



Ebola: A Game Change in Global Health?

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Biographies of Speakers

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Moderator

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Former Director-General, Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland; 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 distinguished career as an innovative and progressive leader in public health. He currently serves as Special Envoy of the World Health Organization (WHO) on WHO's engagement with non-State actors. In this role, he advises the Director General of WHO, Margaret Chan, in critical areas of the current reform of this UN agency: how to cooperate with NGOs, philanthropic organisations, academia and the private sector without compromising WHO's integrity; and how to better align WHO's priorities with the resources available to finance them. He is a member of the Board of the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP) and of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. Since 1992, he has been Professor of Public Health at the University of Bern and is a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health (Boston). He is Co-Founder of the Global Patient Safety Forum, member of the Advisory Board of the European Patient Safety Foundation, and Assistant 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). 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 WHO (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 WHO's tobacco control activities (2000). He was instrumental in establishing and implementing a common Health Foreign Policy between the Swiss Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health (2006). As Director-General of the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland, he was a key actor in Swiss health policy. He has presided over changes to transform the regulated market model of the Swiss health care sector into a more value- and consumer-driven health care system. The Swiss model of health care, which guarantees access to a comprehensive benefit package to all residents, is gaining increased international interest and attention. Thomas Zeltner was born in Bern (Switzerland) in 1947. He graduated with an MD and a Master's degree in Law from the University of Bern. He is a 2010 Fellow of the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative.



WELCOME

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Member, Ebola Interim Assessment Panel; Director, Global Health Programme



Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She is senior advisor to the Regional Directors of the WHO Regional Offices for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. She has been deeply involved in the development of the Health 2020 European health policy framework. She is a member of the independent Ebola interim assessment panel of WHO. In Switzerland, she serves on the executive board of the Careum Foundation and on the expert panel to the Federal Council to advise on the implementation of the Swiss Health Strategy 2020. She has contributed to innovation in health in many ways throughout her career and now advises organisations, government agencies, and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European, and international levels. She has worked with WHO at various levels and in academia as professor at Yale University. She has received honorary doctorates from the Nordic School of Public Health and the University of Girona. She has published widely and is a member of a number of advisory boards in both the academic and the health policy arena. She has received several awards for her contributions. Her key areas of work relate to Global Health Governance, Health Security, Public Health, Health Promotion, Health Literacy, and Health in All Policies. She has a strong commitment to women's rights. Details and updates can be found on her Website: www.ilonakickbusch.com and on Wikipedia. You can follow her on twitter @IlonaKickbusch.

COMPARISON OF PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

SUERIE MOON

Study Director, Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola



Suerie Moon, MPA, PhD is Research Director and Co-Chair of the Forum on Global Governance for Health at the Harvard Global Health Institute. She is also a Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health, where she teaches on global governance, policy analysis, and health. Recently, she served as Study Director of the Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola, a joint initiative of Harvard and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also co-directs the Project on Innovation and Access to Technologies for Sustainable Development at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her work focuses on global governance and the political economy of global health; the intellectual property, trade and investment regimes; policies to enhance innovation and access to medicines in low- and middle-income countries; global health financing; and the functioning of the global health system. Dr. Moon is a member of the editorial boards of PLoS Medicine, Global Health Governance, and Global Challenges; and the Boards of Directors of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) USA, the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative-North America, and the expert Proposal Review Committee of UNITAID. Her work has appeared in a number of highly-ranked journals; she speaks regularly at public events, to the media and at legislative hearings; and consults for a number of non-governmental organisations, think tanks, and intergovernmental organisations on global governance and access to medicines issues. She received a BA in History from Yale University, an MPA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a PhD in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PANELS

Ebola Interim Assessment Panel, WHO Executive Board

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Member, Ebola Interim Assessment Panel

Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and Harvard Global Health Institute

ASHISH K. JHA

Co-chair, Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola



Ashish K. Jha, M.D., M.P.H. is Director of the Harvard Global Health Institute, K.T. Li Professor of Health Policy at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and a practicing Internal Medicine physician at the VA Boston Healthcare System. Dr. Jha received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and trained in Internal Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, where he also served as Chief Medical Resident. He completed his General Medicine fellowship from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School and received his M.P.H.

from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Jha's major research interests lie in improving the quality and costs of healthcare with a specific focus on the impact of policy efforts. His work has focused on a broad set of issues, including transparency and public reporting of provider performance, financial incentives, health information technology, leadership, and the roles they play in fixing healthcare delivery systems.

Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future, US National Academy of Medicine

PETER SANDS

Chair, Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future



Peter Sands is a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard Kennedy School and Lead Non-Executive Director of the Board of the United Kingdom's Department of Health. Mr. Sands was Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Bank from November 2006 to June 2015. He joined the Board of Standard Chartered PLC as Group Finance Director in May 2002. Before his appointment as Group Chief Executive, he was responsible for Finance, Strategy, Risk, and Technology and Operations. Prior to joining Standard Chartered, Mr. Sands

was a director with worldwide consultants McKinsey & Company. He joined McKinsey in 1988, and worked extensively in the banking and technology sectors in a wide range of international markets. He was elected a partner in 1996 and became a director in 2000. Prior to joining McKinsey, he worked for the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Mr. Sands graduated from Oxford University and holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University, where he was a Harkness Fellow.

CLOSING

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