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Biographies of Speakers

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ILONA KICKBUSCH

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Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre and Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. 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, served on the UN Secretary-General's Global Health Crises Task Force. Currently she is a member of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs. In 2016 she was 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 EURO and EMRO, and has advised many countries on their global health strategies. She has been involved in the German G7 and G20 presidencies, and advised the development of the first ever meeting of G20-members' Health Ministers. 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

RANIERI GUERRA

Assistant Director-General, WHO Lead for UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage



Ranieri Guerra is the WHO Assistant Director-General, leading the agency to the High Level Meeting on UHC at the UN as a special envoy of the WHO Director-General. A physician from Italy, he has 40 years of public health experience. Since 2014, he has served as Director-General for Preventive Health of the Italian Ministry of Health and Chief Medical Officer of Italy. 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 national research institute of the Italian National Health System. He served also in the Italian Development Cooperation and in the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria and has conducted several missions with the EU development aid and several other International agencies in more than one hundred countries. He has published extensively on humanitarian and emergency operations and health reform in developing and transitional countries.

JEMILAH MAHMOOD

Under Secretary General, Partnerships, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Jemilah Mahmood began her mandate as Under Secretary General for Partnerships at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in January 2016. Her portfolio involves partnership and resource development, strategy, policy, knowledge, as well as global communications. Under her leadership, IFRC has also developed a global innovation including a futures and foresight unit. Before joining the IFRC, Dr. Mahmood was the Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat at the United Nations in New York. She is well known as the founder of MERCY Malaysia, which she led from 1999-2009, and her previous appointments include Chief of the Humanitarian Response Branch at UNFPA; Senior Fellow at Khazanah Nasional Berhad in Malaysia's Khazanah Research and Investment Strategy Division, and Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the Humanitarian Futures Programme at Kings College in London. From 2006-2009, she was one of 16 members appointed by United Nations Secretary-General to the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund. Dr. Mahmood has held many Board positions in NGOs and INGOs and is the recipient of numerous national and international awards for her contribution to civil society and work in support of marginalized communities. Currently, she Chairs the Board of Trustees of the Humanitarian Leadership Academy, Civil Society Governor of the Commonwealth Foundation, and is a board member of the Global Responsible Finance Institute. She is also a member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team (UNDAC) since 2004. Dr. Mahmood graduated as a Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the National University of Malaysia, has a Masters in Obstetrics & Gynaecology from the same university and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists United Kingdom.

UWE PETRY

Head, Economic Affairs Division, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to Geneva



Uwe Petry has been Head of the Economic Section of the German Permanent Mission in Geneva since 2016. His previous postings as a career diplomat include the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe, several bilateral diplomatic functions in Saudi Arabia, China, the USA and France as well as different responsibilities at capital level and in affiliated public and corporate institutions. In Geneva, Dr Petry is particularly in charge of coordinating cross-cutting subjects, including Global Health issues, under the umbrella of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

DESSLAVA DIMITROVA

Lead, Health Systems and Joint Ventures, World Economic Forum



Dessislava Dimitrova, prior to the Forum, served as Deputy Minister of Health and chair of the National Health Insurance Fund in Bulgaria where she managed the country's health financing portfolio and led the pricing negotiations with providers. Before this role Dessislava was at McKinsey & Co, the World Bank and the Results for Development Institute (R4D) focusing on health financing and insurance. Dessislava holds a BA in Economics from Bowdoin College, MPA in Economic Policy from Princeton University and PhD in Health Management from Sofia University. Her professional passion is on finding innovative ways to deliver and finance universal healthcare.

THOMAS SCHWARZ

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Thomas Schwarz is Executive Secretary of Medicus Mundi International (MMI - www.medicusmundi.org), a network of organisations working in the field of international health cooperation and global health governance. MMI promotes access to health and health care as a fundamental human right. MMI (a) provides spaces for an in-depth reflection and dialogue on the relevance, legitimacy and effectiveness of international health cooperation, and (b) contributes to the analysis and debate of global health policy and governance and to the promotion of platforms for joint civil society advocacy. Thomas Schwarz is a civil society networker, facilitator and advocate, with a focus on the WHO and other Geneva-based global health institutions and processes. He also runs the secretariat of the civil society Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2 - www.g2h2.org), which was launched by a group of organisations in 2016 and is since then hosted by MMI.