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Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre and Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. 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 served on the UN Secretary-General's Global Health Crises Task Force. Currently, she is a member of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs. In 2016, she was 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 EURO and EMRO, and has advised many countries on their global health strategies. She has been involved in the German G7 and G20 presidencies, and advised 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

IN CONVERSATION WITH

RACHEL MELSOM

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Rachel completed her first degree in Genetics at University College London in 1987 following which she pursued an extensive career in advertising, commercial media negotiations, founded an intellectual property consultancy, and developed interactive media programming for production in the USA. In 2008, she retrained as a Doctor, with a desire to enhance clinicians' understanding of the financial implications of delivery of excellent clinical care and to integrate this understanding into cost effective care delivery models. Rachel founded Medical Matrix Consulting Ltd and has been advising independent medical businesses since 2010 on company structure, commercial development, partnership development, and business growth. Currently, Rachel combines her practice in the Department of Elderly Care at Worthing Hospital with her work across Europe for Tobacco Free Portfolios. She is also a Diplomat of the Global Charter, World Federation of Public Health Associations and has a number of charitable interests including participating as a Business Leader for 'Founders 4 Schools,' a charity that aims to improve uptake of STEM subjects and increase employability of school leavers. Rachel has most recently presented at the SPS Nordic Institutional Investor conference in Sweden; Fidelity Investor conference in Holland; and The Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association Annual Investor Conference in Edinburgh, UK.

NICK BANATVALA

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Dr. Nick Banatvala leads the Secretariat of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, which is based in the WHO's Headquarters in Geneva and aims to bring the UN system together to tackle NCDs, mental health and other NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to this, Nick was Head of Global Affairs at the Department of Health in England where he led the development and implementation of the UK Government's first-ever global health strategy. Before that, he headed the UK Department for International Development's (DFID) work on global health partnership and scaling up health services. Prior to this, Nick led DFID's health and education programming to Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Middle East. Nick has experience of the NGO sector, having worked with the UK aid agency Merlin on a number of development and humanitarian programmes. Nick trained in paediatrics and infectious diseases before doing public health and epidemiologic research in the UK and CDC, Atlanta. Nick has held senior posts in UK public health. He has sat on government, non-government and academic boards, as well as national and international committees