



Europe's Role in Strengthening Polio Resilience: Linking Health Systems and Health Security

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Biographies of Speakers

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| 15:30 – 15:45 | **ARRIVAL & COFFEE**

| 15:45 – 15:50 | **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 was also recently appointed the chairperson of a High-Level International Advisory Board on Global Health established by the German Health Minister Hermann Gröhe to advise Germany on the reorientation of its global health strategy. In May 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 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 advised the development of the first ever meeting of G20-members' Health Ministers in May 2017. 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.

| 15:50 – 16:00 | **OPENING REMARKS**

JUDITH DIMENT

Coordinators, PolioPlus National Advocacy Advisors; Member, International PolioPlus Committee, Rotary International Representative to the Commonwealth



Educated at the Universities of Wales and London, Judith Diment is a scientist by training and worked for 15 years at the Natural History Museum in London in several roles including as Head of Public Relations. Judith has been an active member of several advisory bodies including the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, Institute of Directors and as a member of the Advisory Board of Buckinghamshire Business School, Bucks New University (1996-2007). She has held senior positions in marketing and communications for over 30 years and ran an independent award-winning Thames Valley public relations, public affairs and marketing consultancy for over 10 years before it was sold to HBL Media Ltd, a top 100 agency, in 2000. In 2001 she successfully established HBL Media's Cambridge office. Since 2001 Judith has run JD PR, working with a range of global clients. She currently serves on Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and coordinates the work of a network of Rotary National

Advocacy Advisers around the world who are working to secure support from their government for global polio eradication. She also serves as National Advocacy Adviser in the United Kingdom. In 2013 she was appointed as Rotary International Representative to the Commonwealth. In these positions, Judith is responsible for encouraging government officials to provide the financial and/or political commitment needed for global polio eradication, and articulating the work of Rotary International in that effort as a key civil society constituent. She has organized events to raise awareness and recognize leadership in the House of Commons; and has represented Rotary International at the World Health Assembly, and in meetings with the European Union and European Commission.

| 16:00 – 17:45 | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

DOMINIC PORTER

Head of Division, Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service



In his 23 year career as a national and EU official Dominic Porter has worked across a wide range of foreign policy areas, and has been based in London, Brussels, New York and Geneva. Prior to taking up his current post, in charge of a new headquarters Division covering Economic and Global Issues, he was the Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva, from 2012 to 2016. His EU Commission career began in 1996 with a close Geneva connection as he spent 5 years on trade policy, including the negotiation of China's accession to the WTO. From 2000 to 2003 he worked with former Commissioner Chris Patten as adviser on global issues and speechwriter, before moving in to head the Human Rights and Social Affairs section of the EU Delegation in New York, where he served for 4 years until 2007. He then served in the Middle East department in Brussels, where he was responsible for relations with Iran, Iraq, Yemen and the Gulf States, before moving to his post in Geneva in 2012.

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PATRICK O'CONNOR

Team Lead, Accelerated Disease Control, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunization, WHO Regional Office for Europe



Dr. Patrick O'Connor is the Team Lead for Accelerated Disease Control (ADC) at the WHO Regional office for Europe in Copenhagen, Denmark. Patrick believes that maintaining the Region's polio-free status and accelerating measles-rubella elimination are Regional and Global priorities. Prior to joining the team in Copenhagen, he has had various leadership and technical positions working on immunizations and polio eradication with UNICEF headquarters in New York, the WHO Region office for South-East Asia in New Delhi, India, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, USA. Patrick has medical degree (MD) from Ben Gurion University in Be'erSheva, Israel and masters of public health (MPH) from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA. He is board certified in general preventive medicine and licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the United States.



OCTAVIAN BIVOL
Deputy Director, UNICEF Brussels



Mr. Octavian Bivol is the Deputy Director in the UNICEF Office for the Relations with the EU Institutions in Brussels. Prior to taking up this assignment in October 2015, he held the position of Regional Advisor, Health System and Policy in the UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS in Geneva and UNICEF Representative in Bulgaria. His service with UNICEF dates back to 1995, when he joined the UNICEF office in Moldova as a Health officer. He had subsequent assignments with UNICEF including Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries, and Kazakhstan where he was heading the UNICEF office in Astana. Octavian is a Medical Doctor by education.

| 17:45 – 18:00 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

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