



## **Sixth High-Level Symposium on Global Health Diplomacy**

### **Health Diplomacy Meets Science Diplomacy**

**Biographies of Speakers**

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Maison de la Paix, The Graduate Institute  
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| 10:00 – 10:15 | **WELCOME**

### **ILONA KICKBUSCH**

**Director, Global Health Programme, The Graduate Institute**



Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva where she has developed the field of global health diplomacy and works on issues of global health governance. She advises international organisations, government agencies and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European and international level. She has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization at both the regional and global level. She then joined Yale University as the head of the global health division, where she contributed to shaping the field of global health and headed a major Fulbright programme. Details can be found on her website: [www.ilonakickbusch.com](http://www.ilonakickbusch.com)

### **ALEXANDRE FASEL**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations, Geneva**



Ambassador Alexandre Fasel is Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Special Representative of Switzerland to the Human Rights Council, as well as Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament. From July 2007 to August 2011, he was Assistant State Secretary for the United Nations and other International Organizations in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He also headed the Center for Analysis and Forward Studies in the Swiss Foreign Ministry (2004-2007). Earlier postings in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs include Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Australia and Personal Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Flavio Cotti. On secondment to the private sector from June 2001 to March 2004, Alexandre Fasel led the Formula 1 Affairs unit of Credit Suisse, where he was responsible for business, sporting and political issues of the bank's F1 engagement. Born in 1961, Alexandre Fasel studied law at the Universities of Fribourg (Switzerland) and Oxford (United Kingdom). He is married with four children.

### **ANNE-FRANÇOISE ALLAZ**

**Professor, University Hospital Geneva; Executive Board Member, Swiss Academy of Sciences**



Anne-Françoise Allaz attended medical school in Geneva and post-graduate training in Geneva and Paris, specializing in internal medicine, and psychosocial and psychosomatic medicine. She is professor of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva and Head of the Department for Internal Medicine and Rehabilitation at Geneva University Hospitals. Professor Allaz is a member of a number of national and international scientific associations. She is a member of the Board of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences and delegate at the Swiss Academies for Sciences. She has published extensively on chronic diseases and the psychosocial dimensions of patients' symptoms, in particular chronic pain.

### Moderator of the Day

#### MICHEL KAZATCHKINE

**UN Secretary General Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Programme**



Professor Michel D. Kazatchkine, MD has spent the last 25 years fighting AIDS as a leading physician, researcher, administrator, advocate, policy maker, and diplomat. He attended medical school in Paris and has completed postdoctoral fellowships at St Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He is Professor of Immunology at Université René Descartes in Paris and has authored or co-authored over 500 articles focusing on autoimmunity, immuno-intervention and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Kazatchkine has played key roles in various organisations, serving as Director of the National Agency for Research on AIDS (ANRS) in France (1998-2005), Chair of the WHO's Strategic and Technical Committee on HIV/AIDS (2004-2007), member of the WHO's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group on tuberculosis (2004-2007), and first Chair of the Global Fund's Technical Review Panel. Dr Kazatchkine has been a member of the Global Commission on drug policies since its creation in 2010. He has served on the Governing Council of the International AIDS Society from 2004 to 2012. From 2005 to 2007, he served as French Ambassador on HIV/AIDS, Board member and Vice-Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2005-2007). In 2007 Dr. Kazatchkine was elected Executive Director of the Global Fund, a position in which he served until March 2012. In July 2012, Dr Kazatchkine was appointed the UN Secretary-General's special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

### Rapporteur of the Day

#### STEPHEN A. MATLIN

**Professor, Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College, London**



Stephen Matlin, PhD, DSc, is a former Executive Director of the Global Forum for Health Research (GFHR), promoting health research for the needs of low- and middle-income countries. He worked in academia for over 20 years, researching, teaching and consulting in medicinal, biological and analytical chemistry, collaborating with the Special Programmes in human reproduction and tropical diseases at WHO and the International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development (IOCD). In 1995, he left academia to work full-time in international development, holding senior positions in the Commonwealth Secretariat and UK Department for International Development, before joining GFHR. Professor Matlin has served as Kelvin Lecturer of the British Association for the Advancement of Science; President of the British Association for International and Comparative Education; Vice-President of the Royal Institution of Great Britain; Vice-President and Chair of the Commonwealth Association of Science, Technology and Mathematics Educators; and Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University. He has served on the governing bodies of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, the Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative, the Initiative for Cardiovascular Health in Developing Countries; and currently serves on the board of IOCD and Steering Committee of the Netherlands Global Programme in Health Policy and Health Systems Research; and is an Adjunct Professor in the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London. He was a co-founder and co-chair of Global Health Europe. He has published more than 250 papers, articles, reviews and book chapters. He has experience working with governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental agencies in areas including policy and strategy development, capacity strengthening, advocacy, facilitation and consensus building, priority setting and resource tracking.

| 10:15 – 11:15 | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Developing a strategic approach to science diplomacy**

**VAUGHAN C. TUREKIAN**

**Chief International Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Director, AAAS's Center for Science Diplomacy; Editor-in-Chief, Science & Diplomacy**



Dr. Vaughan Turekian is the Chief International Officer for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). In this role he leads, develops and coordinates the broad range of AAAS's international activities. He is also the Founding Director of AAAS's Center for Science Diplomacy, which aims to bring together stakeholders from the scientific and foreign policy communities to identify ways to better apply science cooperation to building relationships between and among nations. In 2011, Dr. Turekian became the founding Editor-in-Chief of Science and Diplomacy Quarterly. Dr. Turekian was a AAAS Diplomacy Fellow at the U.S. Department of State in the Climate Office, before serving as the Special Adviser to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, where he focused on international science, technology, environment and health issues, including clean energy, sustainable development, climate change, scientific outreach and avian influenza. He is a two-time recipient of the Department's Superior Honor Award for his work on climate change and avian influenza. Prior to his time at the State Department, Dr. Turekian worked at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). In 2001, he was the Study Director for the White House requested NAS report on climate change science. He was a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is currently an adjunct professor in Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. He has published numerous articles on the linkages between science and international policy. Dr. Turekian received his masters and doctorate in atmospheric geochemistry from the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of Yale University with degrees in Geology and Geophysics and International Studies.

| 11:15 – 12:15 | **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Diplomacy for science: How can Diplomacy facilitate international scientific cooperation in health?**

**NCUMISA P. NOTUTELA**

**Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations, Geneva**

Ncumisa Notutela is Deputy Permanent Representative at the South African Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva. In 1995, Ms. Notutela was among the first representatives of the new South African Government in the new Department of Foreign Affairs, now Department of International Relations and Cooperation, working with Southern African Development Community (SADC) issues. In early 1997, she was deployed to the South African Embassy and Permanent Mission to the UN in Vienna covering the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and Crime Prevention. In January 2000, she was deployed to the SA Permanent Mission to the UN in New York to cover disarmament and non-proliferation issues. Subsequently, she was appointed the Director for UN Political Affairs in Pretoria and led the team for South Africa's two terms of the UN Security Council membership (2007/2008 and 2011/2012).

## MAURO MORUZZI

**Ambassador, Head, Department of International Relations, State Secretariat of Education, Research and Innovation**



Mauro Moruzzi holds degrees in French, German and Italian literature (MA), as well as in journalism (BA), from the universities of Neuchâtel (1990, 2000) and Bologna (1992). He specialized in International History and Politics, obtaining a Master of Advanced Studies from the Graduate Institute in Geneva (1993). After working as a freelance journalist, teacher and tour guide (1984-1993), he served as a delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross (1994-96). He then taught French and History at the “Lycée Jean-Piaget” in Neuchâtel, while regularly conducting missions abroad for the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs as a member of the “Swiss pool of experts for civilian peace promotion” (1996-2007). In 2007, he was appointed Head of the Bilateral Research Cooperation Unit of the State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER), and was promoted to Head of Division in 2008. In 2013, the Federal Council nominated him Ambassador in his capacity as Head of the International Relations Division of the newly created State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER). As such, he is responsible for the negotiation and implementation of bilateral agreements in the field of science, as well as for Switzerland’s network of science and technology counsellors and swissnexes, the Swiss consulates for scientific and technological exchanges abroad.

## JOHN ARNE RØTTINGEN

**Professor, Institute for Health and Society, University of Oslo; Visiting Professor Harvard School of Public Health; Acting Deputy Director General, Norwegian Institute of Public Health**



John-Arne Røttingen MD PhD MSc MPA is Acting Deputy Director General of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Professor of Health Policy at the Department of Health Management and Health Economics, Institute of Health and Society, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, and Visiting Professor at the Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health and Institute Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Global Health Institute. He is a research associate of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Chair of the Board of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, member of the Scientific Oversight Group of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, Seattle, and was the Chair of the former Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG) at WHO. He has been Director General of the Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Norway Oxford Scholar at Wadham College and Fulbright Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School. He has been appointed as head of the Division of Infectious Disease Control at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and will take up the position in 2014.

**Moderator**

**THOMAS ZELTNER**

**Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Global Health Programme**



Thomas Zeltner, former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority (1991-2009), has a long history as an innovative and progressive leader in public health. He currently serves as Special Envoy for Financing of the World Health Organization (WHO). In this capacity he advises the Director General of WHO, Margaret Chan, on the identification of an improved financing framework for the organization, a cornerstone of the current reform of this UN agency. He is Co-Founder of the Global Patient Safety Forum, a convening organization of the world leading patient safety organizations and a Managing Editor of the Journal of Patient Safety. He is also member of the Global Agenda Council on Digital Health of the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute (Geneva). He is a board member of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. Since 1992, he has been Professor of Public Health at the University of Berne and is a visiting scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health. As Secretary of State for Health, Zeltner regularly represented Switzerland at the World Health Assemblies (1991-2009). He was a member and Vice-President of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (1999-2002) and chaired many committees, such as the open-ended intergovernmental group to review the working methods of the Executive Board (2001-03) and the committee on multinational tobacco companies and their attempt to undermine tobacco control activities of the World Health Organization (2000). He was instrumental in establishing and implementing a common Health Foreign Policy between the Swiss Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health (2006). He graduated with an MD and a Master's degree in Law from the University of Bern. He is a 2010 Fellow of the Advanced Leadership Initiative of the Harvard University.

| 12:15 – 12:30 | **1st Anniversary of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

**HAIK NIKOGOSIAN**

**Head, FCTC Secretariat, WHO**



Dr Haik Nikogosian is the Head of the Convention Secretariat, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) since the inception of the Secretariat in 2007. The WHO FCTC is the first global treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization and provides a new legal dimension for international health cooperation. The Convention was adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2003 and currently has 177 Parties (as of 1 October 2013). The Convention Secretariat also serves as the Secretariat to the recently adopted Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, which is the first Protocol to the WHO FCTC and a new international treaty in its own right. Before his nomination as Head of the Convention Secretariat, Dr Haik Nikogosian served as Minister of Health, and as Chairman of the National Institute of Health of Armenia in the 1990s. In the period 2000-2007 he held different managerial positions with the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, most recently as Head, Noncommunicable Diseases and Lifestyles. Dr Haik Nikogosian holds an MD, a PhD and professorship in medical sciences and a Doctorate in healthcare organization and public health. He is a national of Armenia.

| 12:30 – 13:30 | **LUNCH RECEPTION**

**Hosted by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Republic and State of Geneva**

| 13:30 – 14:15 | **DIALOGUE SESSION**  
**The latent power of cooperation in sciences**

**MOHAMMAD H. NICKNAM**

**Professor, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health and Medical Education on International Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran**



Professor Doctor Mohammad Hossein Nicknam, a graduate of Medical School (MD degree) from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in 1985, pursued his post-graduate education in Immunology, leading to a PhD degree from the same university in 1998. He accomplished his post-doctoral fellowship from the University of Pittsburg in Chicago, USA in the year 2000. Dr. Nicknam reached to the level of Full Professorship of Tehran University of Medical Sciences. He is the Director of the Immunology Department of the Medical Faculty of Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), and Director of the Molecular Immunology Research Center in

TUMS as well. Professor Nicknam contributed (as the main author/s) in writing many medical and public health publications in English and Farsi languages. He is permanent member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Parallel to his scientific achievements to this date, he has maintained high-level executive posts such as Director General of International Relations of the Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MOHME) and Acting Minister for the International Relations. He currently holds the post of Senior Advisor to the Minister in international Affairs. He was the Chairman of the Committee B of the 65th World Health Assembly in May 2012. He is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the Regional Director of Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), a member of WHO Executive Board and one of the vice chairmen of the Board.

**JAMES MILLER**

**Oxford International Development Group, Centre for International Research on the Social Determinants of Rural Health, USA**



Dr. James Miller is Managing Director of Oxford International Development Group (OIDG), a health research and project management consulting company in Oxford, Mississippi. He is also President of Southern Health Services Corporation, which provides medical services to rural hospitals in Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. OIDG involvement with health diplomacy began in 2004. During a research trip to Europe related to global public health systems, Miller was introduced to the empirically proven Iranian Primary Health Care (PHC) model. Later, OIDG assessments of financially ailing rural Mississippi Delta hospitals focused on the impact that lack of patient access to preventive/primary care services was having on hospital financial stability and, more importantly, the decades-long poor health indicators among the impoverished African-American community in the region. In response, Miller began working in Tehran with the original architects of the Iranian PHC system, and initiated an effort to adapt their rural model to the health disparity challenges in the impoverished Delta region. Over the past five years, the Sunday London Times, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, NBC Nightly News, Lancet, NIH Fogarty International Center Global Health Matters, and other media in the U.S. and the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) have covered Miller's public diplomacy work in Mississippi, supported by academic institutions and government agencies within the U.S. and IRI.

| 14:15 – 15:30 | **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Science for diplomacy: Can scientific cooperation in health improve international relations?**

**MARIANGELA ZAPPIA**

**Ambassador and Head, Permanent Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other international Organizations, Geneva**



Mariangela Zappia is a high-ranking Italian diplomat with 28 years of extensive and diverse experience, especially focused on multilateral affairs, institutional communication and information, press and media relations, and development cooperation. Since May 2011, she has been the Head of the European Union Delegation to the UN and other International Organization in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador. She is married and the mother of two children.

**MICHELLE HOLMES**

**Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health, USA**



Dr. Holmes is an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and an associate professor in the department of Epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health. Her research interests include lifestyle factors (diet, weight change, physical activity, and psychosocial factors, common medications) affecting quality of life and survival after a cancer diagnosis, as well as the association between diet and breast cancer risk. Other research interests include diet and lifestyle influences on endogenous levels of steroid hormones and insulin-like growth factors, as well as ethnic differences in obesity and other lifestyle factors affecting chronic disease risk. She co-edited a book on nutrition for cancer survivors published by the American Cancer Society. She has worked with the Nurses' Health Study since 1997. Since 2007 she has helped to design a collaborative longitudinal study of non-communicable diseases (obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer) at 5 sites in sub-Saharan Africa, called the Africa/Harvard School of Public Health Partnership for Cohort Research and Training (PaCT).

**NICOLAUS LORENZ**

**Professor, Deputy Director, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute**



Nick Lorenz is a trained physician and public health specialist. He is the deputy director of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (TPH), the leading public health institute in Switzerland. He oversees around 200 staff in Switzerland, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Apart from top-notch research, the Swiss TPH provides advisory, implementation and oversight services for numerous bi- and multilateral agencies, such as the Global Fund, where Swiss TPH is the second largest Local Fund Agent. The activities of Nicolaus Lorenz relate to health systems strengthening and Global Health Initiatives, scaling-up and the control of priority diseases. He provides expert advice to national and international agencies such as the World Health Organization, GAVI, World Bank, and the German and Swiss Development Agencies. For six years, he served on the Board of Trustees of the International Centre of Diarrhoeal Diseases Research Dhaka, Bangladesh - ICDDR-B as member and Chair. He is also the Chair of the Executive Board of the Medicus Mundi International Network.



## CAREL IJSSELMUIDEN

Professor, Director, Council on Health Research for Development



Professor Carel Ijsselmuiden, MD, MPH, FFCH (SA) is a public health physician and epidemiologist. He has worked in rural medicine, peri-urban and urban health care and environmental health services, as well as in academic public health education and research ethics training. He has also published in various areas in applied research and public health. Carel was the founding Director of the University of Pretoria's School of Health Systems and Public Health until his appointment as COHRED Director in January 2004.

| 15:30 – 16:00 | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Science in diplomacy: Can evidence trump interests?**

## Sir GEORGE ALLEYNE

Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization



Sir George Alleyne, a native of Barbados, became Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 February 1995 and completed a second four-year term on 31 January 2003. In 2003, he was elected Director Emeritus of PAHO. From February 2003 until December 2010, he was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. In October 2003, he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Alleyne has received numerous awards in recognition of

his work, including prestigious decorations and national honours from many countries of the Americas. In 1990, he was made Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his services to Medicine. In 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honour that can be conferred to a Caribbean national.

| 16:15 – 16:30 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

## MICHEL KAZATCHKINE

UN Secretary General Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Programme