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Suerie Moon, MPA, PhD, is Co-Director of the Global Health Centre and Professor of Practice at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. 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 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 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.

JOHN LANGE

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.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS

Director-General, World Health Organization



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected as WHO Director-General for a five-year term by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017. He is the first WHO Director-General to have been elected from multiple candidates by the World Health Assembly, and is the first person from the WHO African Region to serve as WHO's chief technical and administrative officer. Immediately after taking office on 1 July 2017 Dr Tedros outlined five key priorities for the organisation: universal health coverage; health emergencies; women's, children's and adolescents' health; health impacts of climate and environmental change; and a transformed WHO. Prior to his election as WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros served as Ethiopia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012–2016. In this role he led efforts to negotiate the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in which 193 countries committed to the financing necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr Tedros served as Ethiopia's Minister of Health from 2005–2012, where he led a comprehensive reform of the country's health system. All roads lead to universal health coverage for Dr Tedros, and he has demonstrated what it takes to expand access to health care with limited resources. The transformation he led as Ethiopia's Minister of Health improved access to health care for millions of people. Under his leadership Ethiopia invested in critical health infrastructure, expanded its health workforce, and developed innovative health financing mechanisms. Beyond Ethiopia, Dr Tedros' global leadership on malaria, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health has been immensely impactful. He was elected as Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Board in 2009, and previously served as Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership Board, and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board. Born in the city of Asmara, Eritrea, Dr Tedros holds a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health from the University of Nottingham and a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London.

WHA MODALITIES AND PROCEDURES

GIAN LUCA BURCI

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



Gian Luca Burci is Adjunct Professor in International Law at the Graduate Institute since 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.

GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND

Co-Chair, Global Pandemic Preparedness Monitoring Board



Former Director-General of the World Health Organization and Prime Minister of Norway—the first woman and youngest person to serve in that role, Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland has provided leadership on issues of global significance for over four decades. She has served as one of three UN Special Envoys for Climate Change, having been named to that position in May of 2007. Recently, she has also served on the UN Secretary General's Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change. She is member of the Board of the United Nations Foundation. In the 1980s she chaired the World Commission on the Environment and Development, the Brundtland Commission, which coined the concept of sustainable development in its landmark report, *Our Common Future*. Its recommendations provided the momentum for the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. During her tenure as Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Brundtland's rapid response to the global threat of the SARS virus is largely credited with helping prevent the widespread growth of the disease. She also succeeded in garnering support for the first negotiated agreement on a major public health issue, The Tobacco Convention, and was recognised that same year as *Scientific American's* "Policy Leader of the Year." The recipient of many honours, perhaps her most prized award is the unofficial title she holds in her native Norway, where she is affectionately known as "Landsmoderen" or "mother of the nation." Dr. Brundtland is a graduate of Oslo University and the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a co-chair of The Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, an independent body set up by the World Bank and WHO.

ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF

Co-Chair, Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness & Response



Internationally known as "Africa's Iron Lady," Her Excellency, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is a leading promoter of freedom, peace, justice, women's empowerment, and democratic rule. As Africa's first democratically elected female head of state, she led Liberia through reconciliation and recovery following the nation's decade-long civil war, as well as the Ebola crisis, winning international acclaim for achieving economic, social, and political change. Following the Ebola epidemic, she helped rebuild Liberia's healthcare system, and launched a national community health assistance programme to serve more than 4,000 remote communities. Since stepping down as President, building on lessons learned during the Ebola epidemic, she has become a staunch advocate for community health workers and free primary healthcare, as, among other things, a means to protect against the spreading of infectious diseases. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 for her contribution to "securing peace in Liberia, to promoting economic and social development, and to strengthening the position of women." In 2018, she founded the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development, an institution dedicated to advancing and sustaining women's political and social development on the African continent.

CARMEN PAUN

Health Care Reporter, POLITICO



Carmen Paun is a health care reporter for POLITICO, based in Brussels. Before joining POLITICO, she was a freelancer covering regulatory and international affairs out of the EU capital. She has reported on a wide range of topics, from money laundering to food production to chemicals, for media organisations such as International News Services and Chemical Watch. She also covered terrorism and foreign affairs as an English-language correspondent for France 24 and Radio France International (RFI) and had a stint as a CNN local producer during the 2015 Verviers terrorism case. She holds a bachelor degree in journalism and a bachelor degree in social communication and public relations from

the University of Bucharest in Romania. During her student years, she worked for Campaign Romania, covering the country's creative advertising and public relations industry.

PANEL DISCUSSION

JULIO FRENK

President, University of Miami



A fourth-generation physician whose paternal grandparents fled Germany in the early 1930s to build a new life in Mexico, Julio Frenk catalysed his deep gratitude for the kindness of strangers into a lifelong mission to improve the health, education, and well-being of people around the world. Dr. Frenk became the sixth president of the University of Miami in August of 2015. He also holds academic appointments as Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Professor of Health Sector Management and Policy at the Miami Herbert Business School, and Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology of the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to joining

the University of Miami, he served for nearly seven years as dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development. Julio Frenk was also the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006.

JOY PHUMAPHI

Outgoing Co-Chair, UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel for Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent



Joy Phumaphi, outgoing Co-Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel for Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent, is currently the Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance, an alliance of 49 African Heads of State and Government. In this position, she has overseen the introduction of an accountability and action mechanism, for malaria, Women's and child health across the African continent. She co-chairs the Lancet Pathfinder Commission on Climate Change and Health. She was a member of the UN High Level Panel on Global Response to Health Crises; and has served as a member of the UN Reference Group on Economics and as a UN

Commissioner on HIV/AIDS and Governance. She served the People of Botswana as Principal Local Government Auditor and subsequently as a Member of Parliament holding portfolio responsibility in the cabinet, first for Lands and Housing, where she introduced the country's first housing policy requiring that local authorities house all destitute; and then for Health, where she introduced the first public sector universal ARV programme in the developing world. She later joined the World Health Organization as the Assistant Director General for Family and Community Health. She currently sits on the Board of several international organisations and is an advisor to a number of global health initiatives.

ARMANDO DE NEGRI FILHO

Member, Independent Experts on the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development



Armando Antonio De Negri Filho is a medical doctor and epidemiologist, with a PhD in Health Policies and Systems, a Public Health adviser, Public Health manager and Social Protections activist with more than thirty-five years of experience. He has advised, managed and led a variety of organisations and political process in the area of public health, from a political and developmental perspective and a focus on the right to health and human rights-based approaches. He was an active member and leader of many different civil society organisations such as General Coordinator of the Latin American Association of Social Medicine, President of the International Society for Equity on Health, Member of the Framework Convention for Global Health, the Democratizing Global Health Group and the Peoples' Health Movement, and Coordinator of the Executive Committee of the World Social Forum on Health and Social Security, Coordinator of the Brazilian Network of Cooperation on Emergencies, and Board Member of the I World Conference on the Development of Universal Social Security Systems.

MERCY KORIR

Medical Journalist, Kenya



Mercy Korir is a game changer, a result driven and goal orientated individual. Her 4-year clinical practice had been intense and extensive in both public and private health sectors in the country, caring for patients from a range of backgrounds. For the last 5 years, Dr Korir has been a medical journalist with The Standard/KTN News based in Nairobi, uniquely blending in her medical background to report on health, highlighting health topics that are of interest to the public and society at large. She does both written and broadcast health stories in the various platforms by The Standard Group, one of the leading media houses in Kenya. She is the Health and Science Editor, leading a team of

multimedia health and science journalists in the newsroom. Her work has earned her State Honours, being awarded the Presidential Order of Service for her exemplary work reporting the Covid-19 pandemic. She is also an ICFJ Fellow on Early Childhood Development and a 2018 Gates Foundation Goalkeeper. She is a moderator and public speaker on health matters, recognised as one of the outstanding women in science. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery and a Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies (Development Communication) both from the University of Nairobi.

CLOSING REMARKS

KATE DODSON

Vice President for Global Health Strategy, United Nations 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.

