Nations, government and non-government organizations. Prior to joining OHCHR, Ms. Gilmore was Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director for Programmes with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Previously she was National Director of Amnesty International Australia and then Executive Deputy Secretary General of Amnesty International. Ms. Gilmore started her career as a social worker and government policy officer in Australia. She helped establish Australia's first Centre Against Sexual Assault at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital and her work over a number of years focused on prevention of violence against women. In Australia, she was granted honorary appointments to provincial and national public policy and law reform processes, including membership of the country's first National Committee on Violence Against Women. Ms. Gilmore holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New England and postgraduate degrees in Social Work from the University of Melbourne and Community Development from RMIT.

| 19:15 – 19:25 | **DISCUSSION**

Moderated by Prof Ilona Kickbusch and

BERNHARD SCHWARTLÄNDER
Chef de Cabinet, World Health Organization



Dr Bernhard Schwartländer is the Chef de Cabinet at the World Health Organization. Since 2013, Dr Schwartländer has served as WHO's representative in the People's Republic of China. Before joining WHO in China, he served as Director for Evidence, Policy and Innovation at UNAIDS headquarters in Geneva and as the United Nations Country Coordinator on AIDS in Beijing, China. He has also held a number of senior international positions including the Director for Performance Evaluation and Policy at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, Director of the WHO's HIV Department, and Director of Evaluation and Strategic Information at UNAIDS.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Dr Schwartländer was the Director of the national AIDS programme in Germany and the Director of the Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the Robert Koch-Institut in Berlin, the central biomedical and infectious disease research and reference laboratory of the Federal Ministry of Health, Germany. Dr Schwartländer has published widely in scientific journals and books and taught applied epidemiology in Berlin. He is a medical doctor and holds a doctorate in medical epidemiology. He received his education and professional training in Germany and the United States at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

| 19.25 - 19.30 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

PRINCESS NOTHEMBA SIMELELA
Assistant Director General, Family, Women's and Children's Health Cluster, World Health Organization



Dr Princess Nothemba (Nono) Simelela is the Assistant Director-General for Family, Women, Children and Adolescents at the World Health Organization. Dr Simelela has more than 30 years of experience as an obstetrician, academic, advocate and government official. Most recently, she served as Special Advisor to the Vice President of the Republic of South Africa where her work spanned supporting the implementation of the country's National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and Sexually Transmitted Infections to reviewing the country's Expanded Public Works Program. Her other senior leadership roles in South Africa have included serving as Chief Executive Officer of the South

African National AIDS Council, Director of Technical Knowledge and Support for the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Cluster Manager for HIV, TB and Sexually Transmitted Infections for the South African Department of Health. She has also sat on a number of committees and boards, including the Executive Board of the WHO, representing IPPF from 2004 to 2009 and the WHO technical committee for the development of guidelines for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.