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**PATHOGEN AND BENEFIT-SHARING: WHERE NEXT IN THE
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF OUTBREAKS?**

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

OPENING REMARKS

SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN

Chief Scientist, World Health Organization



Soumya Swaminathan was appointed as WHO's first Chief Scientist in March 2019. She heads the Science division that was created to strengthen the organisation's core scientific work and ensure the quality and consistency of its norms and standards. The Division promotes the use of digital tools and technologies to help achieve the SDGs and will work on governance frameworks to regulate new technologies like artificial intelligence and genome editing. The division also has a foresight function that enables WHO to stay ahead of the curve and will promote research and development that leads to products that meet unmet public health needs. Dr Swaminathan was previously Deputy Director-General for Programmes (DDP). As a paediatrician from India and a globally recognised researcher on tuberculosis and HIV, she brings with her 30 years of experience in clinical care and research and has worked throughout her career to translate research into impactful programmes. Most recently, she was Secretary of the Department of Health Research and Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research. From 2009 to 2011, she also served as Coordinator of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in Geneva. She has sat on several WHO and global advisory bodies and committees, including the WHO Expert Panel to Review Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of the Global TB Department at WHO, and as Co-Chair of the Lancet Commission on TB.

SPEAKERS

MOSOKA FALLAH

Lecturer, School of Public Health, University of Liberia College of Health Sciences; Founder and CEO, Refuge Place International



Mosoka Fallah is the Founder and Executive Director of the NGO Refuge Place International (RPI). RPI addresses the issues of access to quality affordable health care that impact maternal and infant mortality among poor urban and rural dwellers in Liberia. Dr Fallah and his team are currently working to rapidly scale up this successful model across the country. He was awarded the USAID Liberia Health Worker and the Development Person of the Year 2017 award for his work with RPI. Dr Fallah is currently the Principal Investigator in Liberia of several NIH-sponsored studies on Ebola, including a natural history study of the largest cohort of Ebola survivors in the world. He also serves as a part-time faculty member at Harvard Medical School's Department of Social Medicine. He was the recent Director General of the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) that he co-founded. NPHIL was developed as a consequence of the

2014/2015 Ebola outbreak resulting in 11400 infections and 4600 deaths in Liberia alone. It has been on the forefront of the COVID-19 response. Dr. Fallah completed his PhD in Immunology at the University of Kentucky and studied Global Health at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health.

GUSTAVO MATTA

Researcher, National School of Public Health; Coordinator of the Zika Social Science Network, Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz)



Gustavo Matta is a social psychologist with a PhD in Public Health. Working at Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil, he is a public health researcher at the National School of Public Health, Coordinator of Zika Social Sciences Network since 2016, and also Coordinator of Social Impacts of COVID-19 at Fiocruz COVID-19 Observatory. His research interests lie in qualitative studies, social studies of sciences, public health emergencies in LMICs and global health entanglements.

ANTHONY RIZK

Doctoral Researcher, Global Health Centre; PhD Candidate in Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute, Geneva



Anthony Rizk is a doctoral researcher at the Global Health Centre and a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute. He has worked, since October 2018, with Dr Suerie Moon and Dr Gian Luca Burci on a SNIS-funded research project studying the global governance of pathogen- and benefit- sharing. In his doctoral research, Anthony is using archival research and laboratory ethnography to study how antimicrobial resistant (AMR) pathogens become valuable through the everyday practices of scientists. More broadly, his anthropological project explores how different kinds of life—human, microbial and political—undergo various processes of salvage in Lebanon’s political economy of anticipated collapse. Prior to his doctoral research at the Graduate Institute, he worked at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon in such areas as the medical travel of patients with conflict-related injuries, capacity building for conflict and health research, ageing studies, and sexual and bodily rights. He received a MSc in Medical Anthropology from Durham University (UK) and a BSc in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon).

RESPONDENTS

EERO LAHTINEN

Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, Geneva



Eero Lahtinen, MD, is a specialist in family medicine and a psychotherapist. He has a PhD in Public Health, where his main interest area is health promotion and health policy. Dr Lahtinen has worked as an Adviser at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland on health promotion policy development, intersectoral issues and EU public health collaboration. He was the coordinator for the EU Presidency initiatives “Putting Mental Health on the EU agenda” (1999) and “Health in All Policies” (2006). In 2007-2009 he worked at the WHO European Regional Office. He is now Counsellor at the Permanent

Mission of Finland to the United Nations in Geneva, in charge of public health issues.

IGOR DA SILVA BARBOSA

First-Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN, Geneva



Igor da Silva Barbosa has been a diplomat since 2008. He has worked with Intellectual Property and Trade Dispute Settlement and in the office of the legal advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. He has also worked at the Embassy of Brazil in Port-au-Prince (Haiti), as Assistant Professor in international relations at the Rio Branco Institute, and Professor in public international law at Universidade de Brasília. Since 2017, he is First-Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in Geneva, dealing mostly with WHO-related issues.

MODERATORS

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.

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 postgraduate 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