



DECOLONISING GLOBAL HEALTH: FROM DISCOURSE TO PRACTICE

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BIOGRAPHIES

Speakers

Martin Leschhorn Strebel

Director, Medicus Mundi Switzerland; President, Medicus Mundi International



Martin Leschhorn Strebel is a historian and has been working for non-governmental organisations since 2000. He has been working for Medicus Mundi Switzerland since 2008 - as its Executive Director since 2014. He has expertise in various topics of global health and international cooperation. He is a member of the Commission for Development Cooperation of the Canton of Basel-Stadt. He is President of Medicus Mundi International and sits on the board of Transform Health Association and the civil society platform Agenda 2030.

Ravi Ram

Board Member, Kampala Initiative; Co-Chair, WHO Civil Society Commission



Dr. Ravi M. Ram is a health systems evaluator, with special interests in evidence for social accountability, community participation and public policy. Based in Nairobi, Kenya, Ravi has substantial experience in gender-responsive and equity-focused evidence, including direct engagement with communities, civil society organizations and policy-makers. His experience in health evaluations involve a range of cross-disciplinary initiatives, with geographic focus in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Pacific regions.

As part of his professional service, Ravi serves on the board and steering groups of the Kampala Initiative (aid reform), the Health Workers for All Coalition, the EvalSDGs Guidance Group, the Kenya NGO Network (HENNET), and is currently co-chair of the WHO Civil Society Commission. He is active with

the African Evaluation Association, the African Gender & Development Evaluators Network, the People's Health Movement, COPASAH and several civil society coalitions and social movements. He has previously worked for international collaborations with universities and NGOs in Eastern and Southern Africa and South Asia.

Hafid Derbal

Co-Desk for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Co-Program Coordinator for Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique, Terre des Hommes Schweiz



Hafid Derbal is the co-Desk for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and co-Program Coordinator for Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique at terre des hommes schweiz (tdhs) in Basel, Switzerland. tdhs runs programs in Latin America and Southern Africa aiming at supporting youths.

Hafid Derbal joined the team of terre des hommes schweiz in 2015 after having coordinated the youth programs of the European Union in Switzerland. He holds degrees in global studies with specialization in international development studies and in Latin American and African Studies.

Danny Gotto

Founder & Executive Director, Innovations for Development (I4DEV)



Danny Gotto is a seasoned public health physician and visionary social entrepreneur with over two decades of dedicated work in advancing health equity across Eastern Africa. His extensive journey spans a diverse spectrum, encompassing roles as a Medical Practitioner and Public Health specialist within public, private, and nonprofit healthcare sectors.

His impactful footprint extends to leadership positions within both development and humanitarian spheres, where he spearheaded transformative programs addressing crucial domains such as HIV/AIDS response, Family Planning,

Nutrition, and Maternal Newborn & Child Health. Organizations like Save the Children, MSH, CRS, and FHI360 have benefited from Danny's expertise and passion for catalyzing positive change.

At the helm of Innovations for Development, a nonprofit organization he founded, Danny channels his energy towards reshaping the landscape of health equity. Through resilient community health systems, his focus spans Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (MNCH), Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health (ASRH), and Gender Justice. Armed with a Medical degree from Mbarara University, Uganda, a Masters in Public Health from Makerere University Kampala, and an MBA from Universite Catollica del Sacro Cuore Milan, Danny embodies the fusion of medical expertise, social entrepreneurship, and innovative leadership.

Agnes Binagwaho

Retired Vice Chancellor, University of Global Health Equity; Former Minister of Health, Rwanda



Professor Agnes Binagwaho, MD, M(Ped), PHD currently resides in Rwanda. She is the retired Vice Chancellor and co-founder of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) (in 2015), an initiative of Partners In Health based in Rwanda which focuses on changing how health care is delivered around the world by training global health professionals who strive to deliver more equitable, quality health services for all. She is a Rwandan paediatrician who returned to Rwanda in 1996, two years after the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi. Previously, she has provided clinical care in the public sector and has served the Rwandan health sector (1996-2016) in high-level government positions, first as the Executive

Secretary of Rwanda's National AIDS Control Commission, then as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, and lastly as Minister of Health for five years. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at UGHE, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine. She is a member of multiple editorial, advisory and directors' boards, including the Think20 (T20), the Rockefeller Foundation, the African Europe Foundation and the African Union Commission on African COVID-19 Response. Professor Binagwaho is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and the World Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. She is an Emerson Elder and has published over 250 peer-reviewed articles and was named among the 100 Most Influential African Women for 2020 and 2021.

Moderator

David McCoy

Evidence to Policy Research Lead, United Nations University's International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)



David McCoy is the Evidence to Policy Research Lead at the United Nations University's International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH) based in Malaysia. Prior to this he was Professor of Global Public Health at Queen Mary University London, and before that he was Director of Medact, a UK-based global health charity that grew out of the medical peace movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He has spent many years as a public health practitioner both in the UK and in South Africa where he worked for the Health Systems Trust supporting the post-apartheid transformation of the health system. He practised as a medical doctor in both the UK and

South Africa, before moving into public health. He has a Masters from the University of Cape Town and a doctorate from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He initiated and co-managed the publication of the first two Global Health Watch books (also known as alternative world health reports) and is a former trustee and current advisor to the Centre for Health in the Public Interest, an independent think tank promoting a vision of health and social care based on accountability and the public interest in the UK.