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Profile

Andrew Cassels retired from the World Health Organization in 2014. He has established GH Associates as a consultancy firm and is concurrently a Senior Fellow at the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He joined the World Health Organization in 1999, and from 2009-2014 was the Director of Strategy in the office of the Director-General, responsible for work on WHO reform, global health governance and health in the post-2015 agenda.

He graduated in medicine from St John's College, Cambridge, UK in 1975, and, with distinction, in public health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1984. He began his career in international public health in Nepal, where he worked as the director of a non-government organisation carrying out innovative work in the field of tuberculosis control, community development and the financing of essential drugs. After a further long-term assignment in India, he was appointed to the staff of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. There he established a new post-graduate course on the management of primary health care, and developed a research programme focusing on donor policies in the health sector. Between 1992 and 1998, he worked as a senior adviser to a wide range of governments in developing and transitional countries, as well as to several multilateral and bilateral development agencies. He has published on issues related to health sector reform and pioneered new approaches to development assistance in health, including sector-wide approaches.