



Introduction to the World Health Assembly: A Briefing for New Delegates

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Biographies of Speakers

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| 14:30 – 15:00 | **NETWORKING COFFEE**

| 15:00 – 15:10 | **WELCOME**

JOHN E. LANGE

Ambassador; Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation



Ambassador (Retired) John E. Lange is the Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy at the United Nations Foundation in Washington, DC. He is one of the leaders of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in his capacity as co-chair of the Polio Partners Group. Lange worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation from 2009-2013, where he engaged in high-level advocacy with governments to advance the foundation's global health goals in Africa. Ambassador Lange had a distinguished 28-year career in the Foreign Service at the U.S. Department of State, where he was a pioneer in the field of global health diplomacy. He served as the Special Representative on Avian and Pandemic Influenza; Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator at the inception of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; and U.S. Ambassador to Botswana (1999-2002), where HIV/AIDS was his signature issue. Lange headed the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as chargé d'affaires during the August 7, 1998, terrorist bombing. Earlier, he served at the U.S. Mission to the UN in Geneva and at U.S. Embassies in Lomé, Paris and Mexico City. Ambassador Lange is the author of a case study on pandemic influenza negotiations in the book "Negotiating and Navigating Global Health: Case Studies in Global Health Diplomacy" (2012). He has delivered numerous lectures on issues related to global health diplomacy and writes a blog on global health in "The Huffington Post". In 2014, the President of the U.S. Institute of Medicine appointed Lange to co-chair of the IOM Committee on Investing in Health Systems in Low and Middle-Income Countries and to be a member of the IOM Forum on Public-Private Partnerships for Global Health and Safety.

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute



Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She is a senior advisor to the Regional Directors of the WHO Regional Offices for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean, and she has been deeply involved in the development of the Health 2020 European health policy framework. She was also 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 level. 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.

| 15:10 – 15:30 | **WHA PROCEDURES AND GOVERNANCE**

GIAN LUCA BURCI

Adjunct Professor, the Graduate Institute; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre; Former Legal Counsel, World Health Organization



Gian Luca Burci was named Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute in 2012. He served in the Legal Office of the World Health Organization between 1998 and 2016, and was appointed Legal Counsel in 2005. Professor Burci previously served as Legal Officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and in the United Nations Secretariat in New York for nearly a decade. At the Institute he has taught in the joint LLM in Global Health Law and International Institutions programme in partnership with Georgetown University. He holds a post graduate degree in law from the “Università degli Studi di Genova”, Italy. His areas of expertise are in international law and international organisations as well as governance and law related to international health.

| 15:30 – 16:15 | **PANEL DISCUSSION: PREPARING FOR WHA**

SIMON COTTERELL

Assistant Secretary, International Strategies Branch, Department of Health, Australia



Simon Cotterell is the Assistant Secretary of the International Strategies Branch in Australia’s Department of Health. Simon has been involved with the World Health Organization and its governing bodies since 2006. He has managed Australia’s delegations to the World Health Assembly, Executive Board and Western Pacific Regional Committee since 2012. Simon was closely involved in the negotiation of the WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, and most recently co-chaired the Open Ended Intergovernmental Meeting on Governance Reform. He has over 26 years’ experience in government, including 12 years in Health and nearly a decade in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Simon was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2012 for his work on tobacco plain packaging and tobacco control in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

LINDA MANS

Senior Global Health Advocate, Wemos; Representative, Medicus Mundi International – Network Health for All



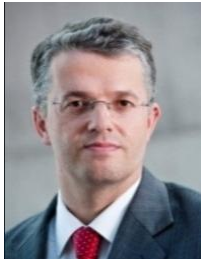
Linda is Senior Global Health Advocate at Wemos. Topics in her portfolio include governance for global health and human resources for health. She coordinated the European consortium project "Health workers for all and all for health workers" – of which Wemos was the leading party – which ended early 2016. Together with partners from eight European countries, the project aimed to promote cohesion between development cooperation policies and domestic health policies and practices of European Member States, thus facilitating the establishment of responsible health worker policies. Linda is coordinator of the working group on human resources for health of the Medicus Mundi International – Network Health for All. MMI is a network of organisations in the field of global health and international health cooperation promoting values of health equity, dignity, social justice and human rights. Linda studied Health Sciences at Maastricht University. She worked as a researcher and an advisor at different universities and non-profit organisations in the fields of health, healthcare, gender and diversity.

| 16:15 – 17:50 | **69TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: WHAT IS AT STAKE**

Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors

GAUDENZ SILBERSCHMIDT

Director of Partnerships and non-State Actors; Director ai. Coordinated Resource Mobilisation, Director-General's Office (DGO), World Health Organization



Gaudenz Silberschmidt has advised the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) on reform issues since October 2012. He was appointed Director for Partnerships and non-State Actors in February 2015, and is currently responsible for WHO's engagement with non-State actors and partnerships and acts as Director of Coordinated Resource Mobilisation. Before joining WHO, he was the Ambassador of the International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health. He represented Switzerland as member of the Executive Board of WHO where he also chaired several negotiations during the World Health

Assembly, and is a former member of the bureau of the OECD health committee. He initiated the OECD / WHO reviews of the Swiss health system, led the elaboration of the Swiss Health Foreign Policy and the negotiations toward a health agreement between Switzerland and the European Union. He received his medical degree from the University of Zurich, holds a master degree in international relations from the University of St. Gallen and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Public Health from the Swiss Tropical Institute in Basel. For the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute he chaired the external advisory group and regularly teaches in global health diplomacy courses in Geneva, Beijing, Nairobi, Jakarta and Cairo.

Reform of WHO's work in health emergency management

MICHELLE GAYER

Director of Emergency Reform, World Health Organization



Dr Gayer has nearly 18 years of international experience at the global and country level. She has served as a technical area expert and manager in international health policy and planning in developing countries; disaster readiness and respons; infectious disease surveillance, prevention and control; health risk analysis and response solutions; and organizational change. She currently serves as the Director of Emergency Reform, leading the overhaul of the WHO health emergencies programme. In June, she will start her post as the Director of Emergency Health Programmes at the IRC. She holds an MBBS in Medicine

Surgery and MPH from the University of Sydney, as well as post-graduate degrees in Economics and Management from the University of New England and the London Business school respectively.

Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

KEIJI FUKUDA

Assistant Director-General; Special Representative for Antimicrobial Resistance, World Health Organization



Dr Keiji Fukuda is Special Representative for Antimicrobial Resistance in the office of the WHO Director-General. From September 2010 until November 2015, Keiji Fukuda served as the Assistant Director-General for Health Security. He was Special Adviser on Pandemic Influenza to the Director-General from October 2009 to August 2010. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Director-General for Health Security and Environment ad interim. In 2005, he came to WHO as a Scientist in the Global Influenza Programme, was a Coordinator from 2006 to 2008 and was then appointed as its Director. Under his guidance, the Programme greatly expanded its global role in providing technical leadership and guidance related to seasonal, avian and pandemic influenza. Dr Fukuda has extensive public health and research experience working on influenza. At WHO, he has helped shape the global approach to pandemic preparedness, helped manage the response to the influenza H1N1 pandemic, strengthened surveillance and played an instrumental role in facilitating intergovernmental discussions over the sharing of influenza viruses and related benefits. He has participated in many field investigations including the earliest outbreaks of avian H5N1 influenza and the emergence of SARS. Before coming to WHO, Dr Fukuda was Chief of the Epidemiology Unit, Influenza Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States. He is a physician and received his BA from Oberlin College, MD from the University of Vermont and MPH from the University of California, Berkeley.

Health in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

NATELA MENABDE

Executive Director, World Health Organization Office at the United Nations, New York



Before being appointed Executive Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Office at the United Nations in New York, Dr Nata Menabde led WHO's largest country operation worldwide as WHO Representative to India. Prior to that, she worked as Deputy Regional Director of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, where she promoted strategic and results-based partnerships with other institutions. Dr Menabde had previously led the WHO European Regional Office's work on Health Policies and Systems and was in charge of WHO's extensive operations in 35 countries. She holds a Honours Diploma from Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Georgia and a PhD degree in Clinical Pharmacology from the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences. She has been awarded a Thomas Jefferson Fellowship in Health Management and Leadership, and International Health in the USA, and completed the Health Care Economics course at the University of York, UK. She also studied Public Health at the Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden. Dr Menabde has long-standing experience in public health, European health system reforms and institutional restructuring. Her track record also includes accomplishments in the areas of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS; noncommunicable diseases and risk factors such as tobacco and obesity; climate change and other environmental concerns; the International Health Regulations and other aspects of health security; intellectual property rights; and the social determinants of health.

Process for the election of the Director-General of WHO

JAKOB QUIRIN

Associate Legal Officer, World Health Organization



Jakob Quirin is an Associate Legal Officer in the WHO Office of the Legal Counsel. His work there focuses on WHO's international legal relations and on WHO's governing bodies. He studied law in Germany, Estonia and the United Kingdom.

| 17:50 – 18:00 | **CLOSING**

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