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**OPTIONS, OUTCOMES AND OPPORTUNITIES:
REFLECTING ON THE WHA SPECIAL SESSION**

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In May 2021, the 74th World Health Assembly decided to convene a Special Session from November 29 to December 1 to consider the benefits of creating a new WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response. This Special Session will be critical for the governance of future health emergencies: countries will need to reach a decision on whether to strengthen the International Health Regulations or start the negotiation process for a new and potentially more comprehensive pandemic treaty, or both. Following on the heels of this important discussion, the Global Health Centre and the United Nations Foundation will hold a briefing to review the outcomes of the session and assess the implications for governance of future pandemics.

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM



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EVENT PROGRAMME

3:00 PM | WELCOME REMARKS

John E. Lange, (Ret.) Senior Fellow, Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation

3:05 PM | WHA SPECIAL SESSION MODALITIES

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

3:15 PM | CONTENT AND PROCESS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF MEMBER STATE NEGOTIATORS

- Ambassador **Grata Endah Werdaningtyas**, Co-Chair of the Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response; Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN
- **Malebogo Keabonye**, Vice-Chair, Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies; Public Health Specialist, Primary Health Care Unit, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Botswana
- **Colin Mciff**, Co-Chair of the Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response; Deputy Director of the Office of Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Moderator: **Kate Dodson**, Vice President, Global Health, United Nations Foundation

3:35 PM | PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Elhadj As Sy**, Co-Chair of Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB)
- **Ilona Kickbusch**, Founder and Chair of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre
- **Preeti Sudan**, Member of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPR)
- Moderator: **Priti Patnaik**, Founding Editor, Geneva Health Files

4:05 PM | CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization
- **Suerie Moon**, Professor of Practice, Graduate Institute; Co-Director, Global Health Centre



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