



# After Eradication of Polio – What Next for Global Health?

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| 12:00 – 13:00 | **SANDWICH LUNCH**

| 13:00 – 13:15 | **OPENING REMARKS**

### **PETER FRIBERG**

**Co-founder and Director, Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT)**



Dr Peter Friberg is co-founder and Director of SIGHT. He is professor at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg and senior consultant at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital. He is the former president of the Swedish Society of Medicine, member of the Committee for Development Research of the Swedish Research Council and chairperson of the Health promotion and behaviour panel at the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare. His research is focused on the cardiovascular and psychosocial field, including joint research performance with African Population Health Research Center.

### **MICHAELA TOLD**

**Deputy Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute**



Dr Michaela Told is currently Deputy & Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Prior to moving into academia, she was working for more than 10 years with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at local, regional and international level in all continents, most recently heading the Principles and Values Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva. She was also involved in negotiations and policy-making within the statutory bodies of the RCRC Movement. Earlier in her career, she worked with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Development Cooperation and later served as Secretary General of international woman's human rights NGO based in Geneva. In her current position as Deputy & Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute she is responsible for the successful implementation of all activities of the Global Health Centre. In her research and teaching she focuses on Global Health Diplomacy, among others she directs the online courses in global health diplomacy. She holds a MSW (School of Social Work, Vienna), a MCom (Development Economics, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna), and a MA in Development Studies (Women & Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague), as well as a PhD (School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London, UK).

### **ANNA MIA EKSTRÖM**

**Professor, Karolinska Institutet**



Dr Anna Mia Ekström has a combined clinical professorship in global infectious disease epidemiology at Karolinska Institutet (KI) and the Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge in Stockholm. She leads a research group on Global health, HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at KI at the Department of Public Health Sciences KI. Over the last 16 years she has lead a large number of research projects in sub-Saharan Africa aiming at more effective program implementation of HIV treatment and prevention, and lately she has focused more intensively on the interplay between HIV and non-communicable disease (NCDs).

| 13:15 – 14:25 | **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

## **ANDERS NORDSTRÖM**

**Ambassador for Global Health, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**



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, he 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. 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. 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.

## **RANIERI GUERRA**

**Assistant Director General for Strategic Initiatives, World Health Organization (WHO)**



Dr Ranieri Guerra is the Assistant Director-General for Strategic Initiatives at the World Health Organization. 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 Italian national institute of health; and Medical Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). He has worked and published extensively on humanitarian and emergency operations and health reform in developing and transitional countries. He has also worked with several multilateral organizations and the European Commission in these settings.

### **JEAN-BOSCO NDIHOKUBWAYO**

**Regional Advisor, Clinical Laboratories and Technologies (CLT), WHO Representative to Chad**



Dr Jean-Bosco Ndiwokubwayo is currently the WHO Representative to Chad. As regional advisor of Clinical Laboratories and Technologies (CLT), patient safety and antimicrobial resistance programs in the WHO-Regional Office for Africa, he plays a critical role advocating for a strong position and integration of laboratories and clinical technologies in the overall programmes of health systems and services development. He supports countries in their efforts to implement international norms and standards for Public Health CLT including diagnostic imaging services, patient safety, organ donation and transplantation, the selection and the acquisition processes of medical devices and medical equipment. Dr Ndiwokubwayo coordinates strategic management, external relations and business development for the Patient Safety Programme in the African Region. He has developed, formalized and supported countries in their efforts to build/strengthen a comprehensive national patient safety program. During the Ebola Virus crisis in West Africa, he was appointed to coordinate the overall WHO and international partners response to the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in Guinea by collecting and analyzing data and providing technical orientation to the WHO staff and partners involved in the fighting of the outbreak in the field. In January 2017, he was appointed as WHO Representative to represent the WHO Director General and the WHO Regional Director in Chad with the following three missions: (1) lead the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WHO's programmes in Chad (2) oversee the management of WHO operations and (3) coordinate with health development partners and UN agencies in Chad to achieve national health objectives, and global and regional health goals and commitments. Dr Ndiwokubwayo is a medical doctor specialized in clinical pathology and public health. Prior to joining the WHO, he was Dean of School of Medicine at the University of Burundi where he was a lecturer on Microbiology and Immunology.

| 14:25 – 14:35 | **BREAK**

| 14:35 – 16:00 | **PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **ZULFIQAR AHMED BHUTTA**

**Professor, Aga Khan University, Pakistan; Robert Harding Inaugural Chair in Global Child Health, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada**



Prof Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta is the Robert Harding Chair in Global Child Health & Policy at the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health in Toronto, Canada, and the Founding Director of the Center of Excellence in Women and Child Health across Aga Khan University Campuses, a unique joint appointment. He holds several global leadership positions as the Chair of the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health, as co-Chair of the Countdown to 2030 consortium and the President of the International Pediatric Association. As an academic leader he has been a front line advocate for evidence-based policies to support maternal and child health globally.

## **NGOZI NWOSU**

**National Coordinator, Nigeria Polio Transitioning Planning Task Team, National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), Abuja, Nigeria**



Dr Ngozi Nwosu is currently Head of Human Resources, and National Coordinator of the Nigeria Polio Transitioning Planning Task Team at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA). A medical doctor by training, she was awarded the Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in Community Health as a Specialist Public Health Physician in 2005. Between 2005 and 2006, she lectured at the Department of Community Medicine, Enugu State University Teaching Hospital (ESUTH) before joining the NPHCDA in 2007 as the South-East Zonal Coordinator in charge of planning, implementation and monitoring of primary health care services in the five states of Nigeria. Her renowned expertise and wealth of experience in primary health care necessitated her call to the Agency Headquarters in 2017. From 2001 to 2010, Dr Nwosu worked as Central Facilitator with the Nigeria Polio Eradication Initiative on ad-hoc basis. This enabled her to participate closely in the planning, implementation, monitoring and supervision of polio campaigns. She attended the WHO Mid-Level Management Training (MLMT) Course for Immunization, Vaccinology Training and many other training courses in immunization resulting in her certification in Immunization Management. She currently works closely with consultants towards developing the following documents: the Nigeria Polio Business Case Document and the Nigeria Strategy for Immunization and Primary Health Care System Strengthening (NSIPPS) Document. She is further engaged in developing the Community-based Health Research, Innovative Training and Services Programme (CRISP) to improve the impact of community-based medical education sites in Nigeria. She holds a medical degree and a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Nigeria as well as a Fellowship Degree in Community Medicine from the West African College of Physicians.

## **ROBB BUTLER**

**Senior Social Scientist for Vaccine Demand, UNICEF**



Mr Robb Butler (MA, BSc) is a social scientist and public health advocate with over twenty years of working experience in public health, social protection and humanitarian assistance in developing and transitional states. He currently serves as the Senior Social Scientist on UNICEF's global immunization programme. Prior to this, Mr Butler led the WHO European Regional Office Immunization Programme – WHO/Europe's largest programme – delivering normative guidance and technical assistance to 53 Member States. During his tenure, the programme set new standards in polio-risk assessment and certification, established the now globally adapted polio simulation exercise methodology, and took a leading role in containing poliovirus. His team responded to polio outbreaks in Israel and Ukraine during this period. Mr Butler's specialist areas of experience and knowledge include social science interventions in public health – particularly with regard to vaccine demand and health emergencies. He has also participated in numerous long- and short-term assignments in health and social protection communication campaign design and strategy development, project management, M&E/review and assessment, and training on national health programmes and projects on all continents.

| 16:00 – 16:30 | **CONCLUSIONS OF THE DAY AND REFLECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

**STEPHEN MATLIN**

**Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute**



Professor Stephen Matlin is a Senior Fellow in the Global Health Centre (GHC) at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, where since 2015 he has been co-principal investigator of a project on the role of European actors in polio eradication, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London. He began his career in academia and was a Professor of Biological Chemistry (City University, London and Warwick University), researching in areas including medicinal chemistry and collaborating with the WHO Special Programmes in human reproduction and tropical diseases. He subsequently served as Director of health and education in the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, as Chief Education Adviser at the Department for International Development and as the Executive Director of the Global Forum for Health Research, Geneva. He was a co-founder and co-chair of Global Health Europe. His work in global health has included priority setting, tracking resources for health research, promotion of research for health and studies of the political and governance dimensions of polio eradication. He recently co-edited, with Prof. Ilona Kickbusch (GHC), a volume of case studies on global health diplomacy.

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**WIEBKE MOHR**

**Student Representative, Karolinska Institutet**



Ms Wiebke Mohr is a master's student in the Health Economics, Policy and Management program at Karolinska Institutet. Her background lies in Law and Public Health, including studies in Germany, Denmark and Canada. Wiebke wrote a background paper on "Institutional Stickiness concerning Governance in Global Health" for the new Lancet-SIGHT commission and is one of the co-founders for "*Women in Global Health Sweden*". She acted as delegate during the "*NorWHO2018*" - simulation in Copenhagen.

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