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Pamela Das joined *The Lancet* family of journals in 2001. I am currently a Senior Executive Editor at *The Lancet*, where I oversee the journal's global health work. My areas of knowledge and interest are infectious diseases and tropical medicine, global health, public health, and international health policy. My roles include peer review, commissioning, and writing editorials and for other sections of the journal, as well as overseeing *The Lancet's* Comment and News sections. I co-founded *The Lancet's* racial equity group, GRacE, of which I am currently a member, and I am an advisory board member of the Global Health Film Festival. I am a PhD Science graduate in Biochemistry, and prior to working at *The Lancet* spent a few years as a medical writer and a journalist.

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David Heymann is a medical epidemiologist and Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at LSHTM. From 1989 to 2009 he held various leadership positions in infectious diseases at WHO, and in 2003 headed the WHO global response to SARS in his role as executive director of communicable diseases. In 1976, after spending two years working in India on smallpox eradication, he was a member of the CDC (Atlanta) team to investigate the first Ebola outbreak in DRC and stayed on in sub-Saharan Africa for 13 years in various field research positions on Ebola, monkeypox (Mpox), Lassa Fever, malaria and other tropical diseases after which he was seconded by CDC to WHO. He has published over 275 peer reviewed articles and book chapters, is editor of the Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, and is an elected member of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences and the US National Academy of Medicine. In 2009 he was named an Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services to global health.



## **Dr Francisco F Songane**

### **Member of the Governing Council of the Africa Public Health Foundation**

Dr Francisco F Songane, former minister of Health of Mozambique (2000-2004), has had an extensive involvement in the international community that has included serving as Executive Committee member and board member of Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance). He was also a member of Task Force 4 of the UN Millennium Project (2002-2004), analysing the practicalities of achieving the goals related to maternal and child health, a member of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the International Vaccine Institute, and served in several Advisory Committees. He was the Founding Director of the Partnership for Maternal, New-born and Child Health (PMNCH) hosted at WHO, and later Chair of the Forum 2012 on Research for Health organized by the Council on Health Research for Development, where he served as senior Health Advisor. Further, he was UNICEF Representative in Angola from July 2013 to October 2016 where he was directly involved in the efforts to tackle a major yellow fever epidemic, the worst in the last decade that became a global public health threat. Since April 2020, he is member of the council of the Africa Public Health Foundation, a foundation set up to mobilize resources for Africa CDC. He was also the Interim CEO for Africa Public Health Foundation from December 2020 to May 2023. Dr. Songane trained as a medical doctor and obstetrician / gynaecologist at the Eduardo Mondlane University and Maputo Central Hospital in Maputo, Mozambique as well as at St. James University Hospital in Leeds, England. He has a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University and Master of Science in Financial Economics from the University of London, England.



## **Walaiporn Patcharanarumol**

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## **Mosa Moshabela**

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Mosa Moshabela (MChB, MMed, MSc, PhD) is the Chairperson of the Governing Board at the National Research Foundation (NRF), Member of the Board at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health in the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), Health Commissioner to the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, as one of the seven multi-sector commissioners on the Premier's Provincial Planning Commission. He was awarded PHILA Annual Award (2022) by the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) for his contribution to Public Health in South Africa, and a Ministerial Special Covid-19 Award (2020 - 2021) for Covid-19 Science Communication and Public Engagement. Primarily, his contribution has been in the improvement of access and quality in healthcare to combat infectious diseases, in relation to HIV and TB, and in the areas of health systems, services and policy research. Prof Moshabela is now focused on implementation science, which cuts across multiple disciplines, and involves the design, implementation, and evaluation of complex interventions in healthcare services and programs, and seeks to improve access, quality, and equity in healthcare, for resource-poor settings in sub-Saharan Africa.



## **Richard Horton**

### **Editor-in-Chief, *The Lancet***

Richard Horton is Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet*. He qualified in physiology and medicine with honours from the University of Birmingham in 1986. He joined *The Lancet* in 1990, moving to New York as North American Editor in 1993. In 2016, he chaired the Expert Group for the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, convened by Presidents Hollande of France and Zuma of South Africa. From 2011 to 2015, he was co-chair of the UN's independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health. In 2011, he was elected a Foreign Associate of the US Institute of Medicine and, in 2015, he received the Friendship Award from the Government of China. In 2019, he was awarded the WHO Director-General's Health Leaders Award for outstanding leadership in global health and the Roux Prize in recognition of innovation in the application of global health evidence. In 2021, he received the Physicians for Human Rights Award in recognition of extraordinary leadership in advancing health and human rights. He now works to develop the idea of planetary health – the health of human civilizations and the ecosystems on which they depend. In 2020, he published [The COVID-19 Catastrophe: What's Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again](#). A revised, updated, and expanded second edition was published in 2021. As part of the UK's 2023 Honours, Dr Horton was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition for services to Health and Medical Journalism.



## **Atul Gawande**

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Dr Atul Gawande is the Assistant Administrator for Global Health. He is a renowned surgeon, writer, and public health leader. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris Administration, he was a practicing general and endocrine surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a professor at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He was founder and chair of Ariadne Labs, a joint centre for health systems innovation, and of Lifebox, a non-profit making surgery safer globally. He also co-founded CIC Health, a public benefit corporation supporting pandemic response operations nationally, and served as a member of the Biden transition COVID-19 Advisory Board. From 2018-2020, he was CEO of Haven, the Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, and JPMorgan Chase healthcare venture. In addition, Atul was a long-time staff writer for The New Yorker magazine and has written four New York Times best-selling books: Complications, Better, The Checklist Manifesto, and Being Mortal. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the winner of two National Magazine Awards, Academy Health's Impact Award for highest research impact on healthcare, a MacArthur Fellowship, and the Lewis Thomas Award for writing about science.



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## **Olusoji Adeyi**

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## **Dr Justin Koonin**

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Justin is co-chair of UHC2030, the international multistakeholder partnership for universal health coverage. He is a member of multiple WHO expert panels, including for the Universal Health Preparedness Review, and on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs. He is Honorary Professorial Fellow at The George Institute for Global Health, and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales. At a national level, Justin is President of ACON (formerly AIDS Council of New South Wales), Australia's largest civil society organisation working on HIV prevention, care and support, and the health of sexuality and gender-diverse people more broadly. He is a former chair of the New South Wales Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, the peak advocacy body for gay and lesbian people in that state. Justin Koonin's work spans a diverse range of sectors. In addition to his efforts in health and human rights, he has worked as a postdoctoral researcher in mathematics at the University of Sydney, as a data scientist at PwC, and (currently) as a fund manager at Allan Gray. He holds a Ph.D. in Pure Mathematics from the University of Sydney, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder, as well as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

