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Biographies of Speakers

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| 14:30 – 15:00 | **NETWORKING COFFEE**

| 15:00 – 15:15 | **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 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 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.

JOHN E. LANGE

Ambassador; Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation



Ambassador John E. Lange, Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy at the United Nations Foundation, serves as the Foundation's primary focal point for global health diplomacy activities and its wide-ranging work with the World Health Organization. Lange worked from 2009-2013 at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he engaged in high-level advocacy with international organisations and African governments. He chairs the Leadership Team of the Measles & Rubella Initiative and earlier served for four years as Co-Chair of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Partners Group. Ambassador Lange had a distinguished 28-year career in the Foreign Service at the U.S. Department of State, where he was a pioneer in the field of global health diplomacy. He served as the Special Representative on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator at the inception of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and U.S. Ambassador to Botswana (1999-2002), where HIV/AIDS was his signature issue. Lange led the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as Chargé d'Affaires during the August 7, 1998, terrorist bombing, for which he received the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award for skilled leadership and extraordinary courage. Earlier, he had tours of duty in Geneva, Lomé, Paris and Mexico City. Ambassador Lange co-chaired a National Academy of Medicine committee that issued a consensus report on investing in global health systems, authored a case study on pandemic influenza negotiations, and has delivered numerous lectures on issues related to global health diplomacy. He has an M.S. degree from the National War College and J.D. and B.A. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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| 15:15 – 15:30 | **WHA PROCEDURES AND GOVERNANCE**

GIAN LUCA BURCI

Adjunct Professor, the Graduate Institute; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre; Former Legal Counsel, World Health Organization



Gian Luca Burci was named Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute in 2012. He served in the Legal Office of the World Health Organization between 1998 and 2016, and was appointed Legal Counsel in 2005. He previously served as Legal Officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and in the UN Secretariat in New York for nearly a decade. At the Institute, he has taught in the joint LLM in Global Health Law and International Institutions programme in partnership with Georgetown University. He holds a post graduate degree in law from the Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy. His areas of expertise are in international law, international organisations, and governance and law related to international health.

| 15:30 – 16:30 | **PANEL DISCUSSION: 13th GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

MICHÈLE BOCCOZ

Ambassador; Assistant Director General for External Relations, World Health Organization



Michèle Boccoz has been appointed Assistant Director General for External Relations. An experienced diplomat from France, she has served as the French Government's Ambassador for the fight against HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases since 2016. She has also served in the French government as First Secretary to the Permanent Representation of France to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador to Belgium and, later, Croatia. From 2001 to 2007, she also served as Executive Director for International Affairs at the Institut Pasteur. Her involvement in health diplomacy dates back to her term of office in Geneva, during which she participated in Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland's transition into the WHO Director General role. She also was instrumental in supporting the International Health Regulations and emergency preparedness and response efforts. Furthermore, during the French presidency of the European Union, she coordinated the European Union's positions for the negotiations on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Ms Boccoz was trained in diplomacy and is an alumnus of France's Ecole normale supérieure and École nationale d'administration (National School of Public Administration).

PETER SINGER

Senior Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization; Chief Executive Officer, Grand Challenges Canada



Peter Singer has dedicated the last two decades to bringing innovation to tackling the health challenges of the world's poorest people. He is well known for his creative solutions to some of the most pressing global health challenges. Dr Singer is Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada. He is also Professor of Medicine at University of Toronto and Director at the Sandra Rotman Centre at University Health Network. Since July 2017, Dr Singer has served as Senior Advisor to the Director General of the WHO and co-chaired the Transition Team. In 2007, Dr Singer received the Michael Smith Prize as Canada's Health Researcher of the Year in Population Health and Health Services. In 2011, Dr Singer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to health research and bioethics, and for his dedication to improving health in developing countries. Dr Singer is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (and its former Foreign Secretary), the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). He served as Chair of the Every Woman Every Child Innovation Working Group. Dr Singer has published over 300 articles and mentored hundreds of students and staff. He studied internal medicine at University of Toronto, medical ethics at University of Chicago, public health at Yale University, and management at Harvard Business School.

ANDERS NORDSTRÖM

Ambassador for Global Health, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden



Dr Anders Nordström is the Swedish Ambassador for Global Health at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. As a medical doctor from the Karolinska Institute, Dr Nordström has a background that combines development experience with national and international health policy and planning, and global strategic leadership. His first international assignments were with the Swedish Red Cross in Cambodia and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran. He worked for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) for 12 years, including as Regional Advisor in Zambia and as Head of the Health Division in Stockholm. During 2002, Dr Nordström, as the Interim Executive Director, established the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as a legal entity. He managed the first two board meetings, the establishment of the TRP, Round 1 of funding and the recruitment of the Executive Director. In 2003, he was appointed Assistant Director General for General Management for WHO. He served as Acting Director General of WHO from 23 May 2006 until 3 January 2007 following the sudden death of Dr LEE Jong-Wook, Director-General. After the successful handing over to Dr Margaret Chan, Dr Nordström was appointed Assistant Director General for Health Systems and Services. This cluster focused its work on scaling up health services, human resources for health, health financing, health information systems, pharmaceuticals and health technologies. From January 2008 until June 2010 Dr Nordström served as Director-General for Sida. Dr Nordström was appointed Ambassador for HIV/AIDS at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs by the Government on the 26th of August 2010. In April 2012, the Swedish government appointed him the world's first Ambassador for Global Health. From October 2014 to March 2015, he worked with the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Ebola, David Nabarro. From April 2015 to June 2017, he was the Head of the WHO Country Office in Sierra Leone. From July to August of the same year, he worked for WHO/AFRO as project leader for the Functional Review Project. He has served as board member of the Global Fund, GAVI, UNAIDS and PMNCH, and he has chaired and been a member of several international task forces, committees and working groups.

LOYCE PACE**President and Executive Director, Global Health Council**

Loyce Pace, a leader who has worked on the ground in more than 10 countries delivering health programmes and mobilising advocates, became Global Health Council's (GHC) President and Executive Director in December 2016. Loyce came to the role having held leadership positions in global policy and strategic partnerships at LIVESTRONG Foundation and the American Cancer Society. While Director of Regional Programs for the American Cancer Society's Department of Global Health, she was responsible for developing their first capacity-building and advocacy initiatives in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, she has worked with Physicians for Human Rights and also served as an International Development Fellow for Catholic Relief Services, implementing community outreach projects throughout Senegal and The Gambia. Over the course of her career, Loyce championed policies for access to essential medicines, testified for congressional global health appropriations, and launched the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Roundtable under GHC, which convenes organisations representing multiple issues and sectors around shared advocacy goals. She has been recognised by the Union for International Cancer Control as a Young Leader at their World Cancer Summit as well as been an invited speaker at high-level forums hosted by the World Health Organization, Institute of Medicine and other policymaking agencies. As a supporter and partner of GHC for more than 10 years and most recently as a board member since 2012, Loyce contributed substantially to the re-envisioning of the organisation. Loyce holds a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Human Biology from Stanford University and a Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she was inducted into the Delta Omega Society. She is a member of Phillips Academy (Andover) Alumni Council. She speaks several languages, including Spanish as well as some French and Japanese, and has lived in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Loyce is based in Washington, DC.

FUMIE GRIEGO**Assistant Director General for Strategic Planning, Policy and Research, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations**

Fumie Griego is Assistant Director General for Strategic Planning, Policy and Research and leads IFPMA's work on health economics and policy such as value of medicines, pricing and reimbursement, and metrics/evaluation. Prior to joining IFPMA, Fumie was Head of Global Oncology Policy and Strategy, Global Government Affairs & Policy at Merck KGaA and Vice President for International Health Policy at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Prior to joining PhRMA, Fumie was as a senior economist in the White House's Office of Management and Budget where she provided U.S. senior officials in both the Bush and Obama Administrations with policy advice on a range of health policy issues. Fumie holds a PhD in Health Policy from Harvard University and a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Earth Systems (concentration in environmental economics and policy) from Stanford University.

Moderator

ILONA KICKBUSCH**Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute**

| 16:30 – 17:50 | **71st WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: WHAT IS AT STAKE**

Health emergencies

OLIVER MORGAN

Director, Health Emergency Information & Risk Assessment Department, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization



Dr Oliver Morgan is the Director of the Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment Department in the WHO Health Emergencies Programme. From 2007 through 2016, Dr Morgan worked for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention during which time he held critical leadership positions in the Ebola response between November 2014 and February 2016 (CDC Atlanta Ebola Response Incident Manger and CDC Country Director in Sierra Leone). From March 2010 to October 2014, Dr Morgan was the CDC Country Director in the Dominican Republic. Dr Morgan was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at CDC from 2007 to 2009 with the International Emerging Infections Program, during which time he conducted projects in Thailand, Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda, and Guatemala. Before joining CDC, Dr Morgan worked for the UK Health Protection Agency, leading epidemiological investigations of outbreaks (enteric, vaccine preventable, hospital acquired, zoonotic, respiratory, and sexually acquired infections), chemical and radiation exposure incidents, terrorist bombings in London, natural disasters, and humanitarian civil conflicts. Dr Morgan has also worked as a consultant to WHO/PAHO in several countries. Dr Morgan's academic achievements include a doctorate in epidemiology from Imperial College London and extensive publication in peer reviewed journals and reference books.

Polio transition

RANIERI GUERRA

Assistant Director General for Special Initiatives, World Health Organization



Dr Ranieri Guerra has been appointed Assistant Director General for Special Initiatives. A physician from Italy, he has more than 30 years of public health experience. Since 2014, he has served as Director General for Preventive Health and Chief Medical Officer of the Italian Ministry of Health. Additional roles include serving as Scientific Attaché for the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC; Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre and Director of the Office of External Relations at the President's Cabinet at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, the national research organisation of the Italian Ministry of Health; and Medical Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). He has published extensively on humanitarian and emergency operations and health reform in developing and transitional countries. He has also worked with several multilateral organisations and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in these settings.

*Access to vaccines & PIP Framework***ANNE HUVOS****PIP Framework Secretariat, World Health Organization**

Anne Huvos joined WHO headquarters in 2006, when she began working on the formal and informal processes and negotiations that would lead to the adoption of the PIP Framework. She has been leading the PIP Framework Secretariat since the Framework's adoption by the World Health Assembly in 2011. Under her leadership, implementation of the Framework has demonstrated its value as a model for strengthening public health security through an innovative partnership with public, private and non-governmental sectors. The PIP Framework has been instrumental in strengthening global pandemic influenza preparedness and response capacities in countries where they are weak, and establishing agreements to provide to WHO access to critical pandemic response supplies, in real time, at the time of a pandemic.

*Nutrition***FRANCESCO BRANCA****Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, World Health Organization**

Dr Francesco Branca is the Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development in WHO. During his tenure, WHO has established a new nutrition guideline development process, developed a Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition with six global targets, and led the preparations for the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition. Prior to that, he was a senior scientist at the Italian Food and Nutrition Research Institute, where he was responsible for the design and implementation of several studies on the effects of food and nutrients on human health at the different stages of the life-cycle, and for the design, management and evaluation of public health nutrition programmes.

From 2003-2007, he was President of the Federation of the European Nutrition Societies. Dr Branca graduated in Medicine and Surgery and specialised in Diabetology and Metabolic Diseases at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Roma, and holds a PhD in Nutrition from Aberdeen University.

Moderator

JOHN E. LANGE**Ambassador; Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation**| 17:50 – 18:00 | **CLOSING****JOHN E. LANGE****Ambassador; Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation****ILONA KICKBUSCH****Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute**

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