



10 Years of Leadership on Global Health Farewell to Margaret Chan

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Biographies of Speakers

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| 11:00 – 11:05 | **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.

| 11:05 – 11:15 | **OPENING REMARKS**

MICHAEL MØLLER

Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva



Mr. Møller is the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. He has over 35 years of experience as an international civil servant in the United Nations. He began his career in 1979 with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and worked with UNHCR in different capacities in New York, Iran, Mexico, Haiti and Geneva. Between 1997 and 2001 he was the Head of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at United Nations headquarters; between 2001 and 2006 he was the Director for Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs in the Office of the Secretary-General, while serving concurrently as Deputy Chief of Staff for the last two years of that period. Mr. Møller also served as the

Secretary-General's Special Representative for Cyprus from 2006 to 2008 and was the Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation from 2008 to 2011. Born in 1952 in Copenhagen, Mr. Møller completed a Master's course in International Relations at Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

| 11:15 – 11:30 | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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.

| 11:30 – 11:55 | **SHORT STATEMENTS**

ELHADJ AS SY

Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Mr. Sy has extensive experience in leadership roles in the humanitarian sector, having previously served at a senior level with UNICEF, UNAIDS, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other agencies for more than 25 years. Before joining the IFRC - the world's largest humanitarian network - Mr. Sy was UNICEF's Director of Partnerships and Resource Development in New York. He has also served as UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa and Global Emergency Coordinator for the Horn of Africa. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Sy was Director, HIV/AIDS Practice with the United Nations Development Programme in New York. Before that, he worked with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as its Africa Regional Director and later as Director of Operational Partnerships and Country Support in Geneva. Mr. Sy has also held the position of UNAIDS Representative in New York and Director of the New York Liaison Office. From 1988 to 1997, he served as Director of Health and Development Programmes with Environment and Development Action in the Third World in Dakar, Senegal. Mr. Sy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Human Sciences from the University of Dakar. He then pursued Master's studies in Arts and Germanistik at the University of Graz, and graduated from the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. He was also awarded a post graduate diploma in Education from the Ecole normale superieure in Dakar . He speaks English, French and German and is a national of Senegal.

YVETTE STEVENS

Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



Ambassador Yvette Stevens has had a wide experience within the United Nations System, having worked on humanitarian and development issues in six different UN entities, over a period of 28 years. Her experience relating to Peacebuilding is presented in this short bio. Between 1999 and 2004, Ms. Stevens served as the substantive secretary for all deliberations on Africa in the General Assembly and ECOSOC, first as Special Coordinator of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries in DESA, and later as Director of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. In these two capacities, she was responsible for monitoring and implementing the recommendations of the 1998 Secretary General's report to the Security Council entitled "The Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa". It was also during that period that ECOSOC created a framework for advisory group(s) on African countries emerging from conflict, the precursor of the Peacebuilding Commission. In UNHCR, she worked on issues relating to durable solutions for refugees and the link between relief and development.

TANIA DUSSEY-CAVASSINI

Vice Director General in charge of International Affairs and Ambassador for Global Health, Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland



Tania Dussey-Cavassini combines experience in global health, management consulting, executive education, diplomacy and law enforcement. Since August 2013, she serves as Swiss Ambassador for Global Health and Vice-Director General of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, in charge of International Affairs. In 2012, she was selected as a Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. From 2006 to 2012, she worked at IMD, a world leader in executive education. As Director of Partnership Programs, she was responsible for developing IMD's custom programs for multinational companies, designing transformational learning and development initiatives that blend capability building with business impact. From 2010-2012, she consulted for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), training diplomats across the African continent and in Asia in multilateral diplomacy, negotiations, and complex decision-making. Prior to these activities, she served as a Swiss career diplomat for more than ten years and was posted in Paris, Berne, Moscow, and Geneva. Tania started her career as a lawyer in 1991 working with the Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police in the realm of international criminal matters and extraditions proceedings. She was educated in management at IMD, in law at the University of Lausanne, and in music at the University of Music, Lausanne, Switzerland.

| 11:55 – 12:10 | **REFLECTIONS**

MARGARET CHAN

Director-General, World Health Organization



Dr Margaret Chan, from the People's Republic of China, obtained her medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She joined the Hong Kong Department of Health in 1978, where her career in public health began. In 1994, Dr Chan was appointed Director of Health of Hong Kong. In her nine-year tenure as director, she launched new services to prevent the spread of disease and promote better health. She also introduced new initiatives to improve communicable disease surveillance and response, enhance training for public health professionals, and establish better local and international collaboration. She effectively managed outbreaks of avian influenza and of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). In 2003, Dr Chan joined WHO as Director of the Department for Protection of the Human Environment. In June 2005, she was appointed Director, Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza. In September 2005, she was named Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases. Dr Chan was elected to the post of Director-General on 9 November 2006. The Assembly appointed Dr Chan for a second five-year term at its sixty-fifth session in May 2012. Dr Chan's new term will begin on 1 July 2012 and continue until 30 June 2017.

| 12.10 - 12.15 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

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