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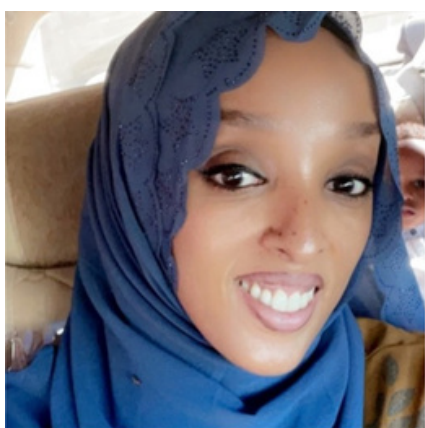
Ms Aldijana Osmanagic is Public Affairs Manager – Europe at Elekta AB. She has 15+ years of experience working in the health sector as an informal caregiver, patient/family group advocate, management consultant and in-house governmental affairs professional.



Alex Harris
Senior Global Health Consultant

London, UK

Mr Alex Harris is a senior global health consultant with over 20 years of experience leading, advising, and influencing a wide range of healthcare organisations in the governmental, not-for-profit, and private sectors. He was previously Managing Director of Wellcome gGmbH, where he oversaw Wellcome’s presence in the EU.



Amal Ali
Public Health Specialist &
Technical Advisor, Ministry of
Health Development, Somaliland

Hargeisa, Somalia

Dr Amal Ali is a Swedish-Somali national, qualified dentist, and public health specialist currently serving as the technical advisor to the Director General at the Ministry of Health Development in Somaliland. She has experience working closely with Africa CDC, WHO, Global Fund, Gavi, UNICEF, the World Bank Group, Mastercard Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to drive change within and strengthen vulnerable health systems.

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Amélie Schmitt Geneva, Switzerland
Counsellor for health & social affairs (global health),
Permanent Representation of France to the UN

Ms Amélie Schmitt is a seasoned professional in the field of global health, currently serving as a global health advisor at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in Geneva. With a background in international political sciences, her career spans roles in NGOs, the French Government, WHO, and the International Labour Organization, focusing on communicable diseases, health systems, universal health coverage, non-communicable diseases, and occupational safety and health.



Andrew Tabel Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Technical Officer Vaccines Logistics, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

Mr Andrew Tabel works as Vaccines Logistics Technical Officer with the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Papua New Guinea. A firm advocate of gender and climate change, he holds a bachelor's degree in health management with 10 years of experience in managing public health and humanitarian development programs.



Anh Nguyen Wartel Stockholm, Sweden
Deputy Director General,
Head of IVI Europe Regional Office

Dr Anh Nguyen Wartel has been the Deputy Director General and Head of the IVI Europe Regional Office in Stockholm since January 2023, having previously held roles as Head of Clinical Development and Regulatory and Deputy Director General of the CARE Unit. Anh has a background in research, medicine, and public health, and before IVI, held various positions in Epidemiology, Clinical R&D, and Medical Affairs for 15 years at Sanofi in Asia.

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Brian Li Han Wong

London, UK

Program Manager – International Politics, Leadership & Diplomacy for Health, SSE and Karolinska Institutet

Dr Brian Li Han Wong is an interdisciplinary global public health professional currently working as Program Manager for the "International Politics, Leadership & Diplomacy for Health" project at the SSE & KI. An epidemiologist by training, Brian's expertise is in digital public/mental health, global health diplomacy, and strategy advisory, having worked in the (inter-)governmental, not-for-profit, and private sectors with WHO, FIND, Public Health England, I-DAIR (now HealthAI), Transform Health, and The Lancet-FT Commission. An active champion of meaningful youth engagement in global health governance, Brian was involved in establishing the WHO Youth Council and has spearheaded capacity building initiatives for students and young professionals in global health policy, advocacy and diplomacy.



Can Soylu

Istanbul, Turkey

Vice President – Middle East, Africa and Turkey, Elekta

Dr Can Soylu is a seasoned executive with a strong track record in leadership and business development, particularly in his role as Vice President for Elekta in the Middle East, Africa, and Turkey. Equipped with an Executive MBA and a civil engineering background, he has led teams across 80 countries to drive business success and has held key positions at General Electric Healthcare.



Connor Rochford

London, UK /
Geneva, Switzerland

Senior Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Co.

Dr Connor Rochford is a medical doctor and management consultant, with an academic and public policy background in AMR and global governance for health. Connor advises national governments, INGOs, and other social sector organisations on health security and health financing, supporting leaders to make both strategic decisions and drive operational improvements. He has worked as the Chief of Staff to Dame Sally Davies (UK Special Envoy on AMR) and Research Advisor to Dr Ngaire Woods (Oxford School of Government).

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David Imbago Jacome
Director, YIELD Hub

Quito, Ecuador

Dr. David Imbago is an Ecuadorian medical doctor and ardent advocate for sexual and reproductive rights, with a foundation in leadership roles within medical student associations and substantial engagement in safe and legal abortion initiatives through Ipas. His career has spanned various advocacy platforms, including the Youth Coalition and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, and he has applied his medical expertise in primary care within the Ecuadorian Amazon. As the YIELD Hub Director, David oversees project management and strategic implementation, continuing his commitment to health and advocacy.



Emma Wright
Executive CMO, EVP Regulatory
Affairs/Quality Assurance,
Molnlycke Healthcare

Gothenburg, Sweden

Dr Emma Wright is a customer centric Executive in Global MedTech leadership with over 25 years of experience in medical devices in both start-up and international companies, based in UK, US and most recently in Sweden. Her career has been focused on the development, commercialisation and clinical adoption of medical devices, and she has spent the last decade driving clinical, medical and health economic and government affairs with a passion for improving clinical and economic outcomes for the physician, payer but most importantly the patient.

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Gregory Kuzmak
Director – Health, The
Rockefeller Foundation

New York, NY, USA

Mr Greg Kuzmak joined The Rockefeller Foundation in May 2020 and currently serves as a director within the Foundation’s Health Initiative. Greg stewards various investments within the Foundation’s Climate & Health and Global Vaccination Initiative portfolios where he focuses on mobilizing financing for climate-health solutions, proliferation of digital health technologies, and engaging with country governments. Prior to The Rockefeller Foundation, he worked with the South African National Department of Health where he drove the implementation of the country’s HIV/TB digital health strategy, with The Commonwealth Fund on global health policy learnings, and with various private sector organizations and non-governmental organizations that focus on improving health outcomes for the world’s most marginalized and vulnerable communities.



Hampus Holmer
Diplomat, Swedish Ministry
for Foreign Affairs

Currently Stockholm, Sweden
(soon Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Dr Hampus Holmer is a medical doctor, academic and diplomat with broad experiences in global health from national government, UN and academic perspectives. For the past 3.5 years, he has served as special advisor on global health at the foreign ministry and is also a member of the board and strategy committee of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Among other roles, Hampus has previously been a seconded Technical Officer at the WHO Sierra Leone country office, a Fulbright postdoctoral fellow at Duke University and Karolinska Institutet, and a primary care physician at Rosengard Primary Care Center in Sweden.

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Hannah Margaret Grant Geneva, Switzerland
Senior Strategy & Policy Officer,
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS,
Tuberculosis and Malaria

Dr Hannah Grant has worked at the Global Fund for 15 years, having led high-profile strategy and policy development at Board level (2023-28 Strategy; 2017-2019 Allocation Methodology). She previously worked as a senior advisor to the head of the Kenyan National AIDS Control Council on HIV prevention in young people, and prior to that on cancer policy at the European Commission. With a PhD in PrEP for high-risk women in sub-Saharan Africa and previous education in infectious diseases and mathematical modelling, Hannah loves leading complex, multi-stakeholder processes, bringing together politics and evidence to guide policy and strategy making in public health.



Hui Yin Beijing, China
Assistant Professor, Peking
University School of Public Health

Dr Hui Yin is an assistant professor in the Department of Global Health at Peking University. Over the past 10 years, YIN Hui has remained active on research, teaching and practice in global health governance. She was one of the principal authors of China's Global Health Strategy in 2016 and has previously served as an adviser to the Chinese government and civil societies during various WHO meetings and has worked as consultant with the WHO Representative Office in China on the Tobacco Free Initiative.



Ilaria Cobianchi Brussels, Belgium
Policy Officer on Medical
Countermeasures, European
Commission (HERA)

Ms Ilaria Cobianchi is a Policy Officer at the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA), where she is coordinator for international files. She has previously worked at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (SANTE) and for International Partnerships (INTPA). Ilaria has a background in European Affairs and International Relations, and has been actively involved in promoting equitable access to medical countermeasures.

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Jagmeet Sra

London, UK

Global Government Relations
Lead, Wellcome Trust (Strategy
Department)

Ms Jagmeet Sra currently leads Wellcome's Government Relations to the Americas, including responsibility for the organisation's political and multilateral relationships in the region, including the United Nations. Prior to joining Wellcome, she served as Policy and Political Advisor in the Canadian government, most recently having served as the health and social affairs advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. Jagmeet's background is in political science and international social and public policy, and she has also volunteered and worked on political campaigns in the US and Canada.



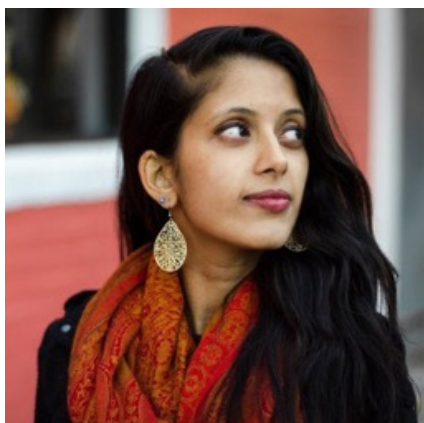
Lolem Ngong

Nairobi, Kenya

Chief of Staff to Group CEO &
Group Programmes Director,
Amref Health Africa

Ms Lolem Ngong is a global public health professional with 15+ years of leadership in health diplomacy and coordination of strategic partnerships to address public health threats. She currently serves as Chief of Staff at Amref Health Africa (Amref), the largest Africa-based healthcare nonprofit, and runs programs in over 35 countries. Ms. Ngong previously coordinated the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) programs in several countries. An epidemiologist by training, she has led collaborations with governments, CSOs, academic institutions, multilateral organizations, and donors. Her professional interests include health policy, governance, diplomacy, and strategy execution.

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Neha Acharya-Harless

Washington, D.C., USA

Senior Global Health Officer, Office of Global Affairs, US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Ms Neha Acharya-Harless is a Senior Global Health Officer within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Global Affairs (OGA), where she serves on the Pandemics and Emerging Threats team and engages with multilateral organizations, like WHO, to advance the priorities of the U.S. Government related to health security and outbreak response. Prior to OGA, she managed health system strengthening-related projects funded by USAID across East Africa and South Asia for 6 years. Neha has a background in economics, public policy, and public health.



Nimisha Goel

Delhi, India

Program Officer – Strengthening Service Delivery, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation India

Dr Nimisha Goel is a medical doctor currently working as Program Officer at BMGF India, where her focus is on service delivery strengthening. With a distinguished background in maternal, child, and adolescent health, notably through her involvement with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Norway India Partnership, she spearheaded the development of the India Newborn Action Plan. Driven by a passion for women's leadership in health and a strong record in grant-making, policymaking, and program execution, Nimisha is dedicated to utilizing her expertise to foster impactful advancements in the sector.

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Nojus Saad

Erbil, Iraq

President & CEO, Youth For Women Foundation

Dr Nojus Saad is a HealthTech researcher, medical doctor, and global health advocate with 8 years of multinational expertise and an interest focus in AI, Internet of Medical Things (IoMT), and digital health entrepreneurship. As President & CEO of Youth For Women Foundation, he has positively impacted 5900+ women and children in 65 marginalized societies of Iraq, India and France. With a commitment to human rights and digital health inclusion, Dr Saad co-chairs the Youth Council at the Global Fund for Children and is a digital health consultant & ambassador for the MENA region at two of The Lancet Commissions. He has formerly served as the UN ambassador of the Internet Governance Forum, global adviser to Bond UK and its international development network of INGOs, and Vice Chair of the Adolescents and Youth constituency at the PMNCH, WHO.



Renzo Guinto

Singapore

Associate Professor of Global & Planetary Health, SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute

Dr Renzo Guinto is Associate Professor of Global & Planetary Health at the SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute, having previously served as Director of the Planetary and Global Health Program at St. Luke's Medical Center in the Philippines. His impactful work extends to serving on the Philippine Climate Change Commission, various WHO and Lancet commissions, and as a consultant for various organisations including the WHO, World Bank, USAID, and Wellcome. Recognized as an Obama Asia-Pacific Leader, Renz has been named in Tatler Magazine's Gen.T List of 400 leaders of tomorrow who are shaping Asia's future.

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Rojan Dahal
Director, One Health Initiative for
South Asia

Kathmandu, Nepal

Mr Rojan Dahal is Director of the One Health Initiative for South Asia. A public health expert with experience in Health Policy and Financing, One Health, reproductive health, and infectious diseases, Rojan's expertise is in AMR surveillance, supply chain management, project leadership, and data analysis.



Salma Abdalla
Assistant Professor, Boston
University School of Public Health

Boston, USA

Dr Salma Abdalla, a Sudanese medical doctor, is an Assistant Professor in Global Health and Epidemiology at the Boston University School of Public Health. She is also the Director of the Rockefeller-Boston University 3-D Commission on Determinants of health, Data science, and Decision making. Dr Abdalla is also engaged in advocacy efforts to incorporate the voices of young people in setting the global public health agenda, and has been named an emerging voice in global health and a Moremi fellow for young women leadership in Africa.



Sandro Demaio
CEO, VicHealth

Melbourne, Australia

Dr Sandro Demaio is an Australian medical doctor and researcher currently serving as the CEO of VicHealth, the government health promotion agency for the Australian state of Victoria. Prior to his current role, Dr Demaio was the CEO of EAT, and previously Medical Officer and technical advisor with the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland. Sandro sits on the Advisory Board of Pictet Asset Management's Nutrition Fund, various government taskforces, and was a senior advisor to UNICEF's flagship 2019 State of the World's Children report. He has also written a cookbook, was a Huffington Post columnist, and co-hosted a Netflix show now seen in 130 countries worldwide.

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Sudhvir Singh
Unit Head, Equity and Health,
World Health Organization

Geneva, Switzerland

Dr Sudhvir Singh is a medical doctor and researcher currently serving as the global lead for equity and health at the World Health Organization. He has experience working across sectors for health at the highest political levels, including working as an advisor to a former Head of Government and serving on government delegations to multilateral conferences. Having trained in Internal Medicine, Sudhvir also has a background in public policy and health economics.



Warisa Panichkriangkrai
Deputy Director of International
Health Policy Program, Ministry of
Public Health Thailand

Nonthaburi,
Thailand

Dr Warisa Panichkriangkrai is a researcher at International Health Policy Program (IHPP), Ministry of Public Health, where she conducts health policy and systems research for evidence-based policy development. A trained dentist, Dr Panichkriangkrai has worked at in a rural district hospital for 6 years and is involved with research on UHC as well as organising capacity building programs in global health for young professionals.

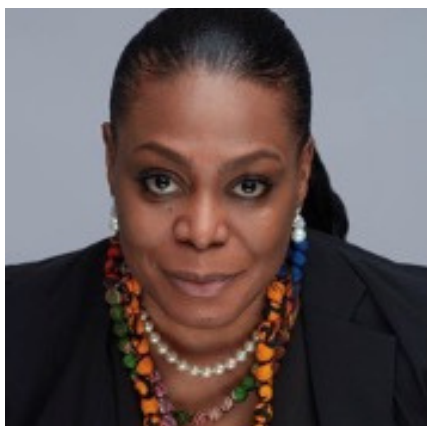


Yosuke Kita
Counsellor, Permanent Mission of
Japan to the UN

New York, NY, USA

Mr Yosuke Kita is a seasoned diplomat and public health expert with over a decade of experience spanning government, international organizations, and academia. He currently serves as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and has previously held roles at the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare of Japan and the World Health Organization. With a background in public health, Yosuke is dedicated to advancing global health diplomacy and leveraging political processes to drive positive health outcomes worldwide.

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Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija
(Board chair FIND, WHO Special Envoy for the Access to COVID19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, Chair of the African Vaccine Delivery Alliance (AVDA), Ex-Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Nigeria)

Abudja, Nigeria

Dr Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija is a visionary, innovative leader, and influencer in global health and humanitarian development. She currently serves as special envoy and co-chair to the World Health Organization's Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, co-chair of the African Union's African Vaccine Delivery Alliance, board chair of FIND – the global alliance for diagnostics, founder of Nigeria's Emergency Coordination Centre, as well as the former chief humanitarian coordinator for Nigeria. She is currently spearheading an initiative to create safe learning and teaching environments in Nigeria or the CASTLE initiative.



Bogi Eliassen
(Director of Health, Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies)

Copenhagen, Denmark

Mr Bogi Eliassen is the Director of Health at the Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies. His background is in Political Science and International Law and has made significant contributions, including initiating the FarGen genome project, which sequences the entire Faroese population's genomes, aiming to integrate genomics, data, and digital advancements into health care, shaping future personalized health paradigms. Recognized globally with the HIMSS Future 50 award and serving as the Chair of the Danish UNESCO Bioethical Committee, Eliassen is instrumental in various international health initiatives, focusing on bridging personal and public health sectors as a "knowledge broker."

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Christian Danielsson

Stockholm, Sweden

State Secretary to Minister for EU Affairs / ex-Swedish Foreign Minister

Mr Christian Danielsson is a seasoned professional in European affairs, currently serving as the State Secretary for EU Affairs in the Swedish Prime Minister's Office. With an extensive background in EU relations, he has held prominent roles, including Director-General at the European Commission and Sweden's Permanent Representative to the EU.



Clare Wenham

London, UK

Associate Professor in Global Health Policy & Director of MSc Global Health, Department of Health Policy, London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

Dr Clare Wenham is an Associate Professor of Global Health Policy at LSE, where she also directs the MSc in Global Health Policy program and contributes to the LSE Global Health Initiative. Her research delves into global health security, particularly focusing on the politics of infectious disease preparedness and response, and has significantly influenced policy through analyses of global health governance, financing, and epidemic response strategies. Additionally, Clare has explored the gendered impacts of health crises, notably through her work on Zika and COVID-19, influencing policy development with key international organizations and being recognized for her contributions to understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by women in global health emergencies.

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David Nabarro

London, UK

Co-Director & Chair of Global Health, Imperial College London Institute of Global Health Innovation / Founder, 4SD Foundation / ex-Special representative of the UN Secretary-General on Food & Nutrition / ex-Executive Director, WHO / ex-coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition

Prof. Sir David Nabarro currently serves as the Co-Director and Chair of Global Health at Imperial College London's Institute of Global Health Innovation and is the Strategic Director of 4SD, focusing on sustainable development leadership training. His notable roles include being the WHO Director-General's Special Envoy on COVID-19 and engaging in various influential UN and global health positions, emphasizing nutrition, health crises response, and sustainable development. Additionally, he has been recognized for his contributions to global health and nutrition, including receiving the World Food Prize.



Esperanza Martinez

Geneva, Switzerland

(Head of Health and Human Security, College of Health and Medicine, Australian National University)

Prof. Martinez serves as the Head of Health and Human Security at the Australian National University's College of Health and Medicine. Her role includes harnessing cross-disciplinary knowledge and expertise to develop evidence-based, practical, and impactful solutions addressing national, regional, and global challenges. Before joining ANU, Prof. Martinez was instrumental in leading responses to complex crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. She led the ICRC's Health division for five years, delivering essential healthcare services to populations affected by armed conflict and violence in over 80 countries. Trained in Colombia as a medical doctor and general surgeon, Prof. Martinez specialised in International Public Health and Health Management in Australia. Her extensive career of over two decades includes more than ten years of fieldwork in several conflict-affected countries, as well as collaborations with UN agencies, governments, and the private sector. She is an experienced strategic advisor in global health, humanitarian action, and crisis leadership.

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Githinji Gitahi

Nairobi, Kenya

Group CEO, Amref Health Africa /
Co-Chair of the Strategic
Advocacy Committee, PMNCH

Dr. Githinji Gitahi, a fervent advocate for Universal Health Coverage in Africa, has been leading Amref Health Africa as its Global CEO since June 2015, significantly impacting healthcare across the continent. Before joining Amref, he held prominent roles at Smile Train International and Nation Media Group, among others. Dr. Gitahi actively contributes to global health discourse through various leadership positions, including co-chairing advocacy groups and serving on influential boards like CEPI, demonstrating his commitment to advancing healthcare and nutrition globally, and earning recognition like the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear from Kenya's president.



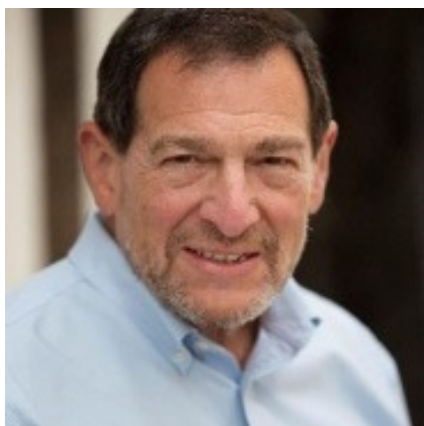
Ilona Kickbusch

Bern, Switzerland

DTH-Lab / Founding director and chair
of the Global Health Centre at the
Graduate Institute of International and
Development Studies

Prof Ilona Kickbusch is an influential figure in global health and has made significant contributions to health policy and diplomacy education. She established and directed the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute, Geneva in 2008. Her work spans across various areas, including political determinants of health, health in all policies, and global health, emphasizing the importance of global health strategies. Notably, Kickbusch has been involved in key global health initiatives, such as the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and the WHO Healthy Cities Network, and has received prestigious recognitions, including the Cross of the Order of Merit of Germany, for her contributions to global health innovation and diplomacy.

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Jimmy Kolker

Washington, D.C., USA

Senior Advisor to the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, US Department of State / ex-US Ambassador to Uganda and Burkina Faso

Amb. Jimmy Kolker has had an illustrious career in public service as the Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2017, serving as a key health diplomat for the United States. His diplomatic journey included ambassadorial roles in Burkina Faso and Uganda and pivotal positions in global health initiatives, notably with PEPFAR and UNICEF's AIDS section. He currently offers his expertise as Senior Advisor to the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, US Department of State, where he leverages his extensive background in international relations and global health.



Joanne Liu

Montreal, Canada

Professor, McGill University School of Population & Global Health / Chair, Humanitarian Dialogue Centre / past International President of Doctors Without Borders

Prof. Joanne Liu, an esteemed figure in humanitarian medicine, has held significant roles including the Chair of the Humanitarian Dialogue Center and the International President of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières. She is a Professor at McGill University's School of Population & Global Health and an Adjunct Clinical Professor at CHU Ste-Justine, University of Montreal, contributing extensively to global health education and practice. Notable for her innovative work in telemedicine and medical care for sexual violence survivors, Prof. Liu's dedication has been recognized with prestigious awards like the Meritorious Cross of Canada and inclusion in TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

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John N. Nkengasong

Washington, D.C., USA

Ambassador at large, U.S. Global
AIDS Coordinator and Senior
Bureau Official for Global Health
Security and Diplomacy

Amb. Dr John N. Nkengasong is a distinguished public health leader, became the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator in 2022 and shortly thereafter initiated the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy at the U.S. State Department, which he directs. This bureau centralizes efforts against global health threats, including HIV/AIDS, and houses PEPFAR, symbolizing a major stride in integrating health security within U.S. national security and foreign policy. With a robust background including founding the Africa CDC and leading Africa's COVID-19 response, Dr. Nkengasong's tenure has been marked by significant global health contributions and recognitions, establishing him as a pivotal figure in contemporary public health advocacy and action.



John-Arne Røttingen

London, UK

CEO, Wellcome Trust

Dr John-Arne Røttingen is the current CEO of Wellcome Trust. A distinguished figure in global health and research, he served as Norway's Ambassador for Global Health and the founding CEO of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). His career spans academia, including roles at Harvard and the University of Oslo, and leadership in critical health initiatives like the Ebola vaccine trial and the Covid-19 WHO Solidarity Trial. Renowned for his extensive contributions to global health policy and research, Røttingen has been instrumental in various influential capacities, including advisory roles with the WHO, G20, and as a board member for prominent organizations like Gavi and PATH, showcasing his commitment to advancing global health and preparedness.

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Joy Phumaphi

Gaborone, Botswana

Executive Secretary African Leaders Malaria Alliance / ex-Vice President Human Development, World Bank / ex-Assistant Director General for Family & Community Health, WHO / ex-Minister of Health, Botswana

Ms Joy Phumaphi, a prominent figure in global health and former Minister of Health of Botswana, plays a crucial role in various health initiatives, including her positions as the Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance and Co-Chair of several influential partnerships focusing on children's safety, climate change, and malaria eradication. Her extensive career has also seen her contribute significantly to the WHO as Assistant Director-General and to the World Bank as Vice President for Human Development, driving major global health policies and programs. With a strong foundation in finance and accounting, Phumaphi has been instrumental in introducing ground-breaking health interventions, such as the first public sector universal antiretroviral program in a developing country, and continues to impact global health through her leadership and advisory roles.



Leif Johansson

Stockholm, Sweden

Former Chairman of AstraZeneca & Ericsson / ex-CEO of Volvo & Electrolux

Mr Leif Johansson is a Swedish businessman who assumed his first position as Managing Director in 1978 at Husqvarna Motorcycles. In 1982, he became President of Facit, an office machines manufacturer, followed by ten years with white-goods manufacturer Electrolux, where he eventually advanced to the position of CEO. In 1997, he was appointed President and CEO of Volvo in Gothenburg, a position he held until 2011. Mr Johansson has also served as Chairman of Ericsson from 2011 until 2018 and Chairman of the Board of Directors of AstraZeneca from 2012-2023. In 2012, Fokus Magazine ranked him as Sweden's 6th most powerful person.

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Michel Kazatchkine

Geneva, Switzerland

Special Advisor to the Joint UN Program on AIDS in Eastern Europe & Central Asia / Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute / Ex-Executive Director, Global Fund / ex-French Ambassador for HIV&AIDS

Prof. Michel Kazatchkine has over 30 years of experience in addressing AIDS globally, combining roles in medical practice, research, leadership, and advocacy. Educated in Paris and further trained in London and at Harvard, he has held significant positions including the directorship of France's national AIDS research agency, executive leadership at the Global Fund, and serving as a UN Special Envoy. Currently, he advises UNAIDS for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and contributes his expertise as a Senior Fellow at the Global Health Centre, demonstrating his enduring commitment to global health challenges.



Preeti Sudan

New Delhi, India

Member, Union Public Service Commission India / ex-Health Secretary, Government of India / Co-Chair, Partnership on Maternal, Adolescent and Child Health (PMNCH)

Mrs Preeti Sudan is a distinguished Indian Administrative Service officer who served as the Health Secretary of India from June 2019 to July 2020. With a rich background in public administration, she contributed significantly to various government departments, including Food and Public Distribution and Defense, and played a pivotal role in the Ayushman Bharat Yojana's execution. Her academic credentials include degrees in Economics and Social Policy from the London School of Economics, complemented by training in public finance management in Washington.

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Sally C. Davies

Cambridge, UK

Master of Trinity College,
Cambridge & UK Special Envoy on
Antimicrobial Resistance

Prof. Dame Sally C. Davies is the 40th Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and a prominent leader in global health, notably recognized for her role as the UK Government's Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) since 2019. As the former Chief Medical Officer for England, she has made significant contributions to health policy and research, including her involvement with the WHO, the UN Inter-Agency Coordination Group on AMR, and her appointment to the UN Global Leaders Group on AMR. Her distinguished service has been honoured with the title Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath and election to the Royal Society and the National Academy of Medicine.



Gunilla Carlsson

Program Co-Director – Politics &
Diplomacy for Health, SSE/KI / ex-
Minister for International Development
Cooperation, Sweden / ex-Assistant
Director General, UNAIDS / ex-
member of EU Parliament

Ms. Gunilla Carlsson has made significant contributions to global health and development, joining UNAIDS in 2018 as Deputy Executive Director and later serving as its Executive Director ad interim. Her political career includes representing Sweden in both national and European parliaments and serving as the Minister for International Development Cooperation. Carlsson has also played a vital role in shaping global sustainability and development policies, including her appointments to high-level United Nations panels focusing on sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda.

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Anders Nordström

Stockholm, Sweden

Program Director – Politics & Diplomacy for Health, SSE/KI / ex-Ambassador for Global Health, Sweden / ex-WHO ADG, act-DG and WR / ex-Director General, Sida / ex-Interim Executive Director, GFATM

Dr. Anders Nordström has had a distinguished career in global health, having served as the Ambassador for Global Health for Sweden and the Acting Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). His work has significantly impacted global health policies and practices, including his involvement in establishing the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Today, he continues to influence the field through board memberships and participation in advisory groups dedicated to health systems research and universal health advocacy.



Tobias Alfvén

Stockholm, Sweden

Professor/ Specialist Physician,
Department of Global Public
Health, Karolinska Institutet

Prof. Tobias Alfvén leads the Global Child Health and Sustainable Development Goals team at the Department of Global Public Health, Karolinska Institutet. He also heads the research network in global health and infectious diseases at Sachs' Children & Youth Hospital. Additionally, he co-chairs the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Health (CESH), a collaboration between Karolinska Institutet and Makerere University. Furthermore, he serves as the Chair of the Swedish Society of Medicine and the chair of Agenda for Health and Prosperity.

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Karl Wennberg

Stockholm, Sweden

Professor / Scientific Director of House of Governance and Public Policy at the Stockholm School of Economics

Prof. Karl Wennberg holds the Barbara Bergström Chair in Educational Leadership and Excellence. His research focuses on the Economics of Education, Entrepreneurship, and Organization Theory. Currently, his work centers on organizational diversity, leadership, and the working environment in schools, particularly in the transformation of poorly functioning schools to more effective ones. He has lectured internationally and provided consultancy services for NGOs, governments, and private firms across Europe, Asia, North America, and Australia.