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Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre and an Associate 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. 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. 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.

PANEL DISCUSSION

HANS BRATTSKAR

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Hans Brattskar is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva as of 2 September 2016. He was Special Adviser at the Department for United Nations and Humanitarian Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway from 2015-16. He was also Special Advisor on Forests, Sustainable Development and Indigenous & Local Communities' Issues at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). He has been a Visiting Practitioner at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Non Resident Senior Fellow at the Center for International Cooperation at New York University. Brattskar was State Secretary (Deputy Minister) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from October 2013 to August 2015. He has served as Ambassador to Kenya (and Somalia) and Permanent Representative to the UN organisations based in Nairobi. From 2011-13, he was Director General and Special Envoy for Climate Change at the Ministry of the Environment, and served as the first Director of the Government of Norway's Climate and Forest Initiative from 2008-11. Brattskar has been Ambassador and Special Adviser for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Operations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chief Negotiator for the Peace Process between the Government of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front. He was Norway's Ambassador to Sri Lanka for more than four years, and prior to that had served as Minister Counselor and Head of the Political Section at the Norwegian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Brattskar was also Coordinator in New York during Norway's last term on the Security Council (2001-2002).

He was Director of the Secretariat of the Minister for International Development (Chief of Staff) for five years, and has served at Norway's Embassies in Washington, D.C. and Malaysia. Brattskar has been a Governor of the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and a Deputy Governor of the World Bank. He worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics and Management and Department at Ostfold University College in Norway before joining the Foreign Service. Brattskar holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from Claremont Graduate University in California, USA.

SURAYA DALIL

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



Suraya Dalil, a medical doctor by training with a public health master's degree from Harvard University, is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. She was Minister of Public Health from March 2012 to December 2014 and Acting Minister of Public Health from January 2010 to February 2012. Throughout her tenure, Dr Dalil led a diverse team, in a bid to reform the health system by improving quality of care and making a clear impact in child and maternal mortality indicators. Her tenure as Minister is marked by results-based financing and public-private partnership. Dr Dalil worked with UNICEF Somalia as Chief of Health and Nutrition from July 2007 to December 2009 where she led a large-scale nutrition, immunisation and communicable diseases control program. From 1994 to 2007, she worked with UNICEF Afghanistan in Mazar-e-Sharif, Islamabad and Kabul, which enabled her to contribute to her country's health care at a time when it was faced with political and socio-economic difficulties under the Taliban regime (1996 to 2001). In 2002-03, she participated in the Afghanistan maternal mortality survey carried out by the Ministry of Public Health, Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF – one of the most important public health studies in Afghanistan's recent history that has greatly influenced policy decisions and reform priorities for many years. The finding of this survey was published in The Lancet. Prior to UNICEF, Dr Dalil worked with the International Organization for Migration from 1993-94; and Médecins Sans Frontières from 1992-93, managing health care for returning refugees and delivery of care for Tajik refugees in the north of Afghanistan. As a resident physician she was enrolled in the general surgery post-graduate training in Kabul that could not be concluded, as fighting and insecurity had shattered Kabul in 1991. She is an author and co-author of several international publications. She was born in Kabul in February 1970. Her mother tongue is Uzbek, and she can also speak Dari, Pashtu and English. Dr Dalil is married and has three daughters.

MARTA MAURÁS PÉREZ

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



Marta Maurás Pérez has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, other International Organizations, and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva since May 2014. She is a sociologist and has extensive multilateral experience in international relations, social development and public policy, as well as solid knowledge of human rights issues, in particular the rights of children and women. Among her senior technical and managerial positions, she has been member and Vice-president of the UN Committee on Child Rights from 2009 to 2013; Director for Economic and Social Affairs and Chef de Cabinet of the Deputy Secretary General (1998-2005) in the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan; UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Bogotá, Colombia (1992-1998); Secretary to the Economic Commission for Latin America (CEPAL/ECLA), based in Santiago, Chile (2005-2007); UNICEF Representative and senior official in Pakistan, Mozambique, and New York Headquarters, and Special Envoy of UNICEF for Latin America. Besides Spanish, she speaks English, French and Portuguese.

MARIA NEIRA

Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization



Dr Maria P. Neira was appointed as Director of the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva in September 2005. Prior to that, she was Vice-Minister of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. She had previously held several senior positions with WHO. Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in the Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières. Dr Neira is a Spanish national, and a medical doctor by training. She specialised in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, and Public Health. Dr Neira has been awarded the National Order of Merit by the Government of France and is a member of the Academy of Medicine, Asturias, Spain.

ROOPA DHATT

Director, Women in Global Health



Dr Roopa Dhatt is a physician by training and an advocate by principle, striving for greater gender equality, health and well-being for all people through working in global health. She is the co-founder of Women in Global Health, a movement that strives to bring greater gender equality to global health leadership. She also serves as the Initiative Director for the Women Leaders in Global Health Initiative (WLGHI), hosted by the Global Health Council. She is an Internist, providing Primary Care in Washington D.C. completing her training at Case Western Reserve University, Department of Internal Medicine. She previously served as the President and Vice President of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations and led world-wide campaigns on global health issues. She has a B.A. and B.S. from the University of California, Davis; a Master in Public Affairs from Sciences Po, Paris, France; and an M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine.