



# **The Road to Universal Health Coverage: Innovation, Equity and the New Health Economy**

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## MODERATOR

### JEFFREY L. STURCHIO

**President; Chief Executive Officer, Rabin Martin**



Jeffrey L. Sturchio is CEO at Rabin Martin, a global health strategy consulting firm, and former President and CEO of the Global Health Council. Before joining the Council in 2009, Dr. Sturchio was vice president of Corporate Responsibility at Merck & Co. Inc., and president of The Merck Company Foundation. He is currently also chairman of the U.S. Corporate Council on Africa, chairman of the BroadReach Institute for Training and Education and a member of the boards of ACHAP, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria, and the Science History Institute. Dr. Sturchio is also a visiting scholar at the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health and the Study of Business Enterprise at The Johns Hopkins University; Senior Associate at CSIS; a principal of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network; Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Arthur W. Page Society; and an advisor to amfAR, Intrahealth International, Partnership for Quality Medical Donations, the Global Health Group at the University of California San Francisco and Rutgers Global Health Institute. He received an AB in history from Princeton University and a PhD in the history and sociology of science from the University of Pennsylvania. His publications include *The Road to Universal Health Coverage: Innovation, Equity and the New Health Economy* (edited with I. Kickbusch and L. Galambos, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019).

## SPEAKERS

### ILONA KICKBUSCH

**Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies**



Ilona Kickbusch's key interests relate to the political determinants of health, health in all policies and global health. She established the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. In this context she advises countries on their global health strategies and trains health specialists and diplomats in global health diplomacy. She is a member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board and the WHO High-Level Independent Commission on NCDS and is co-chair of UHC 2030. She acts as Council Chair to the World Health Summit in Berlin. She has been involved in German G7 and G20 activities relating to global health and chairs the international advisory board for the development of the German global health strategy. She publishes widely and serves on various commissions and boards. She initiated the @wgh300 list of women leaders in global health. She is program chair of the leaders in health network SCIANA. Professor Kickbusch has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization. She was a key instigator of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and WHO's Healthy Cities Network and has remained a leader in this field, most recently advising on the WHO activities related to Promoting Health in the SDGs. She was the director of the Global Health Division at Yale University School of Public Health and responsible for the first major Fulbright Programme on global health. She has recently been 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". You can follow her on Twitter @IlonaKickbusch.

## **AGNES SOUCAT**

**Director, Health Systems, Governance and Financing, World Health Organization**



Agnes Soucat is the director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing at the WHO in Geneva. Until recently she was Global Leader Service Delivery and Lead Economist at the World Bank. She previously was the director for Human Development for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education, and social protection for Africa, including 54 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Maghreb. She has over 25 years of experience in health and poverty reduction, covering Africa, Asia and Europe. She was a pioneer of several innovations in health care financing including community-based financing and performance-based financing and authored seminal publications on these topics.

She is also the co-author of the World Development Report 2004 “Making Services Work for Poor People” and of the Lancet Commission report “Global Health 2035: a world converging within a generation”. She recently was commissioner of the recent Lancet and Rockefeller Commission on Planetary Health. Dr Soucat did also extensive work on the health labor market dynamics in Africa. Dr Soucat holds an MD and a Masters in Nutrition from the University of Nancy in France as well as a Master of Public Health and PhD in Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University.

## **FUMIE GRIEGO**

**Deputy Director General; Chief Operating Officer, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations**



Fumie Griego is IFPMA’s Deputy Director General and Chief Operating Officer. She joined IFPMA in May 2017 to lead IFPMA’s strategic planning, as well as policy and research for the organisation with a focus on health policy and economics topics such as value of medicines, government pricing and reimbursement, and metrics/evaluation. Prior to joining IFPMA, Fumie was Head of Global Oncology Policy and Strategy, Global Government Affairs & Policy at Merck KGaA and Vice President for International Health Policy at Pharmaceutical Research and

Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Prior to joining PhRMA, Fumie was as a senior economist in the White House’s Office of Management and Budget where she provided U.S. senior officials in both the Bush and Obama Administrations with policy advice on a range of health policy issues. Fumie holds a PhD in Health Policy from Harvard University and a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Earth Systems (concentration in environmental economics and policy) from Stanford University.

## **GITHINJI GITAHI**

**Group Chief Executive Officer, Amref Health Africa; Co-Chair, UHC2030**



A passionate advocate for a pro-poor Universal Health Coverage, Githinji Gitahi joined Amref Health Africa as the Group Chief Executive Officer in June 2015. Amref Health Africa, founded in 1957, is the largest African-led international organization on the continent and reaches more than 11 million people each year through 150 health-focused projects across 35 countries. Until his appointment to Amref Health Africa, Dr Gitahi was the Vice President and Regional Director for Africa, Smile Train International. Prior to that, Dr Gitahi was Managing Director for Monitor Publications in Uganda as well as General Manager for Marketing and Circulation in East Africa for the Nation Media Group. He held progressively senior positions at GlaxoSmithKline and worked at the Avenue Group and in the insurance industry. Dr Gitahi is Co-Chair of the UHC2030 Steering Committee, a global World Bank and World Health Organization (WHO) initiative for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). He is also a member of the Private Sector Advisory Board of Africa CDC, the Global Health Investment Advisory Board, and of the World Health Organization's Community Health Worker Hub. He is member of the Board of Directors of The Standard Group and holds Board member positions across Amref Health Africa offices in Africa. Dr Gitahi has a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Nairobi; a Master's in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing, from United States International University and has a Certificate for Strategic Perspectives for Nonprofit Management from Harvard University. Dr Githinji was recently issued the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), a presidential commendation given to recipients on the advice of the National Honours and Awards Committee in the Office of the President. The President issued Dr Githinji the state commendation in recognition of outstanding contribution to the health sector at the helm of Amref Health Africa. Dr Githinji has been instrumental in promoting primary health care that is the core of Amref Health Africa's work across the country.