



Ebola and the Security Sector: Opportunities and Limits of Security Sector Engagement in Global Health Crises

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| 16:00 – 16:15 | **WELCOME**

THEODOR H. WINKLER

Ambassador and Director, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)



Born on 6 June 1951, Theodor H. Winkler studied political science and international security at the Universities of Geneva and Harvard and at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. He obtained in 1981 a PhD in political science with a thesis on nuclear proliferation. Winkler joined the Swiss Federal Department of Defence in late 1981 as an international security expert. In 1985, he was appointed Representative of the Chief of Staff for Politico-Military Affairs and in 1995, Head of the newly created Division for International Security Policy. In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Head, Security and Defence Policy. On 13 June 2000, Winkler was appointed Director of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and promoted to the rank of Ambassador by the Swiss Federal Council. He consequently joined the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Winkler is married and has two daughters.

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Director, Global Health Programme, the Graduate Institute



Professor Ilona Kickbusch is recognised throughout the world for her contribution to health promotion and global health. She is currently adjunct professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva and director of the Global Health Programme. She advises organisations, government agencies and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European and international level. She has published widely and is a member of a number of advisory boards in both the academic and health policy arenas. Professor Kickbusch has received many awards and served as the Adelaide Thinker in Residence at the invitation of the Premier of South Australia. She has launched a think-tank initiative “Global Health Europe: A Platform for European Engagement in Global Health” and the “Consortium for Global Health Diplomacy”. Her key areas of interest are global health governance, global health diplomacy, health in all policies, the health society, and health literacy. She has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization, at both the regional and global levels, where she initiated the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and a range of “settings projects” including Healthy Cities. From 1998 – 2003, she 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. She is a political scientist with a PhD from the University of Konstanz, Germany.

| 16:15 – 18:00 | **PANEL DISCUSSION**

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.

ROBERT WAH

President, American Medical Association



Robert M. Wah, MD, is president of the American Medical Association, the first Asian-American with that distinction. A reproductive endocrinologist and obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. Wah practices and teaches at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. A leader in health information technology, Dr. Wah is chief medical officer for Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and is regularly ranked among "Modern Healthcare" magazine's "50 Most Influential Physician Executives".

Previously, he served as associate chief information officer for the Military Health System and was the first Deputy National Coordinator, Chief Operating Officer setting up the ONC at HHS in pursuit of securing electronic medical records for all Americans. An AMA House of Delegates member for 17 years, Dr. Wah has served as chair of the Board of Trustees and the AMA Council on Long Range Planning and Development. He has served on the faculties of the Harvard Medical School, the University of California, San Diego, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Born and raised in Oregon, Dr. Wah has a degree in chemistry from the University of Oregon and an MD from the Oregon Health Sciences University. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He did his residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and had a reproductive endocrinology fellowship at Harvard in the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Dr. Wah served more than 23 years on active duty as a captain in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

JAMES ORBINSKI

CIGI Research Chair in Global Health, Balsillie School of International Affairs; Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University



Dr. Orbinski is a humanitarian practitioner and a leading scholar in global health. He believes in humanitarianism, in citizenship and in actively engaging and shaping the world in which we live, so that it is more humane, fair and just. As of September 2012, Dr. Orbinski is Research Chair in Global Health at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, and professor of International Policy and Governance at Wilfrid Laurier University, in Waterloo, Canada. At the University of Toronto, which he joined in 2004, he is full professor of Medicine at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and is a Senior Fellow at Massey College.

In 1986-87 Dr. Orbinski lived in Sub-Saharan Africa researching HIV/AIDS in children under a Canadian Medical Research Council Fellowship. He has extensive field experience with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), having worked as a medical doctor in Peru (91) and Brazil (92), and as MSF's medical co-coordinator in Baidoa Somalia during the 92-93 civil war and famine, and in Jalalabad, Afghanistan in 1993-94 during the civil war. He led MSF's mission in Kigali, Rwanda during the 1994 genocide and civil war, and in Goma, Zaire during the 1996-97 civil war and refugee crisis. After completing a Masters Degree in International Relations, he was elected international president of MSF from 1998 to 2001. During this time, he launched MSF's Access to Essential Medicines Campaign (1998) and accepted the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to MSF in 1999. From 2001 to 2004 he co-chaired MSF's Neglected Diseases Working Group, which in 2004 launched the not-for profit Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi). Since then, he has been an active board member of the DNDi, which has developed and delivered 6 new medicines and has 17 others in its pipeline for Chagas disease, leishmaniasis, and malaria, while building sustainable research capacity in disease-endemic countries. In 2004, Dr. Orbinski co-founded Dignitas International, which is now supporting over 200,000 people with full treatment for HIV, and is scaling up its Primary Health Care treatment model to serve a population of 3 million in Malawi. Dignitas also has established an extensive research capacity, with over forty major publications focused on clinical care and improving health systems in the developing world.

Some of Dr. Orbinski's medical research is recognized as among the "best science in the world" (in 2006), and as having "shaped scholarship in the field of global health in the post Second World War years". He is also the author of the award-winning and best-selling book, "An Imperfect Offering: Humanitarianism in the 21st Century" (Bloomsbury, 2009). The book has since been translated into five languages. He was the subject of the award winning 2008 documentary film, "Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma".

Dr. Orbinski has served on the founding boards of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Canadian Doctors for Medicare. He is a founding member of the editorial boards of Open Medicine and Conflict and Health. Dr. Orbinski is a member of the Climate Change and Health Council and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Health Care Systems and Cooperation. Dr. Orbinski is a member of the Order of Ontario and an Officer of the Order of Canada. He has been awarded 12 Honorary Doctorates in Canada. In 2011, he was the recipient of the Tarnopolsky Human Rights Award (awarded by the Canadian Superior Court Judges Association) in recognition of 'his outstanding contributions to domestic and international human rights'. He was also awarded the 2012 Canadian Civil Liberties Award of Excellence. Dr. Orbinski and his wife live in Guelph, Ontario with their three children.

MARTIN SCHNEIDER

Ebola Focal Point, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



Martin Schneider is a physician specialised in internal medicine and public health. He graduated at the University of Bern and obtained a MSc in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After assignments in the field with Médecins sans Frontières and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), he is currently working as focal point for Ebola at the headquarters of the ICRC. In this function, he also coordinated the health programme of the ICRC in Liberia during late 2014.

LAMINE CISSÉ

General; Chairman of the board, Partners - West Africa for Civic collaboration and Democratic Change; former Chief of Staff of Senegalese Armed Forces and Minister of Interior of Senegal



General Lamine Cissé, the current Chairman of the board of Partners - West Africa for Civic collaboration and Democratic Change, was Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces and Minister of Interior of Senegal. As Minister, he conducted an electoral process that led to the first democratic change in his Country.

He also held the position of Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Central African Republic, and UNOWA, in Dakar for West Africa. General Cissé graduated from the Military Academy of Saint-Cyr (France), the Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, (USA), the "Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale" (IHEDN) Paris, (France), and the National Defense University (NDU), Washington DC. (USA). He was awarded the "Visionary Award" of the African Center For Strategic Studies (ACSS) Washington, DC (USA). He is Honoris Causa of NDU. General Cissé headed the international team for the assessment of Security in Guinea, and is currently the UN Coordinator for Security Sector Reform in Guinea – Conakry.

General Cissé wrote a book: "Carnets secrets d'une alternance", 2001.

RUTH CAESAR

National Focal Point, Mano River Women's Peace Network (MARWOPNET); Chairperson, Women of Liberia Political Forum



Mrs. Ruth G. Caesar is presently the National Focal Point of the Mano River Women's Peace Network (MARWOPNET), Liberia providing peace-building, conflict resolution and monitoring bordering security for early warning systems targeting women, youth, elders and others actors working in bordering communities in Lofa, Nimba, and Grand Cape Mount Counties, where it operates a community radio station as well. She is also Chairperson of the Women of Liberia Political Forum to build women capacity for participation on elections and

to produce the Liberian Women Manifesto, series beginning with the 2009 edition.

Mrs Caesar is a former Representative in the National Transitional Legislative Assembly (NTLA) as a civil society member representing women and children within the framework of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed in Accra, Ghana, in 2003. She chaired the Committee on Gender Equity and Child Development and co-chaired on the Committee on

Planning and Economic Affairs. A gender rights activist, with more than 21 years in advocacy for the human and legal rights of women and children and other vulnerable persons and active involvement in conflict resolution, peacemaking and building activities within the Mano River Union Sub region consisting of Sierra Leone, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia, a result of which MARWOPNET was the 2003 winner of the UN Human Rights Award. From 2006 to 2009, she served as the Deputy Executive Director for Operations at the National Commission on Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (NCDDRR) responsible to ensure that the 101,000 ex-combatants disarmed and demobilized, and were reintegrated into communities. She has worked with the Government of Liberia in various capacities from 1977 to 2003 including the First National Coordinator of the Women and Children Affairs Coordination Unit within the Ministry of Planning and Economics Affairs (transformed into the Ministry of Gender and Development), 1994-2003.

Consultancies in related subjects include the following: 2012, 2013, 2014: National Consultant with UNMIL GENDER ADVISOR OFFICE (OGA) on CRC review process. 2009: EU Gender Advisory Services contract between PARTICIP GmbH-capacity building of EU Staff in Engendering the DDR process and UNR-1325 and 1820-the Liberian experience. 2005: EU/KAF, Capacity building for newly elected legislators. Her publications and research activities relevant to peace include: "Implementation of UNV's support to Peace building project", major paper delivered at the National Conference on the Future of Liberia, Liberia vision 2024. "Liberian Women and the Peace Process", 1994, Research Document for the UNECA, African Center for Women/ACWECA. "Liberia Experience", 1999, paper presentation, July 14, 1999, Maputo, Mozambique. "Mainstreaming of Gender into National Planning Programme and Budgetary Process", 1998.

Her affiliation with and membership of several national and international organizations include: MARWOPNET; WOMEN WAGING PEACE NETWORK, West Africa Women Association (WAWA). She serves as civil society of Liberia gender representative on the Peace Building Commission Joint Steering Committee, Liberia (JSC). Presently, she serves on the Executive Committee of the West Africa Civil Society Forum (WACSOF).

She holds a Doctor of Religious Education, D. Ed, Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, Liberia, West Africa (2006), honors, and a M.A. in Economic Development, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA (1981). Other training includes: USA Government, "Women in Politics" program, 1985; "Colloquium 2011", Institute for Inclusive Security, Washington DC, USA; Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University Sweden, 2009; "Transformation Leadership and Women in Politics", workshops for women leaders, Ministries and Parliamentarians from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ghana, in Cape Coast, Ghana, 2004; "Advance Training Course on Conflict Management for Women", Conakry, Guinea, 2002; "Mediation, Conflict Analyses and Negotiation Skills", Center for Conflict Resolution-University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2001; "Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Training for Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea" by Nairobi Peace Initiative, Nairobi, Kenya, 2000; "Peace Building and Conflict Resolution; Women in Mediation" –ECOWAS, UN WOMEN.

Moderator

DAVID HELD

Professor, Durham University; Master of University College, Durham



David Held is Master of University College, Durham and Professor of Politics and International Relations at Durham University. Among his most recent publications are “Gridlock: Why Global Cooperation is Failing” (2013), “Cosmopolitanism: Ideals and Realities” (2010), “Globalisation/Anti-Globalisation” (2007), “Models of Democracy” (2006), “Global Covenant” (2004), “Global Transformations: Politics, Economics and Culture” (1999), and “Democracy and the Global Order: From the Modern State to Cosmopolitan Governance” (1995). His main research interests include the study of globalisation, changing forms of democracy and the prospects of regional and global governance. He is a Director of Polity Press, which he co-founded in 1984, and General Editor of Global Policy.

Rapporteur

STEPHEN MATLIN

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



Stephen Matlin 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. He has served on the governing bodies of the Commonwealth of Learning, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative, as well as the Initiative for Cardiovascular Health in Developing Countries. Currently, he 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, a Fellow at the RISE Institute, Washington DC and a Senior Fellow in the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. He was a co-founder and co-chair of Global Health Europe and is currently one of its Vice-Chairs.

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