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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

ROBIN NANDY

Principal Adviser & Chief of Immunization, UNICEF



Robin Nandy was appointed Principal Adviser and Chief of Immunization at UNICEF Headquarters in December 2015. Prior to this, from 2011-2015, he was the Chief of Child Survival and Development in UNICEF Indonesia. Before his position in Indonesia, he led the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) at UNICEF Headquarters from 2010-2011 and was the team lead for Health in Emergencies from 2006-2011. He is a medical epidemiologist and public health physician with an extensive background in international public health, particularly in the areas of child survival, immunization, outbreak response and humanitarian health response. He has worked in several conflict affected countries and fragile states and also participated in a number of high profile emergency responses. Before joining UNICEF, he worked from 2002-2006 as a medical epidemiologist at the Global Immunization Division of the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. From 1998-2002 he worked at both the country and headquarters level with the International Rescue Committee, and for the Indian government in the Republic of Maldives. He also spent four years as a Medical Officer in various hospitals in Delhi, India, from 1990-1994. An Indian national by birth, he obtained his medical degree from Mysore University, India (1990) followed by an MPH at the Nuffield Institute for Health, Leeds, UK (1996). He also completed the Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship at the CDC (2002-2004).

ZUBAIR WADOOD

Senior Polio Epidemiologist & Technical Officer, WHO



Zubair Wadood is currently based in the WHO Headquarter, Geneva, and has vast experience with the polio eradication programme at the operational, strategic and policy levels. His work includes providing strategic and technical guidance to the regions and countries on responding to polio outbreaks, especially in Syria, Nigeria, Indonesia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has also been providing technical and programmatic expertise to technical, monitoring and advisory bodies related to polio eradication (i.e. Technical Advisory Groups and Independent Monitoring Board). He is currently coordinating the polio programme continuity efforts through the “GPEI Continuity Planning and Facilitation Group” in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past, he led the WHO Polio Programmes in Pakistan and Afghanistan and played a crucial role in providing leadership and technical guidance to the Ministries of Health and Polio Emergency Operation Centres, and in promoting effective partnership at all levels. He holds a medical degree from Khyber Medical University, and an MPH from Abasyn University.

BARBARA SAITTA

Vaccine Medical Advisor & Vaccination Operational Advocacy Focal Point, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)



Barbara Saitta is the Vaccine Medical Advisor and Vaccination Operational Advocacy Focal Point for MSF's Access Campaign (AC). A nurse with an MPH in Maternal and Child Health, she has been working with MSF for 11 years where she first began as a field nurse, then became the vaccine and outbreak response advisor in 2012. She has extensive field experience in vaccine delivery during humanitarian emergencies and responding to outbreaks in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Colombia, Iraq and Bangladesh. She joined the

AC in 2015, an MSF advocacy entity that tackles barriers to people's access to medical care and ensures quality products – such as vaccines and diagnostics – are available, affordable and adapted to those in MSF projects and beyond. Her responsibilities at the AC includes providing direct operational advocacy support and advocating for the development and implementation of innovative approaches such as new vaccine delivery technologies, new vaccine presentations, and better adapted vaccines schedule and strategies.

MODERATOR

SUERIE MOON

Co-Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute, Geneva



Suerie Moon, MPA, PhD, is Co-Director of the Global Health Centre and Visiting Lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She also teaches and advises doctoral students at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as adjunct Lecturer on Global Health. Her research and teaching focus on global governance, the political economy of global health (focusing on innovation and access to medicines; outbreak preparedness and response; trade, investment and

intellectual property rules; and development assistance for health), the evolution of international regimes, and innovative policies for addressing global problems. She is the author, with Wolfgang Hein, of *Informal Norms in Global Governance: Human Rights, Intellectual Property Rules, and Access to Medicines* (Routledge, 2013). She has conducted research on the policies and politics shaping innovation and access to medicines for twenty years, starting at Médecins Sans Frontières in 1999. She has served on a number of expert advisory bodies, including most recently the Board of Directors of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative, WHO Fair Pricing Forum Advisory Group, Expert Advisory Group to the UN Secretary General's High-Level

Panel on Access to Medicines, Proposal Review Committee of UNITAID, and US National Academies of Medicine Forum on Antimicrobial Threats. Prior to joining the Graduate Institute, she was Study Director of the Harvard-LSHTM Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola, and co-founded and led the Forum on Global Governance for Health, a focal point at Harvard University for research, debate and strategic convening on issues at the intersection of global governance and health. She received a BA from Yale, an MPA from Princeton, and PhD from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.