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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

KATE DODSON

Vice President for Global Health, UN Foundation



Kate Dodson is the Vice President for Global Health at the United Nations Foundation. In this role, she works to ensure that the UN Foundation delivers on its commitments to address the health-related Sustainable Development Goals, and builds synergies with UN agencies and other key multilateral partners. Kate is currently chair of the board of the Global Health Council, and a board member of Women in Global Health. She sits on the UHC2030 Steering Committee, representing the Foundation Constituency, and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine's Forum on Public-Private Partnerships in Global Health. Previously, Kate spent several years as the UN Foundation's Director of Global

Health, and has also served as Executive Director of Programme Integration, focused on cross-department and cross-issue collaboration. Kate also held positions at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She has a master's degree with distinction from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a bachelor's degree with departmental honours from Bates College in Maine.

KEY ISSUES AT STAKE AT THE RESUMED 73RD WHA

ZSUZSANNA JAKAB

Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization



Zsuzsanna Jakab, a native of Hungary, was appointed Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) in March 2019, after having served as WHO Regional Director for the European Region for nine years. The Deputy Director-General's portfolio includes WHO's technical programmes for universal health coverage, the life course, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, healthier populations and antimicrobial resistance, alongside other programmes. Dr Jakab has held a number of high-profile national and international public health policy positions in the last three decades. She served as the Founding Director of the European Union's European Centre for Disease Prevention

and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm, Sweden. Between 2005 and 2010, she built ECDC into an internationally respected centre of excellence in the fight against infectious diseases. Between 2002 and 2005, she was State Secretary at the Hungarian Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs. Between 1991 and 2002, she worked at the WHO Regional Office for Europe in a range of senior management roles.

INTRODUCTION TO THE RESUMED 73RD WHA

GIAN LUCA BURCI

Adjunct Professor, International Law, the Graduate Institute; Academic Advisor, Global Health Centre



Gian Luca Burci was named Adjunct Professor in International Law 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. He previously served as Legal Officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and in the UN 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, international organisations, and governance and law related to international health.

BACKSLIDING: COVID-19'S IMPACT ON HEALTH PROGRAMMES AND SYSTEMS

PILAR MAZZETTI SOLER

Minister of Health, Peru



Pilar Elena Mazzetti Soler is the Minister of Health of Peru since July 2020. Minister Mazzetti has already served as the Minister of Health of Peru from 2004-2006. She previously served as Interior Minister from 2006-2007, being the first Peruvian woman to hold this position. A Peruvian physician specialised in neurology and trained in neurogenetics, Minister Mazzetti was the Director General of the National Institute of Neurological Sciences in Lima, from 2001-2003 and again from 2016-2020. She is also a member of the Peruvian Society of Neurology, in which she has served as President. In 2004, prior to serving as Minister of Health of Peru, she was elected Dean of the III Regional Council of the

Medical Colleges of Peru. She received a number of awards in recognition of her work in the health sector including the Flóra Tristan Award in 2004 from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos; the Laura Rodríguez Dulanto Award for the Medical Woman of the Year (2009); a recognition as a distinguished graduate of the Universidad Nacional de San Martín (2010) and Hipólito Unanue Award for her work as Minister of Health (2011).

KATHERINE O'BRIEN

Director of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, World Health Organization



Katherine O'Brien is Director of the Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals Department at the World Health Organization. In this role she is responsible for leading the overall work and strategy of the Department to advance the vision of a world where everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully benefits from vaccines for good health and wellbeing. The Department works across all levels of WHO (country, region and headquarters) in collaboration with partners to deliver country impact. Prior to joining WHO she was Professor of International Health and Epidemiology and Executive Director of the International Vaccine Access Center at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research and policy work focused on vaccine preventable illnesses, especially for pneumonia causing pathogens including pneumococcal disease; Haemophilus influenzae type b; respiratory syncytial virus and influenza. Most recently, she led the PERCH multi-site study of pneumonia etiology in hospitalised children in Asia and Africa.

ROSEMARY MBURU

Executive Director, WACI Health, Kenya



Rosemary Mburu has been a champion for healthy communities for over fifteen years and currently serves as the Executive Director for WACI Health. As a civil society leader in Africa, she has extensively worked on supporting civil society advocacy and engagement in policy and programme decision-making at national, regional and global levels. She has served in various capacities within the global health architecture including on the UHC2030 Steering Committee, UNAID Communities Advisory Group and GAVI CSO Steering Committee. She is a member of the African Union Commission Technical Working Group on the ALM-Investing in Health. She holds a Masters in Public Health from Ohio University, a Masters in Business Administration from Frostburg State University, Maryland, and a Bachelor of Education from Kenyatta University, Kenya.

MODERATOR

JOHN E. LANGE

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



Ambassador John E. Lange (Ret.) is Senior Fellow for Global Health Diplomacy at the United Nations Foundation, where he collaborates closely with the World Health Organization. He has held leadership positions in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the Measles & Rubella Initiative. Earlier, he spent four years at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation engaging in high-level global health advocacy with African governments. He 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 and a leader in pandemic preparedness and response. He was the State Department's Special Representative on Avian and

Pandemic Influenza from 2006-2009. He also served tours of duty as Deputy Inspector General; Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator at the inception of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; and U.S. Ambassador to Botswana and Special Representative to the Southern African Development Community (1999-2002), where HIV/AIDS was his signature issue. Lange led the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as Chargé d'Affaires at the time of the August 7, 1998, terrorist bombing, for which he received the State Department's Distinguished Honour Award. Earlier, he had tours of duty at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and the American Embassies in Lomé, Togo; Paris, France; and Mexico City. He has an M.S. degree from the National War College and J.D. and B.A. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

WHA 2025: DOES THE GLOBAL HEALTH COMMUNITY NEED TO RETHINK ITS GOVERNANCE?

FELIPE CARVALHO

Access Campaign Coordinator, Médecins Sans Frontières, Brazil



Felipe Carvalho is a journalist, with a masters degree in International Political Economy at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). He works at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) since 2009, with a special focus on access to medicines, diagnostics and vaccines; intellectual property law; Research and Development (R&D) principles and policies; global health and multilateral cooperation. He is currently engaged with MSF Access Campaign efforts to ensure availability and accessibility of health tools to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

ILONA KICKBUSCH

Founding Director and Chair of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre



Ilona Kickbusch is the Founder of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute in Geneva. Her areas of expertise include the political determinants of health, health in all policies and global health. She advises countries on their global health strategies, trains health specialists, and is involved in German G7 and G20 health activities. Professor Kickbusch publishes widely and serves on various commissions and boards. She is a member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board and Co-Chair of UHC 2030, and the Lancet and Financial Times Commission on "Governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world".

She 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 WHO's activities related to 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.

CLEMENS AUER

Special Envoy for Health for the Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Austria; WHO Executive Board Member



Clemens Auer is the Special Envoy for Health for the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection. In this role, he primarily focuses on international, multilateral and bilateral health policy issues, the United Nations, the EU, the OECD and the European Observatory. From March 2003 to January 2007, he was the Head of Cabinet of the Minister of Health Maria Rauch-Kallat and from September 2005 until September 2018, he was Director General for the Austrian health system (focusing on health care planning, financing, quality and digitisation) and international affairs. In this capacity, he has been working on major healthcare reform projects in Austria since 2003. He

was also the Co-Chair of the EU eHealth Network and is the President of the European Health Forum Gastein and a member of the Advisory Board of the European Forum Alpac.

MODERATOR

SUERIE MOON

Co-Director, Global Health Centre; Visiting Lecturer, 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.