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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

INTRODUCTION

NOZIPHO JOYCE MXAKATO-DISEKO

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN



Ambassador Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko was born in Johannesburg and is currently the United Nations Ambassador for South Africa in Geneva. She was the leader of the G77 bloc during negotiations for the Paris Agreement, representing the coalition of emerging and developing countries, which included 134 out of 195 countries participating in the COP21 negotiations. She has a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University, she worked as campaigner for the African National Congress (ANC) and also as an activist in Soweto for the ANC. Mxakato-Diseko began as a representative of South Africa at the International Atomic Energy Agency in the mid-1990s. She has been the South African negotiator since 2011.

SPEAKER

TLALENG MOFOKENG

UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health



Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng is the UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. She is a Commissioner at the Commission for Gender Equality in South Africa and member of the boards of the Global Advisory Board for Sexual Health and Wellbeing, Accountability International and the Soul City Institute. She has expertise in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, implementing various programmes such as advocacy training for healthcare professionals and her areas of focus have been on gender equality, policy, maternal and neonatal health, universal health access, post violence care, menstrual health, pregnancy care, and STI management.

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.