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| 12:00 – 12:10 | **WELCOME**

MICHAELA TOLD

Deputy and Executive Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute

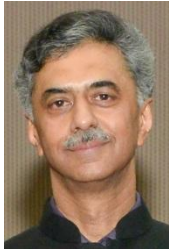


Michaela Told is currently Deputy & Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Prior to moving into academia, she was working for more than 10 years with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at local, regional and international level in all continents, most recently heading the Principles and Values Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva. She was also involved in negotiations and policy-making within the statutory bodies of the RCRC Movement. Earlier in her career, she worked with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Development Cooperation and later served as Secretary General of international woman's human rights NGO based in Geneva. In her current position as Deputy & Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute she is responsible for the successful implementation of all activities of the Global Health Centre. In her research and teaching she focuses on Global Health Diplomacy, among others she directs the online courses in global health diplomacy. She holds a MSW (School of Social Work, Vienna), a MCom (Development Economics, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna), and a MA in Development Studies (Women & Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague), as well as a PhD (School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London, UK).

| 12:10 – 13:20 | **PANEL DISCUSSION**

RAJIV KUMAR CHANDER

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations office and other international organizations in Geneva



Ambassador Rajiv Kumar Chander joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1983 after obtaining degrees in History and Law. His first assignment abroad was at the Embassy of India, Moscow after which he returned to New Delhi to handle political work relating to Bangladesh in the Foreign Ministry. He was posted to Germany in the early 1990s where he worked as First Secretary/ Counsellor (Political). He handled work related to the United Nations in the Foreign Ministry, New Delhi as Director from 1997-1999. Ambassador Chander was posted to St. Petersburg as Consul General from 2000-2002, after which he proceeded on deputation to the Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) based in Kathmandu, Nepal from 2002- 2006. He was then posted at the Permanent Mission of India in Geneva, where he also served as Deputy Permanent Representative. From 2010 to mid-2011, he was Head of the Division handling political work relating to Gulf countries as well as Haj related matters in the Foreign Ministry, New Delhi. After, he was Ambassador of India to the Ukraine until July 2015. After a post as Consul General of India in Vancouver until April 2017, he returned to Geneva as Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva in mid-April 2017.

ERNST HAFEN

Deputy Head, Institute for Molecular Systems Biology, ETH Zürich; Co-founder, President of the Board, MIDATA.coop



Ernst Hafen, PhD, is a Professor of Systems Genetics at ETH Zurich and former President of ETH. In addition to over 30 years of academic research, he has founded and advised several biotechnology companies. He is the president of the BIO-TECHNOPARK Schlieren-Zurich. Ernst Hafen endeavors to assist scientific discovery and its efficient translation into products that help society and the economy. As a trained geneticist, he has a strong interest in human genetics and personalised medicine. He posits that an individual's control over his or her personal health data will be a key asset for better and more effective health care. In 2012 he acted as a founding member of the Association Data and Health, and he is the president of MIDATA.coop, which he co-founded in 2015.

PETER CUIPERS

Healthcare Partners & Alliances Executive Europe, IBM Global Healthcare and Life Sciences



Peter Cuipers is Alliances and Partnerships Executive of IBM Europe Healthcare and Life Sciences organisation. He successfully built and runs IBM's Healthcare Ecosystem program, as well as various activities across Europe, including large transformational projects. As Vice Chair of the European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) Digital Health Committee, he represents the Health Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Industry towards EU Institutions and key stakeholders. He's an active member of, and contributor to several other industry organisations, think-tanks and platforms, including start-up platforms. His latest publications included white-papers about Making Sense of Big Data in Healthcare, and a review of Blockchain's potential in Healthcare. Prior to his current role, Peter covered several leadership roles in the Healthcare and Life Sciences industry for IBM. Being passionate about this industry, he founded and serves on the board of a physiotherapy and back-rehabilitation center. His original degree is in IT Engineering and he holds an MBA from the University of Reading (Henley).

EFFY VAYENA

Professor and Head of the Chair of Bioethics, Institute of Translational Medicine, ETH Zürich



Effy Vayena is a Professor of Bioethics at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich) and renowned expert at the intersection of medicine, data, and ethics. Her work focuses on important societal issues of data and technology as they relate to scientific progress and how it is, or should be applied to public and personal health. Vayena completed her education as a social historian with a PhD in Medical History from University of Minnesota. A keen interest in health policy has led her to work with the World Health Organization. Upon her return to academia, Vayena was awarded a professorship by the Swiss National Science Foundation. She founded the Health Ethics and Policy Lab to tackle pressing questions that arise through technological advances such as genomic technologies and big data analytics in healthcare and research. She received her habilitation from the University of Zurich in the field of bioethics and policy and has been appointed a Visiting Professor at the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School and a Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, where she was previously a Fellow. She is a member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences and chairs the Ethical, Legal and Societal Implications advisory group of the Swiss Personalised Health Network. Vayena is a leading expert in the dynamic and diverse field of health data and ethics, successfully leveraging her academic work and international network to promote a fruitful debate about the ethics of health in the digital age. She has previously worked with the Wellcome Trust, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Commonwealth Fund, Chatham House, as well as academic institutions and governments around the world.

| 13:20 - 13:30 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

STEFAN GERMANN

Chief Executive Officer, Fondation Botnar; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute



Stefan Germann is the Chief Executive Officer of Fondation Botnar, a large foundation in Basel Switzerland focusing on child health, nutrition and education. Stefan is tasked to lead the foundation in the next stage of its development. He was formerly Executive Director of onegoalglobal.org, an innovative and collaborative child nutrition and healthy lifestyle campaign, and Senior Director of the Innovation and Accountability unit of World Vision International. He worked for over 15 years in Africa in various health leadership roles with different agencies in the area of child health related development, relief and advocacy work. His work included managing a large rural hospital in Zimbabwe. In 2005 he started to work with World Vision International's emergency relief team as the director for the integrated technical sector teams in the Asia Tsunami response. This program included major health components, including primary health care rehabilitation in Sri Lanka and mHealth projects for midwives in Aceh, Indonesia. He held a number of board and advisory board memberships, including the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, UBS Optimus Foundation, and the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) in Africa, and is currently on the Advisory Board of the Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute, Geneva focusing on the role of non-governmental organisations in global health diplomacy. He holds a BSc in Micro-engineering, an MSc (Economics) in Social Policy & NGO Management, and a doctoral degree in Development studies focusing on child well-being in urban African context. He also holds an Executive Master in Tri-Sector Collaboration from Singapore Management University.