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Agenda

Tuesday, June 27th

From 16:00 Registration Opening

18:30 Opening: **Where from, where to? The Forum's history and Hopes for this event**

Challenges: Building resilience involves eliminating silos and pressing communities to work collaboratively, "to manage the unavoidable and avoid the unmanageable". (Rockefeller Foundation)

Jean-François de Lavison, President and Founder of Ahimsa Fund FRANCE

20:00 Dinner

Wednesday, June 28th

7:00 - 8:00 Yoga – Meditation Session (optional)

8:45 - 9:00 Introductory session: The year 2017: Global challenges, local opportunities?

Jean-François de Lavison, President and Founder of Ahimsa Fund FRANCE

Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, WFDD USA

9:00 - 9:15

Michael Moller, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva DENMARK

9.15 – 9.30 "The Sustainable Development Goals: a shared global opportunity for results."

Nadia Isler, Director, Sustainable Development Goals Lab, UN Office Geneva SWITZERLAND

9.30 – 10.00 "Working for health and growth": Investing in the health workforce

Marie Paule Kieny, ADG for Health Systems and Innovation, WHO SWITZERLAND

10:00 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:30 Session 1: **Health for all: Faith health providers and the SDG challenge of health for all. What more is needed to learn from experience and advance exemplary partnerships?**

Challenges: In the main Global Health Partnerships, all constituencies are working towards the SDG objectives and timetable: health for all by 2030. What distinctive assets do faith communities offer, and what challenges stand in the way to greater involvement and stronger partnerships?

Chairs: Katherine Marshall, Executive Director of WFDD USA

Ulrich Nitschke, Head of PaRD Secretariat GERMANY

Kaosar Afsana, Director, BRAC Health Programme BANGLADESH

Jacques Affi Allou, Programme Manager, Jesuit University Institute IVORY COAST

John Blevins, Director, Interfaith Health Program, Rollins School of Public Health Emory USA

Jean Duff, President, Partnership for Faith & Development USA

Renier Koegelenberg, Executive director, EFSA Institute SOUTH AFRICA

Sally Smith, Senior Community Mobilization Adviser, FBOs, UNAIDS SWITZERLAND

Mesfin Teklu Tessema, Vice President Health and Nutrition, World Vision ETHIOPIA

Stefanie Weiland, Executive Director, LifeNet International USA

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Session 2: **Voice & Accountability**

Challenges: What investments should organizations generate to achieve the greatest social and environmental impact, alongside a financial return? Individuals and organizations must account for their activities, accept responsibility for them and disclose results in a transparent manner. This applies especially with respect to funds or other assets entrusted to private actors. What issues are involved in assuring transparency, honest use of resources, and accountability? What mechanisms might improve both visibility and accountability? How can a wider range of organizations contribute to “policy tables”?

Chair: Agnès Soucat, Director, Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing in the Cluster on Health Systems, World Health Organization SWITZERLAND

Christoph Benn, Director of External Relations, Global Fund GERMANY
Gideon Byamugisha, Global Working Group on Faith, SSDDIM & HIV UGANDA
Shamona Kandia, Senior Manager: Health Portfolio, Transnet Foundation SOUTH AFRICA
Renier Koegelenberg, Executive director, EFSA Institute SOUTH AFRICA
Neelam Kshirsagar, Head Project Development, Impact India Foundation INDIA
Tony Meloto, Founder, Gawad Kalinga PHILIPPINES
Hamzah Zekrya, CSO Advocay Senior Specialist GAVI AFGHANISTAN

15:30 - 17:00 Session 3: **Entrepreneurship, Health and Migrants**

Challenges: Many religious institutions and faith inspired communities have distinctive comparative advantages in humanitarian contexts: their established relationships of trust and familiarity with local communities are a vital asset. Many are first responders and key providers of assistance and protection during crises, and they remain after international organizations leave. What challenges and opportunities face faith inspired agencies in providing healthcare in crisis situations?

Chair: Mukesh Kapila, Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Manchester, and Chair, Manchester Global Foundation INDIA

Gilles Collard, Executive Director, Institut Bioforce FRANCE
Christo Greyling, Senior Director, World Vision THE NETHERLAND
Saba Al Mubaslat, Chief Executive Officer, Humanitarian Leadership Academy - London UK
Richard Nijimbere, Deputy Manager, Maison Shalom BURUNDI
S.Parasuraman, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences INDIA
Manon Tayol, Partnership Manager, Fondation Mérieux FRANCE
Tsering Tsamchoe, General Secretary, CCTM Office in Dharamsala TIBET
Matthew Wilson, Chief Adviser, International Trade Center SWITZERLAND

17:00 - 17:30 Break

17:30 - 19:00 **“Dialogue on Health and Ethics among communities”**

Challenges: Can health be a bridge between religions and contribute to new forms of dialogue?

Moderators: Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, WFDD USA
Ulrich Nitschke, Head of PaRD Secretariat GERMANY

Gideon Byamugisha, Global Working Group on Faith, SSDDIM & HIV UGANDA
Kevin Dowling, Bishop of Rustenburg SOUTH AFRICA
Dorian Emmett, Special advisor, AngloAmerican SOUTH AFRICA
Rajnish Gourh, Chief Operating Officer, Impact India Foundation INDIA

Azza Karam, Senior Adviser, UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development	EGYPT
Jean-Pierre Longeat, President, the Inter Monasteries Alliance	FRANCE
Faouzi Skali, Honorary President of the Festival of Fez of Diplomacy	MAROCOCO
Tsering Tsamchoe, General Secretary, CCTM Office in Dharamsala	TIBET

19.30 Dinner: **Path to inspiration**

Special guest speaker: Alain Mérieux, Président, Fondation Mérieux FRANCE

With the contribution of the Japanese painter and writer Countess Setsuko Klossowska de Rola, and participation of the Iranian poet and writer Homa Arzhang, and the Indian poet Sudeep Sen.

Thursday, June 29th

7:00 - 8:00 Yoga – Meditation Session (optional)

8:30 - 8:45 Reflection of the previous day: Katherine Marshall USA

8:45 - 10:30 Session 4: **Impact of technological innovation on social innovation**

Challenges: Advances in medicine over the past 100 years have made it possible to prevent, diagnose and treat many common conditions responsible for sickness and death. But an unacceptable number of people, especially women, infants and children, suffer or die untreated, from conditions that are avoidable and treatable. How can the world’s leading centers of innovation have the greatest impact on the largest social and environmental challenges affecting the global poor?

Chairs: Jean-François de Lavison, President and Founder, Ahimsa Fund FRANCE
Michele Boccoz, Ambassador for HIV and communicable diseases fight FRANCE

Kazi Amdad, Director-Strategic Planning, Friendship	BANGLADESH
Karina Berner, Doctoral candidate, Stellenbosch University	SOUTH AFRICA
Shashi Buluswar, CEO, Institute for Transformative Technologies	USA
Beatrice Garrette, Executive Director, Fondation Pierre Fabre	FRANCE
Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Program Manager, TDR SIHI	SWITZERLAND
Leopoldt van Huyssteen, Chief Operating Officer, Stellenbosch University	SOUTH AFRICA
Shamona Kandia, Senior Manager, Health Portfolio, Transnet Foundation	SOUTH AFRICA
Betty Lafourcade, Laboratory Services Manager, Agence Médecine Préventive	BURKINA FASO
Shankar Rai, Director, the Nepal Cleft & Burn Center	NEPAL
Joanna Rubinstein, President and CEO, World Childhood Foundation	USA

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 13.00 Session 5: **Innovative financial and business models to achieve the new SDGs, Investing for greater impact**, in partnership with Unitaid

Challenges: To fight poverty we will need to find new business models and new financial incentives, to reach the most vulnerable. Those models for the South should differ from those in the North. Greater flexibility, innovative features, different approaches to value creation, sustainability, and empowerment are vital aspects. This session will explore successful and scalable models.

Chairs: Christoph Benn, Director of External Relations, The Global Fund GERMANY

Kaosar Afsana, Director Health Nutrition and Population, BRAC	BANGLADESH
Reuben Coulter, CEO, Transformational Network	KENYA
Isabelle Grosmaître, Alimentation Initiative Catalyst, Danone	FRANCE
Tony Meloto, Founder, Gawad Kalinga	PHILIPPINES

Eva Nathanson Team Lead in Unitaïd's operation	SWEDEN
S.Parasuraman, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences	INDIA
Christian Vanizette, Co-founder, Make Sense	FRANCE
Jorge Vivanco, Chairman, World Vision Mexico	MEXICO
Dylan Wilk, Executive Director, Human Nature	PHILIPPINES

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30 Session 6: **How can we engage the private sector to fight poverty in the Global Health landscape, to achieve the SDGs by 2030?**

Challenges: The private sector is a key partner in the Global Health Landscape but new models are poorly understood. We need to give them a better visibility and bring them into the Global Health landscape. Investing for Impact and Human Development

Chairs: Jorge Vivanco, Chairman, World Vision Mexico	MEXICO
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Marlène Castilloux, Department of Cytology, University Hospital of Quebec (CHUQ)	CANADA
Irène Chetcuti, Attachée to the General Direction, Boiron	FRANCE
Dorian Emmett, Special advisor, AngloAmerican	SOUTH AFRICA
Francoise Gay-Andrieu, Medical and Scientific Advisor, bioMérieux	FRANCE
Philippe Jacon, President, Emerging Markets, Cepheid	FRANCE
Wolfgang F. Keller, Head of Strategy B Development Emerging Markets, Roche	SWITZERLAND
Kevin O'Brien, Country Manager, Handa Foundation	CAMBODIA
Manuela Pastore, Global lead for Making More Health, Boehringer Ingelheim	GERMANY
Rebecca Stevens, Head, Access Partnerships and Public Affairs, Novartis Social Business	SIERRA LEONE
Ha Thai, Sr Director of Sexual and Reproductive Health business, Qiagen	USA

16:30 - 17.00 Closing and remarks: **Where from, where to: next steps?**

Jean-François de Lavison, President and Founder, Ahimsa Fund	FRANCE
Katherine Marshall, Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, WFDD	USA

17:00 - 17:45 Break

17:45 - 19:30 Session 7: **Leaders**, in Partnership with Ahimsa Partners

Challenges: Faith inspired communities face cascading challenges in the workplace but they add very specific values, perspectives and vision that are commonly undervalued. There are, however, remarkable stories of success and behind them are special leaders. We need such leaders for a better world. How do successful leaders stand out and what can we learn?

Chairs: Setsuko Klossowska de Rola, Unesco's artist for Peace	JAPAN
Valérie Lorentz-Poinsot, Executive Director, Laboratoire Boiron	FRANCE

Saba Al Mubaslat, Chief Executive Officer, Humanitarian Leadership Academy	JORDAN
Zeina Abdo, Founder, Smile for Hope	LEBANON
Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Center	SPAIN
Azza Karam, Sr. Adviser, UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development	EGYPT
Linda Mafu, Head Political, Civil Society Advocacy, Global Fund	SOUTH AFRICA
Tony Meloto, Founder, Gawad Kalinga	PHILIPPINES
Richard Nijimbere, Deputy Manager, Maison Shalom	BURUNDI
Joanna Rubinstein, President and CEO, World Childhood Foundation	SWEDEN
Dylan Wilk, Executive Director, Human Nature	PHILIPPINES

19:45 **Dinner:** Path to inspiration

Special guest speaker:

Michael Moller, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva

DENMARK

Open discussion with 3 students from around the world

Friday, June 30th

7:00 - 8:00 Yoga – Meditation Session (optional)

8:15 - 8:30 Reflection of the previous day: Katherine Marshall

USA

8:30 - 9:30 Dialogue on “**Leveraging the lessons learned from the multi-sectoral AIDS response to the wider context of health and development across the SDGs**” in partnership with UNAIDS

Moderators: Katherine Marshall, Katherine Marshall, Executive Director of WFDD

USA

Sally Smith, Senior Community Mobilization Adviser, FBOs, UNAIDS

UK

Michele Boccoz, Ambassador for HIV and communicable diseases fight

FRANCE

Luiz Loures, Deputy Executive Director Program, UNAIDS, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations

BRAZIL

Upon the request of the SDG Lab of the UN Office and the Department for Health Systems Governance and Financing of the World Health Organization, we will organize the following two brainstorming sessions, (open to all participants of the forum):

9:30 - 11:00 Satellite session 1 with the Department for Health Systems Governance and Financing of the World Health Organization

Engagement of communities in local and national health system governance.

Moderators: Gerard Schmets, Coordinator Health Systems Governance, WHO

BELGIUM

Maryam Bigdeli, Health System Adviser, WHO

BELGIUM

11:00 – 12:30 Satellite session 2 with the SDG Lab of the UN Office at Geneva

How to better engage the private sector to achieve the SDG's by 2030?

Moderator: Nadia Isler, Director, SDG Lab, UN Office

SWITZERLAND

Biographies

Zeina ABDO

UAE

Founder of Smile for Hope



In November 2011, Zeina made a life-changing trip to Nepal that would lead to the establishment of [Smile For Hope](#) in April of 2012. What started as an organization dedicated to benefitting pediatric cancer patients, and increasing access to healthcare in far-flung and forgotten mountainous regions, has grown into a much larger vision. Zeina sees a world where hope, love, and compassion are limitless, even if resources are not. She believes in a world where humanity is cherished, and where everyone has the opportunity to achieve the livelihood they see for themselves. She does not believe this will be accomplished through band-aid solutions where “charity” is given, and dependence is formed. She sees a world where empowerment is the panacea, and sustainable change is the result.

Danilo ABLEN

PHILIPPINES

Student at SEED (School for Experiential and Entrepreneurial Development)



Danilo is 20 years old. His family and him are GK beneficiaries since 2010. Before GK, his family used to squat under the bridge because their house was destroyed after typhoon Ondoy in 2009. To survive he had to steal, to lie, cheat or sometimes to collect leftovers of food from the restaurants because that was the easiest thing to do. Treated as garbage they never believed that they were good human being. He has 4 siblings but 2 already died when he was younger. His parents are separated so they only have our mother left. He is now a [SEED](#) Scholar in GK Enchanted farm. He is the co-founder and Social Entrepreneur of OHGK!, a healthy and refreshing drinks concocted of four natural ingredients which are Oregano, Honey, Ginger, Kalamansi. He is also managing the Aquaculture at GK Farm which is raising tilapia and catfish. At the farm, the motto is simple: “give a man a fish and it will eat it in a day, teach a man how to fish and he will never be hungry”. This is what they are trying to achieve at the farm, as they are going to teach people how to raise fish so that they can feed millions.

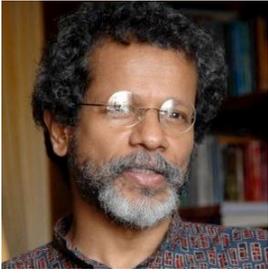
Kaosar AFSANA

BANGLADESH

Director Health, Nutrition and Population, BRAC



Dr Afsana has been working for [BRAC](#), for over 21 years. Currently, she is the director of health, nutrition and population. She is a professor in James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh. Dr Afsana is an MD with an MPH from Harvard University, USA and a PhD from Edith Cowan University, Australia. She has been awarded many prestigious awards including the Woman of Distinction Award 2011 by the NGO Committee of the Women Status, New York for her contribution to maternal health and women’s empowerment; President's' Prize for the best thesis on an Asian topic by Asian Studies Association of Australia; D.K. Agencies India’s award for the best Australian doctoral thesis on an Asian subject; the 2003 University Research Medal and the Faculty Research Medal for the best PhD thesis from Edith Cowan University. Dr Afsana authored two books, *Disciplining Birth: Power, Knowledge and Childbirth Practices in Bangladesh* and *Discoursing Birthing Care: Experiences from BRAC, Bangladesh* and published articles in peer-reviewed journals and books. Dr Afsana is the section editor of the *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition*. She represents BRAC at national and global levels and plays a special role in policy-making, planning and technical guidance, particularly, in reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and nutrition.

Professor of International Relations, University of DHAKA

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed is a professor of International Relations at the [University of Dhaka](#). Prior to that, he has taught at Sagesse University, University of Paris XI, Yokohama City University, Carleton University, and Jahangirnagar University. His research interests include South Asian politics, religion and culture, tolerance and terrorism, the politics of development, refugees and migration, and women and the environment. His publications include *Contemporarising Tagore & the World* (2013), *Women & Militancy: South Asian Complexities* (2011), and *Terrorism in the 21st Century: Perspectives from Bangladesh* (2009).

Mother-Child project Manager, Fondation Mérieux

Khélil Aitout is coordinator of mother-child projects at Fondation Mérieux. He currently oversees projects in Lebanon, Iraq, Haiti, Bangladesh, Madagascar and Cambodia. He conducts assessment missions in countries in crisis to evaluate the needs of vulnerable populations (Syria, Yemen, Egypt ...). His previous experience in project management was related to the construction or rehabilitation of infrastructures, particularly health centers, in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Niger, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Algeria, Iraq, Kosovo or Haiti in support of the Ministry of Health.

Chief Executive Officer - CEO at Humanitarian Leadership Academy

Saba joined the [Humanitarian Leadership Academy](#) as the first CEO in September 2015 after 22 years of frontline response to humanitarian crises. Saba was previously responsible for the overall direction, leadership and coordination of Save the Children programmes in Jordan for both development and humanitarian response. Saba is fluent in Arabic and English, and was educated at Jordan University and the University of Framingham in Boston, USA. Throughout her 20-year career in the fields of engineering, development and humanitarian response, Saba has worked in some of the most challenging countries and territories in the world, including Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Palestine, Yemen, Tunisia, Libya and

Azerbaijan. One of her key priorities since joining the Academy is to ensure that we remember the human that we are working for.

Programme Manager, Jesuit University Institute

Born in 1989 in Côte d'Ivoire, Jacques Affi Allou works as an Assistant on the MBA Program in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development at the [Jesuit Academic Institute of the Research Centre and Action for Peace \(CERAP\)](#) in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). In 2013, he was president of Anthropophania, the philosophical research and think tank at the Catholic University of Central Africa (UCAC, Cameroon). He has undertaken training in various fields, in particular in the social sciences (philosophy), accounting and management, positive management of conflicts, Internet and data processing (C2I certificate), financial management and human resources for international solidarity projects. He also participates in the CERAP's evaluation and

quality assurance monitoring unit (CESAQ). His centers of interest include free verse (he has published poems in the review *Expressions-Les ADEX*), sustainable development, education with entrepreneurial spirit, and subjective life for integral realization of the human being for the techno-scientific era.



Mrs. Homa Arzhangi, poet, writer and translator was born in Tehran in 1944. She is the last daughter of late poet, painter and sculptor, Rassam ARZHANGI. She finished her studies in English literature at the university of Tehran where she also studied French. During Several years she taught in National education in Iran. She has been very active since her teenage years in : music, poems, theater and painting. She spent a few years of her life studying mysticism and oriental and occidental philosophy. She finally chose, Buddha's method called Vipassana as a meditation technique. She has a great admiration for Molana Djalledin Mohamed commonly called MEVLANA and her mystic poems are inspired by him. Four of her poem books, entitled "Lovers ascension", "Thousand petal lotus", "the secret of ascension" and "stone carver" were published respectively in 1994 by Modaber editor, in 2000 by Almoga Editor, in 2006 and 2014 by Samarcande Editor. In the translation field, we can name the following books : "Tantra experience", "the gracious flow of Dhamma" and " The lost army". Lots of her poems have been published in Iranian newspapers (Katibeh) as well as in Iranian newspapers out of Iran : Rahavard and Mirass in the USA and Rahe Asha in Canada. She spends now her time between Iran and France.



Christoph Benn is the Director of External Relations at the [Global Fund](#) to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He has been responsible for building and maintaining good relations with all Global Fund partners and mobilizing resources for the Global Fund almost since its creation in 2002. In this role, he has been managing the replenishment conferences, securing long-term commitments from donors and spearheading innovative approaches to resource mobilization including (Product) RED and Debt2Health. Christoph Benn has more than 20 years of experience in global health. As a physician with special training in Tropical Medicine, he was the doctor in charge of a hospital in rural Tanzania. Following additional training in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, he worked as an advisor to many health programs in Africa and Asia. He also has extensive experience in advocacy working with NGOs around the world. He co-founded the AIDS advocacy network, "Action against AIDS, in his home country, Germany, and was the first board member representing civil society from developed countries when the Global Fund was created in 2002.



Graduated from European Business School Paris in Finance, Olivia has been working in Ahimsa Partners for 7 years. She had very eclectic professional experiences in fields such as events, publishing, teaching, construction and food-processing industry in Europe and Central America.



Karina Berner is a registered physiotherapist and previous clinical lecturer at the [Stellenbosch University](#) (SU) Division of Physiotherapy, South Africa. She holds a master's degree in Orthopaedic Manual Therapy (SU) and is currently a full-time doctoral-candidate at SU, having been awarded a National Health Scholarship Programme PhD-scholarship (South African Medical Research Council) for HIV-research. Her ongoing research (conducted under the supervision of Professor Quinette Louw) is focused on investigating movement problems associated with HIV/AIDS, using portable motion-analysis technology in the community setting, with

the aim of ultimately identifying the most appropriate, simple, no-cost clinical tests for early screening at community level. Karina completed her undergraduate studies at SU in 2006 and is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, SU. Following her studies, she served as a community physiotherapist, being intimately involved with community health. From 2008 onwards she practiced full-time in the private sector, and is still performing locum physiotherapy work. She joined SU as a clinical lecturer in 2014 and is currently still involved with teaching, supervision and research support on an ad hoc basis.

Maryam BIGDELI

BELGIUM

Health System Adviser at WHO, France



Maryam is a pharmacist with specialization in public health, health financing and health planning. She is currently a Health System Adviser at the Department of Health System Governance and Financing at [WHO](#) HQ in Geneva, where she works on health systems governance. Her work includes developing frameworks for assessing health systems governance and support to countries for strengthening the governance function in the health system. She also focuses on institutional strengthening and reforms. Between 2010 and 2015, she led the portfolio of work on access to medicines at the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research at WHO, advocating for a health system lens on medicines in LMICs and supporting activities ranging from priority setting, primary research projects, systematic reviews and

production of landmark publications such as the Flagship Report on Medicines in Health Systems. Prior to joining the Alliance, Maryam has worked over 15 years in low income countries, including in WHO country offices in Cambodia and Lao PDR where she was a health financing adviser.

John BLEVINS

USA

Director, Interfaith Health Program, Rollins School of Public Health Emory



John Blevins is an Associate Research Professor in the [Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University](#) (Atlanta USA), where he serves as Acting Director of the Interfaith Health Program. He has a secondary appointment in the Graduate Division of Religion in the Laney Graduate School at Emory. John's current work examines the influences of religion on global health practice in the areas of HIV and childhood mortality. The work has various focuses: the contributions of faith-based health providers to health services, the influences of religion on HIV-related stigma, and the tensions between public health research/practice and religious and cultural norms and practices.

Michele BOCCOZ

FRANCE

Ambassador for HIV and Communicable Diseases fight



A career diplomat, Michèle Boccoz has an atypical career path. After holding several diplomatic posts (primarily multilateral: the European Union, the United Nations and the OSCE in posts in Paris, Vienna and Geneva), Michele entered the private sector when she became Director of International Affairs at [Institut Pasteur](#), where she headed the Institut Pasteur International Network (more than 8,000 people in 30 institutes), and then Director of International Communications at the Paris-based headquarters of Veolia Environnement. She returned to France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister. From 2009 to 2012, she was Ambassador of France to Belgium, and from 2013 to 2016, Ambassador of France to

Croatia. Michèle Boccoz, who continues to take an interest in international health, is Vice-President of the [Agency for Preventive Medicine](#) (AMP) and has a seat on the governance board of the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI). She has been nominated in September 2016 as Ambassador in charge of HIV and communicable diseases fight.

Photograph

Brigitte Bouyala is a photographer, she has worked with Ahimsa for several years. She has participated in various projects in Africa, in Ahimsa Forum organized every two years to make these events unique and to capture the highlights. Brigitte Bouyala organizes regular exhibitions in various places (Foundations, Hospitals, Private Places ...) around various themes (women in the world, unusual places, ...) throughout the world. These photographs are presented in various forms garden canvas, bags and totes and allow to convey values. Accompanying disadvantaged populations is a project that is close to her heart.

CEO, Institute for Transformative Technologies

Shashi is the CEO of the [Institute for Transformative Technologies](#) and the founder of the LIGTT Institute at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. He is the lead author of the recently released groundbreaking study to identify the "The 50 most critical scientific & technological breakthroughs required for sustainable global development". Prior to creating ITT and LIGTT, Shashi was a Partner at Dalberg Global Development Advisors, a mission-driven strategy consulting firm which serves a broad spectrum of clients in international development such as NGOs, corporations, foundations, governments, social entrepreneurs, and international agencies like the UN. At Dalberg, Shashi helped the UN Peacekeeping Department in restructuring its global operations, the Gates Foundation on several large-scale

agricultural development programs in Africa and Asia, the US government's efforts in post-conflict development in Afghanistan, several multinational corporations in their social responsibility agendas, and dozens of NGOs in fighting for human rights, health, education, and economic empowerment. Before joining Dalberg, he was an Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company, and a Visiting Professor at Northwestern University.

Global Working Group on Faith, SSDDIM & HIV

Reverend Canon Gideon Byamugisha (born 1959) is an Anglican priest in Uganda who heads a Faith Inspired Organization outside of Kampala called "Friends Of Canon Gideon Foundation (FOCAGIFO). In 1992, he became the first religious leader in Africa to publicly announce that he was HIV positive. In 2009, Byamugisha received the 26th annual [Niwano Peace Prize](#) "in recognition of his work to uphold the dignity and human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS". Byamugisha co-founded the African Network of Religious Leaders Living with and Personally Affected HIV and Aids (ANERELA+) in February 2002, and in 2006 started an Institute for holistic education, integrated training and youth empowerment -targeting especially AIDS

orphaned and other vulnerable youths. He lives with his wife and three HIV negative children.

Former Coordinator at the Department of Cytology at the University Hospital of Quebec (CHUQ).

Marlène Castilloux is a French Canadian and was born in Quebec province in 1964. She is a Cytologist and was a training Supervisor and the Coordinator of the Department of Cytology at Quebec University Hospital Centre (CHUQ) until 2014. She has participated in a scientific publication concerning « Immunocyt » (U-cyt) for the detection of cancer cells in bladder. She has also contributed in many little studys in her university centre. In addition, she has acquired rich experience of humanitarian work who began in Haiti in 1993. Since then, she is always interested in co-operation with low-income countries (Nicaragua, Mozambique, Burundi) in order to find the most interesting ways with the reality of the country. Her main objective is especially to upgrade the health care of women. Since January 2017, she

has launched a program of screening cervical cancer in the south of Haiti. On the personal side, she plays cello. Last year, she raises funds by organizing benefit concert with her group.

Jean-Paul CAUBERE

FRANCE

Scientific Director at Fondation Pierre Fabre, France



Jean-Paul Caubère joined the [Pierre Fabre Foundation](#) in 2016 as a Scientific Director after an industrial career with the Pierre Fabre Group (Executive Assistant 1988-1992 / Director of OTC activities 1992-2000 / Director of Health Professions Relations 2000-2005 / R & D Group Coordinator 2005-2013 / Scientific Advisor for the General Management 2014-2015).

Irène CHETCUTI - BRAY

FRANCE

Attachée at the General Management Boiron



Irene Chetcuti is currently Attaché to the Director General of Boiron and interim Qualified Person of [Boiron](#). She was born in Amsterdam, Holland and lived there 14 years, except for a one-year period in the USA. She then lived 3 years in Germany. She became a pharmacist at the University of Strasbourg in 1979 and completed her studies with a Master in Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in Strasbourg in 1980. She first worked ten years for Weleda from 1980 to 1991. She then joined Boiron in 1994 with the objective of putting in place the Regulatory Affairs Department. The department includes activities for Registrations and Marketing Authorizations, Pharmaceutical affairs, Pharmaceutical Responsibility, Pharmacovigilance and a Laboratory for analytical development and stability tests.

She has attended numerous workshops, symposia, hearings, meetings, conferences and consultations on the regulation of homoeopathic drug products and has often contributed as a speaker.

Tabeth CHITIMBE

ZIMBABWE

Reverend, Zimbabwe



She was ordained Minister in the Anglican Church of South Africa (ACSA) since June 2015. Her diocese is named Saldanha Bay situated in Cape Town South Africa. Her church in St Chad's Anglican Church, Tableview. She is a self-supporting Priest so she also employed with an organization called Waci health which is a regional advocacy organization, with offices in Cape Town South Africa, Nairobi Kenya and also hosted at African Union in Addis Ababa. Waci health's core strategies are Policy and Advocacy, Civil Society Capacity Strengthening for Advocacy and Civil Society

Mobilisation and Engagement. Our strategic objectives are Increased resources for health, Policies that improve health and achieve equity in health and Accountability on health governance and delivery. Our Thematic advocacy areas of priority are as follows: HIV and TB, RMNCAH, Health R&D and Innovative and Health Systems Strengthening/Universal Health Coverage.

Omer CIMPAYE

BURUNDI

Former Director of Rema HOSPITAL Burundi, Student at University of Liège Belgium



Omer is a general practitioner with expertise in the care of people living with HIV/AIDS. He is at the end of his specialization in public health sciences with the aim of "Epidemiology and health economics" at the University of Liège in Belgium. Since graduating in general medicine in 2011, he worked at Rema Hospital of Maison Shalom founded by Marguerite Barankitse. He was first in charge of HIV/AIDS patients before to be nominated Director of this hospital since 2013. He was a key person in the uterus cancer screening project in Burundi, which was initiated by Ahimsa Fund in partnership with Maison Shalom. His favorite quote is George Bernard Shaw's " the worst sin against our fellow men is not to hate them but to treat them with indifference. This is the essence of inhumanity".

Gilles COLLARD**FRANCE****Executive Director, Institut Bioforce**

A graduate of the [Bioforce Institute](#), class of 1990-1991, with a Master's in International Humanitarian Aid from the University of Aix-Marseille, Gilles Collard has been committed to the humanitarian field for over 25 years. He has spent half of this time in the field working for various NGOs and institutional donors at the heart of emergency humanitarian situations, mainly in Africa. In Europe, he managed the Aide Médicale Internationale (International Medical Aid) NGO and joined the French Foreign Office's Humanitarian Action division before helping to set up its Crisis Centre. Since 2009, when he was sent to Brussels as a national expert seconded to the head office of the Directorate-General of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Organisation (DG ECHO), the largest humanitarian funding body, he has managed humanitarian response funding for various crises in West Africa.

Diego CORTEZ**BRAZIL****Student at HEC**

Versatile business leader with six years' experience in consumer healthcare industry. Broad experience in supply chain and process improvement, including international project management. Passionate for business, people, and different cultures. Multilingual: English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Graduated from the global operations leadership development (GOLD) program of Johnson & Johnson, class of 2011. Background in Industrial Engineering from UFSCar in Brazil, currently undertaking the full-time MBA program at HEC Paris.

Reuben COULTER**UK****CEO at Transformational Network KENYA**

Reuben is CEO of [Transformational Business Network](#), a community of investors and entrepreneurs committed to improving the state of the world. Previously he was a Fellow and Associate Director for Africa at the World Economic Forum and served as the founding Chief Executive of Tearfund Ireland. Reuben is based in Geneva with his wife Grazyna and they are passionate about all things outdoors and spicy food.

Mauricio CYSNE**BRAZIL****Director of Unitaid's External Relations**

Mauricio has spent his career in advocacy, partnership building, resource mobilization and development. A Brazilian, Mauricio joined [Unitaid](#) in 2013 after working as a representative in various countries for UNAIDS. Mauricio is a lawyer and holds a Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy and in International Public Law from the Fletcher School in the USA and the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jean François de LAVISON**FRANCE****President and Founder, Ahimsa Partners**

Jean-François worked in the healthcare industry for 29 years, holding various several international positions and participating in its international expansion. He has been elected President of the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association (EDMA), the trade organization that represents the European in vitro diagnostics industry on a worldwide level. Through his extensive international experience in both developed and developing countries, Jean-François has acquired unique skills in the

field of global health. His strong commitment to providing a response to the urgent needs in Global Health prompted to the launch of Ahimsa Partners in January 2010. Through innovative business and financial models, and collaboration with new generations of leaders, [Ahimsa Partners](#) proposes innovative partnerships in the field of global health. Jean-François is the founder and President of [Ahimsa Fund](#), a nonprofit organization (endowment fund) whose objective is to make good health contagious. Ahimsa Fund focuses on the world's most underprivileged populations and develops realistic, innovative, cost-effective and replicable public health initiatives with the objective of empowering the local population. In addition, Jean-François is involved in many projects with top-tier international business schools (Hong Kong University, Georgetown University, INSEAD, HEC, EM Lyon), relating to the bottom of the worldwide population pyramid and social business. He teaches Business Ethics at HEC in collaboration with a Benedictine monk.

Isabelle DELANNOY

FRANCE

Head of Companion Animal Vaccines, Global Commercial Development, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health



Isabelle Delannoy holds a Doctorate in Veterinary medicine and a Master degree of Management from the Business School of Paris. The value of vaccines in the prevention of infectious diseases is her primary center of interest with an expertise in biological manufacturing, regulatory and industrial stakes. Isabelle Delannoy holds 30 years of experience in a variety of marketing positions in the Human and Animal Health Pharmaceutical industry. She has worked 12 years at Sanofi Pasteur in various Franchise positions at a global level or within international Business Units and 18 years in the Animal Health Pharmaceutical Industry (Merial, Schering-Plough, [Boehringer Ingelheim](#)). She has led transversal projects in cross-cultural environments, pre-launched activities for the Dengue vaccine and managed flu pandemic issues as well as yellow fever WHO relationships & advocacy groups.

Chantal DONNE

FRANCE

Anatomopathologist



Chantal has a degree in pathological anatomy and cytology and has contributed to the development of many laboratories, including TechniPath. She was President of the French division of the International Academy of Pathology in 2000 and devotes her time to medical cooperation projects in Yemen and Guinea.

Kevin DOWLING

SOUTH AFRICA

Catholic Bishop of Rustenburg



Kevin Patrick Dowling was born in South Africa and became Bishop of Rustenburg in 1990. While living on St Joseph's Mission, on the border of South Africa and the Bophuthatswana homeland, he was key in providing a meeting place for a number of civic and political activists and organizations who were at that time denied basic human rights. He actively participated in peaceful protests against human rights violations during the Apartheid era and in 1997 testified at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission about the terrible incident when a student, Johannes Mafatsi, was killed during one such peaceful protest. In 1998 Bishop Kevin Dowling set up a health clinic in the Freedom Park informal settlement and currently works

closely with HIV and AIDS sufferers in the Tapologo Programme funded by the Catholic Diocese of Rustenburg. He continues to work tirelessly for the improvement of the lives of people in impoverished communities.

President, Partnership for Faith & Development

Jean Duff is a founding partner of the Partnership for [Faith & Development](#). She was previously the managing director at Full Circle Partners, an international consulting firm. From 2008 to 2011 she was the executive director and co-founder of the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty, founded to increase the collective impact of the religious sector on global poverty and disease.

From 2005 to 2008, as deputy director of the Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation, Duff led Washington National Cathedral's global poverty program focusing on malaria and gender justice; she worked with leaders of 10 faith communities in Mozambique to design and fund the first national multi-faith campaign against malaria (PIRCOM). She was also the lead manager for the Breakthrough Summit at which the Women, Faith and Development Alliance was launched. Duff has an MPH from Columbia University.

Advisor to the Chief Executive of Anglo American

Dorian Emmett (65), in his current role as Advisor to the CEO, divides his work commitments between his home base in Johannesburg at [Anglo American's](#) Corporate Office and the Head Office of the company, which is located in Central London. Dorian's career in the mining industry spans 40 years. In 2004, he assumed the role of Global Head of Safety and Sustainable Development for Anglo American transitioning in 2014 to the role of Advisor to the Chief Executive. He is also active in furthering dialogue between the faith community and the industry on the role of mining in society. Recently, Dorian has had a leading role in nurturing and developing an engagement between certain mining companies and major faith

groups. This pioneering activity is aimed at improving the social performance of mining companies in accordance with guidance provided by the faith community, as well as an ongoing dialogue aimed at achieving mutually beneficial outcomes for key stakeholders impacted by mining activities. Dorian lives with his wife Margie in Johannesburg.

President, Dialogues Geneva and Network for Governance (D@G), Entrepreneurship & Development (GE&D)

D@G is a laboratory in governance –including conflict management and problem solving - which aims is to rethink governance and create the conditions for stakeholders to address complex societal issues, e.g. global health and agriculture. GE&D's objective is to simultaneously contribute to foster entrepreneurship, - and thus stimulate employment; and assist in improving the framework conditions for enhancing the capacity of doing business.

Head of Strategy, Business Developer at Roche Diagnostics

Wolfgang F. Keller, a German national based in Switzerland, is the Head of Strategy and Business Development for Emerging Markets in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America, and Senior Vice-President for Non-Governmental Affairs of [Roche Diagnostics](#). After studying Civil Engineering at the University in Karlsruhe and Economics at the University in Mannheim, he joined Roche Germany in 1979. Followed by 8 years in the Middle East, where he supported establishing the company's infrastructure, he then moved to India to run a local production project in 1988. From 1990 – 2010 he was acting as General Manager of Roche Diagnostics in Istanbul, Turkey, in Warsaw, Poland, in Athens, Greece and as Head of Project

Management in Basel. In 2010, he returned to Germany to restructure the so-called International Agency Department of Roche Diagnostics. Since April 2014, he's based in Rotkreuz, Switzerland where he has

been ever since then establishing the new department for Emerging Markets. In this function, Wolfgang is also responsible for the implementation of the Roche Global Access Initiative within Diagnostics and serves as Senior Vice President for Non-Governmental Affairs.

Beatrice GARRETTE

FRANCE

Executive Director of the Pierre Fabre Foundation



A graduate of HEC (1985), Béatrice Garrette is currently the Executive Director of the [Pierre Fabre Foundation](#), a foundation recognized as a public utility whose mission is to improve access to medicines and quality healthcare in less developed and developing countries. The Pierre Fabre Foundation acts in 15 countries, mainly in Africa and South-East Asia, within four main areas: training of drugs specialists, struggle against sickle cell disease, dermatology and access to quality healthcare, which led to the creation in 2016 of the Global South eHealth Observatory, designed to identify, document, and promote eHealth initiatives that improve access to quality healthcare and medicines for the most disadvantaged populations in resource-limited countries. Prior to joining the Pierre Fabre Foundation in 2013, Béatrice Garrette was President and CEO of Malesherbes Publications, a publishing company, belonging to Le Monde group, which edits the weekly news magazine La Vie. Until 2011, she led the photojournalism agency Sipa Press and its US subsidiary for 9 years. Formerly, Béatrice Garrette began her career as a Publisher in the Bayard group (1986-2002). Beatrice Garrette is Knight in the Ordre National du Mérite.

Françoise GAY ANDRIEU

FRANCE

Medical and Scientific Advisor at bioMérieux, in charge of Global and Tropical Infectious Diseases and Global Health.



Françoise Gay-Andrieu is an MD-PhD, HDR, specialized in Parasitology-Mycology. From 2002 to 2004, she worked as a Technical Assistant of the French Cooperation in Niger, where she was the head of the Medical Biology Department in Niamey National Hospital. She came back to France to take a position of Associate Professor at Nantes University Hospital, France, as head of the Parasitology-Mycology department. From 2010 to 2012 she was a Visiting Scientist at Georgetown University, Washington DC, where she worked in Drug Discovery on the identification of mechanisms of action of new antifungals. In January 2014, she decided to move to the industry and joined the Medical Affairs and Public Health Department of [bioMérieux](#), France. Françoise is Vice President of the "Société Française de Pathologie Exotique".

Arancha GONZALEZ

SPAIN

Executive Director of the International Trade Centre



Arancha González, an expert in international trade issues with 20 years of experience, serves as Executive Director of the [International Trade Centre](#) (ITC) since Sept. 2013. Ms. González, a Spanish national, has extensive knowledge about international trade and economics, coupled with broad experience in trade and development matters in the public and private sectors, as well as in management at multilateral organizations. Before joining ITC, Ms. González served as Chief of Staff to World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005 to 2013. During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the WTO's Aid for Trade initiative and served as Mr. Lamy's representative at the G-20.

Prior to working at the WTO, Ms. González held several positions at the European Commission, conducting negotiations of trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts. Between 2002 & 2004, she was the European Union spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner.

Chief executive, Impact India Foundation

Training and experience in Public Health has imparted to Dr Rajnish Gourh valuable skills in programme designing, strategy formulation, advocacy, implementation and management. Joined [Impact India Foundation](#) Lifeline Express (World's first hospital train) in 2011 and its pan Indian presence has provided opportunities for exposure to international figures of Public Health, Government officials and political representatives for the improvement of Public Health in India.

In the past seven years, Dr Gourh has visited 15 States and more than 70 Districts dealing with a variety of public health problems in coordination with the Indian Railways, Government officials and the private sector.

Senior Director for Faith – Advocacy and External Engagement in World Vision International

He and his team gives life to [World Vision](#)'s new Global Strategy to build strategic partnerships for greater scale and more sustained impact towards child wellbeing and achieving the sustainable development goals. He was co-responsible for the development of the Channels of Hope methodology which catalyses faith leaders to respond to difficult development issues such as child protection, maternal and child health, HIV and gender. Rev Greyling is a Dutch Reformed reverend with a Masters in Public Health. He serves on multiple boards of international NGOs, and is the co-chair of "Mobilizing local faith communities' learning-hub of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities. Christo is a South African, living with his

wife and two daughters in Hilversum in the Netherlands.

Alimentation Initiative Catalyst, Danone

Isabelle has done most of her career in health and wellness–pharma industry, food industry and insurance industry, with operational responsibilities and CEO/entrepreneurs support. Graduated from ESC Chambéry Graduated Business School, Isabelle started her brilliant career with BOIRON in 1998 the world pharmaceutical leader in homeopathic medicine in various positions, including US Marketing Director. She contributed to a new step in the strategy to develop the business in Europe and US, with a strong focus on the category and a strong impact on growth. Then Isabelle was appointed Executive Director for APRIL in 2006 and made APRIL become an international Group by creating a worldwide network of entrepreneurs in health insurance and services. She created and established the international

strategy, lead the international growth with creation of local start-ups and acquisitions in more than 30 countries. She became a member of the Board of Directors for the international activity. Since 2012, Isabelle is supporting the strategic transformation of [DANONE](#), on Health and Alimentation. As part of the R&D Executive Board, she initiated cross innovation platforms to "Bring health through food" and launched the Danone Nutrition Commitments. She co-lead the emerging of the Alimentation Tree, the symbol of the company strategy. Today, as the Alimentation Initiative Catalyst, Isabelle creates coalition of multi-disciplinary players to implement programs for healthier and more sustainable eating practices. Acting together is the best way to impact at scale.

Director of Partnerships, Legal Affairs and Quality Department, Fondation Mérieux

In April 2016, Serge Guillot joined the family foundation, [Fondation Mérieux](#), as Director of Partnerships, Legal Affairs, and Quality Department. The foundation's mission is to reduce impact of infectious diseases in developing countries. Serge Guillot has also acted as General Counsel for Institut Mérieux (the holding company of the Mérieux group that employs 15,000 people with a turnover above 2M€) since 2011, after having been Legal Manager of the R&D Legal Department at bioMérieux (the main subsidiary of Institut Mérieux) for 8 years. During the previous 6 years,

Serge Guillot worked as international business lawyer within telecom groups (British Telecom and Cegetel Enterprises) and the entertainment Canal + Group. In addition, since 2009, he has been teaching International Law at the EM Lyon Business School in the Professional Master's program named JMI (*Juristes Manager Internationaux*) on the thematic of the "Protection of Industrial Property Assets "

Jehnette Milagros GUZMAN

PERU

Student at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia



Jehnette was born in Lima, Peru. She is 20 years old and is a student of the third year of the career of public and global health at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia. She participates as a volunteer in Programa Integral Nacional para el Bienestar Familiar (INABIF) in Perú.

Beatrice HALPAAP

FRANCE

Portfolio and Programme Manager, TDR SIHI



As [TDR](#) Programme and Portfolio Manager Beatrice strives to foster a culture of innovative management leadership and continuous performance improvement. With a great interest in making a difference for a better global health she is building upon her scientific background (pharmaceutical product research and development, international public health) and broad understanding of health research with capacity strengthening and management skills to enhance research for health care delivery in low and middle income countries. In this context she is leading, at TDR, the Social Innovation in Health Initiative. In 1997, Beatrice joined TDR to help catalyze public-private partnerships for the development of pharmaceutical product for infectious diseases of poverty. While in South Africa in 2001-2002, she started an initiative for strengthening project management skills in health research in low and middle income countries, now led by research institutions. Beatrice holds a Pharm D and an MPH and had an appointment as Visiting Lecturer at Yale University in 2006-2007.

Lauren HERZOG

USA

Program coordinator at the World Faiths Development Dialogue



Lauren Herzog is a program coordinator at the [World Faiths Development Dialogue](#), where she led an effort to strategically examine the religious dimensions of development in Senegal. She currently coordinates a project supporting an interfaith group of religious leaders in Senegal working to advance maternal and child health. She has been the recipient of two Department of Education fellowships to study the Wolof language, and she has lived and worked in Senegal and Congo-Brazzaville. Lauren holds a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in French and international development from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kazi Amdadul HOQUE

BANGLADESH

Director-Strategic Planning, Friendship



Kazi Amdadul Hoque is currently working as Director of strategic planning at [Friendship Bangladesh](#) contributes in strategic direction and enhancement of all programs and support services; ensuring the development and delivery of innovative and impactful programs across the country. In addition, Kazi leads a team with a mission to build disaster resilient communities in Bangladesh. This is to support and create facilities in remote communities for mostly migrated people due to river erosion or other disaster. In all that work, the fundamental importance to respect the people's dignity. Friendship is a value-based organization; its interventions are Health care, Nutrition & Population; Education, Good Governance; Disaster

Management & Infrastructure Development (DMID); Sustainable Economic Development and Cultural Preservation in more than 500 Char (sandbar island) and Coastal communities.

Nadia ISLER

FRANCE

SDG Lab Office of the Director-General United Nations Office at Geneva



Nadia Isler is the Director of the SDG Lab in the Office of the Director General of the [United Nations Office at Geneva](#) (UNOG). Ms. Isler has a long career in international development with several years of field experience in bilateral cooperation and extensive experience in multilateral affairs with and outside of the UN system. She started her career with Médecins Sans Frontières and the Swiss Red Cross before joining the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation where she served for several years in Eastern Africa. Ms. Isler has extensive experience in working with a variety of different partners, including the private sector, especially in the field of public health where she spent many years in charge of programs to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. Ms. Isler then joined the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she served as a Swiss diplomat for over 10 years, first as Deputy Head of development affairs at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York, before leading on development affairs and the SDGs at the Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva. Ms. Isler is a Swiss-British citizen and speaks French, English, German, Spanish and Portuguese.

Philippe JACON

FRANCE

President, Emerging Markets at CEPHEID



Philippe Jacon joined [Cepheid](#) in January 2013. In his role of President, Emerging Markets, he leads the company development in developing and emerging countries, including our HBDC (High Burden and Developing Countries) program which aims at giving access to a number of our state-of-the-art molecular diagnostic tests (Xpert®MTB/Rif, Xpert®HIV-1 VL, Xpert® HIV Qual, Xpert® HCV, Xpert® HPV, etc.) to the populations in need, at concessional prices. All these tests are run on the polyvalent GeneXpert system, that will soon be extended with the new generation portable Diagnostics - Microbiology Systems both positions based in Baltimore, MD. Philippe Jacon has a Microbiologist Engineer degree from the Université de Bretagne Occidentale in France.

Merete JOHANSSON

DENMARK

Chief, Coordination and Response Division, UN Office



Merete Johansson is currently serving at the Chief of the Coordination and Response Division's office in OCHA Geneva, where she oversees the coordination of humanitarian operations and acts as a focal point for the Geneva community. She has global responsibility. Merete has over 30 years of humanitarian and development experience working in various parts of the UN in both Headquarters and the field. Prior to joining OCHA, she worked for the World Food Programme in various capacities, and before that, UNDP, and UNIFEM where she started her UN career in 1984. Merete is passionate about nutrition and an active proponent of the nutrition agenda in various UN platforms including COP-21 where she helped shape the side event on food security and delivered strong messaging in support of the nutrition agenda. The World Humanitarian Summit, is another important platform, where Merete is working on raising the profile of nutrition. She has been collaborating with the SRSG on Food Security and Nutrition, WHO in its lead role in the Standing Committee on Nutrition, as well as with WFP and other agencies, in promoting closer inter-agency cooperation and trying to elevate the nutrition profile within the humanitarian agenda.

Shamona KANDIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Senior Manager: Health Portfolio, Transnet Foundation



Mrs Shamona Kandia is currently the senior manager at heading the health portfolio of [Transnet Foundation](#), the Corporate Social Investment arm of Transnet Soc. Ltd. She holds a Master's Degree in Social work with various qualifications related to community development and management. Shamona began her career as a social worker at an NGO and thereafter moved to government where she remained for

sixteen years before joining Transnet, the state owned infrastructure giant. While in government she contributed significantly as an advocate for child justice and the transformation of the child justice system in South Africa. She headed the reception, assessment and referral centres in Gauteng, which was a pilot programme at the time promoting restorative justice practices for children in conflict with the law. She then moved onto community development which has always been an area of passion for her. In 2008 she was nominated as the Gauteng Provincial co-ordinator for the presidential 'war on poverty' programme.

Mukesh KAPILA

INDIA

Prof. of Global Health & Humanitarian Affairs, University of Manchester, and Chair, Manchester Global Foundation



Mukesh Kapila, CBE is also Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester. Professor Kapila has extensive experience in the policy and practice of international development, humanitarian affairs, human rights and diplomacy, with particular expertise in tackling crimes against humanity, disaster and conflict management, and in global public health. His memoir "Against a Tide of Evil", published in 2013, was nominated for the Best Nonfiction Book of that year.

Azza KARAM

EGYPT

Senior Adviser on culture at UNFPA, chair of the UN Inter-Agency Task force



Azza Karam, Ph.D. serves as a Senior Advisor on Culture, at the [United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#). She is the *Lead Facilitator* for the United Nations Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development and Humanitarian issues. She represents UNFPA as *Coordinator/Chair* of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Engaging Faith-Based Organizations for Development; and she coordinates engagement with members of a Global Interfaith Network for Population and Development with over 500 faith-based organizations. Prior to UNFPA, Dr. Karam served as the Senior Policy Advisor in the Regional Bureau for Arab States at the *United Nations Development Program (UNDP)*. With the support of the Ford Foundation, she founded the first Global Women of Faith Network during her tenure

at *Religions for Peace*, while also advising on interfaith development work in Muslim-majority countries. During this time, she served also as President of the *Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations*. She served as a Senior Programme Officer at the *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)* in Sweden; and an international consultant to several developmental programmes with UNDP and the OECD. For a fuller list of her publications, see: <http://www.worldcat.org/identities/lccn-nr96011457/>

Marine KERDILES

USA

Student



Originally French, she has resided in Southern California, USA for most of her life. She recently graduated from nursing school and plans to start working as an obstetrical nurse with hopes of obtaining her Masters in Midwifery in a few years. In May 2012, she was fortunate enough to visit Maison Shalom in Burundi for several weeks and spent most of her time at the local primary school. Most recently, in June 2016, with 7 other nursing students she provided health screening for about 800 primary school students and faculty in Bella Vista, Belize. Her dream is to live in a world where no one dies due to a lack of medical resources.

Marie-Paule KIENY

FRANCE

Assistant Director-General at WHO



Dr Marie-Paule Kieny was appointed WHO Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Innovation in November 2012. Dr Kieny was [WHO](#) Assistant Director-General for Innovation, Information, Evidence and Research from October 2010-November 2012. Prior to this, Dr Kieny directed the WHO Initiative for Vaccine Research since its inception in 2001. Major successes under her leadership were the

development and licensing of new vaccines against meningitis, and against pandemic influenza in developing countries through pioneering the transfer of technology and know-how. Vaccines against poverty-related diseases and those that disproportionately affect poor and marginalized populations are continuing priorities since her first role in WHO with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in 2001. Before coming to WHO, Dr Kieny held top research positions in the public and private sectors of her home country, France. The positions included Assistant Scientific Director of Transgene S.A. from 1981 to 1988, and Director of Research and Head of the Hepatitis C Virus Molecular Virology Group at the Institute of Virology, Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (INSERM) from 1999 to 2000.

Lea KLEIN

FRANCE

MakeSense Philippines Country Director & SenseCube Head of Emergence



Léa Klein joined [MakeSense](#) in its first years to support the emergence of social entrepreneurs all over the Globe. Since 3 years, more than 700 entrepreneurs have been supported by MakeSense to develop a first project of social startup and start their entrepreneurial adventures. Léa is also in charge of developing MakeSense incubation programs and social innovation activities in South East Asia based in Manila, Philippines.

Setsuko KLOSSOWSKA DE ROLA

JAPAN

UNESCO's Artist for Peace



Setsuko was born, named Setsuko Ideta, in Tokyo. In 1961 she graduated from Tokyo Morimura Gakuen High School in 1961 and entered the department of French language at Sophia University in Tokyo. As a university student, she met the painter Balthus who was visiting Japan for the first time in 1962. They got married in 1967. Setsuko assisted Balthus, acting as the headmistress of Villa de Medicis, where he presided as director of the French Academy in Rome. In 1973 she gave birth to a daughter, named Harumi. In 1977 Setsuko and Balthus left the French Academy and moved to Le Grand Chalet in Rossiniere, Switzerland. In 2002, Balthus Foundation was established, and Setsuko was designated as its honorary president.

Renier KOEGELENBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

Executive Director of the EFSA Institute for Theological and Interdisciplinary Research



The [EFSA](#) is an independent ecumenical institute focusing on the social, economic human rights challenges facing a democratic South Africa. It has strong links to several universities and national church networks. Dr Koegelenberg is also Executive Secretary of the National Religious Association for Social Development (NRASD) in South Africa. The NRASD was founded in 1997 as a national coalition of faith-based networks in South Africa. Main field of research over the past 20 years: the building blocks of successful community development initiatives – especially in the church or religious sector; models of partnership and cooperation between governments/international agencies and the religious sector.

Théa KOEGELENBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

Admin at EFSA/NSRAD



Thea Koegelenberg, originally qualified as a music teacher, since 27 years senior office coordinator of the EFSA Institute in Stellenbosch. The [EFSA](#) Institute for Theological and Interdisciplinary Research is an independent ecumenical institute focusing on the social, economic rights challenges facing a democratic South Africa.

Neelam KSHIRSAGAR**INDIA****Head, Project Development, Impact India Foundation**

Neelam has been with [Impact India Foundation](#) since March 2001 and brings to the position valuable experience for the prevention and cure of disablement. She feels very strongly about reducing Anaemia in women in India – 50% prevalence rate which contributes to the country's Infant and Maternal Mortality Rates – and the need to mobilise funds for the implementation of IIF's programs. Neelam has worked in various capacities in the fields of social communications, research, education and training mainly with National Television (Doordarshan), Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the Aga Khan Education Service, India.

Dr Berthe-Marie Njanpop-Lafourcade**BURKINA FASO****Laboratory Services Manager, Agence Médecine Préventive**

Dr. Berthe-Marie Njanpop-Lafourcade is in charge of Laboratory Services at [AMP](#) and is the laboratory expert for all AMP field projects, including clinical studies. In this role, she supports the Ministries of health and collaborates with WHO and other partners for surveillance of epidemic-prone diseases, develops lab networks for meningitis and cholera microbiological surveillance, communicates laboratory objectives to biologists working in the field and collaborates with them to set up new technologies (microbiological mobile lab, PCR, RT-PCR, ...) and quality insurance for disease control and vaccine impact/effectiveness studies (meningitis, cholera, pneumonia, pertussis, ...). Before joining AMP in 2002, Dr. Njanpop-Lafourcade

worked at the county veterinary laboratory in Corrèze (Tulle), where she set up a PCR lab for the diagnosis of spongiform encephalopathy in cattle. Prior to that, she worked in the National veterinary laboratory in northern Cameroon, focusing on bacterial zoonotic diseases and led the bacterial vaccine production. Dr Njanpop chairs the lab working group (LWG) of the African meningitis surveillance consortium (MenAfriNet-joined AMP-CDC project) and is a member of Cholera LWG of WHO Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC).

Emaline LANEY**USA****Student at London School of Hygiene**

Emaline Laney, from Pennsylvania, graduated *summa cum laude* from Agnes Scott College in 2016 with degrees in Chemistry and Public Health. Emaline's past experiences include internships with Partners In Health, completing a cost-analysis of an oral cholera vaccination campaign in Haiti, The Task Force for Global Health, helping with the polio eradication campaign, Harvard Medical School, researching new antibiotics to fight antibiotic-resistance bacteria, and the Nepal Cleft and Burn Center. She has also worked and studied in West Africa, France, and China. With support of the Marshall Scholarship, Emaline is pursuing an MSc in Epidemiology at The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and an MSc in Medical

Anthropology at Oxford University. Ultimately, Emaline plans to combine population-based research and medicine to alleviate health care disparities at home and abroad.

Lara LOB ROSSO**SWITZERLAND****Project Manager, Ahimsa Fund**

Lara has a marketing and sales background, she worked for 9 years within the Nestlé Group, in the Ice Cream area, from Product Manager to Marketing Manager. She has international orientation (She lived in Switzerland, France, Portugal and the US) and speaks 4 languages. She joined Ahimsa in 2015 to develop special projects with the local communities and the Ahimsa partners.

Jean-Pierre LONGEAT**FRANCE****President of Inter - Monasteries Alliance**

Jean-Pierre Longeat, former abbot of Saint-Martin – Ligugé (France) is born in 1953. He entered the abbey of Liguge in 1975. He was guest-master and novice-master. He was elected abbot of his monastery in 1990. Jean-Pierre Longeat is musician and he likes the dialogue with the world of art and culture. His community is very involved in a deep dialogue with the artists. He was during six years President of the Conference of religious life in France (about 500 religious congregations and 30 000 members). He is now President of AIM (Alliance for international monasticism) sustaining the young foundations of the Benedictine family all around the world. This organization is 55 years old. It is a structure which gives the possibility for different spheres to meet and work together.

Luiz LOURES**BRAZIL****Deputy Executive Director of Programme and Assistant Secretary-General at UNAIDS**

Luiz Loures joined UNAIDS in 1996 and was appointed Deputy Executive Director of Programme and Assistant Secretary-General of the [United Nations](#) in January 2013. He leads UNAIDS' efforts in leveraging critical support to countries to reach the end of AIDS by 2030. Dr Loures is a medical doctor with nearly 30 years' experience in the AIDS response. His engagement has ranged from providing medical care to people living with HIV in the early days of the epidemic--to his dynamic involvement in global policy framework development today. In 2006, Dr Loures was granted the Make a Difference Award for his long-standing contribution to the global response to AIDS by O Globo, one of Brazil's largest newspapers.

Alizee LOZACH'MEUR**FRANCE****MakeSense Head of Fundraising**

Alizée Lozac'hmeur is leading the international development of MakeSense non-profit, especially for fundraising and partnerships with private and public organizations. MakeSense is a global network of citizens, volunteers and social entrepreneurs working together to solve the global problems of our times, through creativity and innovation. Since 4 years, Alizée is also building [MakeSense](#) network of incubators to support the creation and development of innovative projects and startups to solve those big issues (Paris, Mexico, Dakar, Abidjan, Manilla and Beyrouth).

Thierry LYONNET**FRANCE****Editor-in-chief**

Editor-in-chief of the "Faith and Culture" Service, Thierry has put his insatiable curiosity at the service of RCF since 1990.

Linda MAFU**SOUTH AFRICA****Head Political, Civil Society Advocacy, Global Fund**

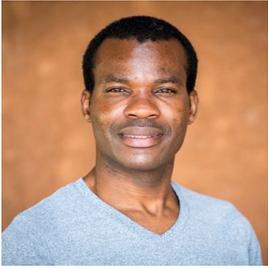
Linda Olayi Mafu is an activist, her advocacy skills have contributed in ensuring that there is access to treatment for HIV, TB and other opportunistic infection in South Africa. She also worked in the Sub Saharan Africa facilitating formations of civil society platforms. Her work is influenced by her passion as a human rights Defender. She believes that through partnerships for social change we can make the world a

better place for all. She is heading the Political and Civil Society advocacy team at the [Global Fund](#) within the External relations Division.

Mwai MAKOKA

MALAWI

Program Executive for Health and Healing at World Council of Churches



Mwai Makoka is Programme Executive for Health and Healing, World Council of Churches in Geneva. WCC helps its members (348 churches in 110 countries) to see health issues through the lens of the Christian faith and mobilises them into positive action. WCC is supporting its members to contribute to the Health for All agenda. Dr Makoka qualified as a doctor of medicine in Malawi in 2002, and received further training in public health microbiology and infectious diseases in the USA. He was previously Executive Director of the Christian Health Association of Malawi, an ecumenical umbrella of church-owned health facilities that provide about one-third of health care and train majority of health workers in the country. He also serves on

the board of the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform. Besides clinical practice, he previously worked in the national HIV programme and in academia.

Katherine MARSHALL

USA

Executive Director of WFDD



Senior Fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Executive Director of the [World Faiths Development Dialogue](#). Her current work focuses on teaching and research on a wide range of topics at the intersection of development and religion. Katherine Marshall leads the Berkley Center's work on faith-inspired institutions working in development, which involves a series of regional background papers and consultations with academics and practitioners, and a series of reviews of specific development topics (HIV/AIDS, gender, and shelter).

Tony MELOTO

PHILIPPINES

Founder and President of Gawad Kalinga



Antonio Meloto, known as "Tito Tony" to the countless [Gawad Kalinga](#) volunteers and community partners, was born on January 17, 1950 to a low middle class family in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. At a young age, he was already exposed to the squalid living conditions of the poor, his home being near a shoreline squatter community where poverty was already very pronounced. After he graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, he was offered a position as the Purchasing Manager of Procter and Gamble. Eventually, he built his own name as an entrepreneur.

It was during an assignment in Australia that he heard the call to start the work with the poor through a youth program in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. Since it began in 1995, the program has now evolved to become Gawad Kalinga, a movement that builds integrated, holistic and sustainable communities in slum areas. Gawad Kalinga is now being implemented in almost 2,000 communities in the Philippines and in other developing countries such as Indonesia, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.

Alain MERIEUX

FRANCE

President at Fondation MERIEUX



Alain Mérieux, born in 1938, established bioMérieux in 1963 and has been Chairman ever since. The company has grown to become one of the ten leading companies worldwide in the microbiology and clinical diagnostics sector.

Alain Mérieux is the Chairman of Mérieux Alliance which groups together 5 international healthcare companies: bioMérieux, Transgène, Silliker, ABL and Shanta. He also is the Chairman of [Fondation Mérieux](#), a family foundation, recognised as being of public interest, which operates to control and eradicate infectious diseases in developing countries.

Chief Medical Officer at BioMérieux

Doctor Mark Miller has been the full-time Chief Medical Officer at bioMérieux since 2012 and is a member of the company's Executive Management Committee. Originally from Montreal, Canada, he is a medical clinician, certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Clinical Microbiology. He also possesses a Master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Doctor Miller is a former Full Professor and current Adjunct Professor of Medicine at McGill University. Before joining bioMérieux, he worked full-time as the Head of Infectious Diseases, the Chair of Infection Prevention and Control, as well as the Chief of Clinical Microbiology at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Canada. He ran a large and active Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit which carried out research on novel anti-infectives and vaccines, innovative microbiologic diagnostics, and the epidemiology of healthcare-associated infections. He currently lives in France, the location of the head office of [bioMerieux](http://bioMerieux.com).

Young women's program at The Global Fund

Mokgadi Mojela is a thoroughbred of Soweto. An urban settlement or 'township' as it's referred to in South Africa, in the southwest of Johannesburg which was created in the 1930s when the White Government separated black people from white South Africans during a rife apartheid era, that has now become a permanent place of residence for more than 1.48 million people of varied cultures. Of her many accomplishments, Mokgadi founded MoAnn Trading, a company that focuses on the training and development of programming, relating to women and girls in underdeveloped communities. She is an affiliate member of Phenomenon Women Forum based in Cape Town, and describes herself as a self-driven hard worker that is highly passionate about community development. One of her proudest hats is that of Pastor at Grace Bible Church in South Africa and honored to be under the covering of Founder and presiding Bishop Mosa Sono who has been a spiritual father for the past 19 years.

Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Mr. Møller has over 35 years of experience as an international civil servant in the United Nations. He began his career in 1979 with the Office of the [United Nations](http://www.un.org) High Commissioner for Refugees and worked with UNHCR in different capacities in New York, Iran, Mexico, Haiti and Geneva. Between 1997 and 2001 he was the Head of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at United Nations headquarters; between 2001 and 2006 he was the Director for Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs in the Office of the Secretary-General, while serving concurrently as Deputy Chief of Staff for the last two years of that period. Mr. Møller also served as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Cyprus from 2006 to 2008 and was the Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation from 2008 to 2011.

Program associate at the World Faiths Development Dialogue

Wilma Mui is a program associate at the [World Faiths Development Dialogue](http://www.worldfaithsdialogue.org), bringing her experience in Senegal and training in Global Health to the team. She mainly supports the Faith and Family Planning Program, working with an interfaith group of Senegalese religious leader. Wilma served as a Peace Corps volunteer in southern Senegal from 2010 to 2013, collaborating with local communities on a variety of health topics. As a graduate student, she worked with World Vision/Sierra Leone as a nutrition content expert and created a curriculum for the maternal and child nutrition program. She holds a B.S. in Health Promotion Disease Prevention Studies from the University of Southern California and a M.P.H. in Global Health from Emory University.

Team Lead in Unitaid's Operations team

Before joining Unitaid, Eva worked at the Swedish embassy in Zambia where she managed programmes addressing the health of children, adolescents and women. From 1997 to 2002, she worked at the World Health Organization, frequently visiting countries in the former Soviet Union where she provided technical assistance and advice on TB as well as drug-resistant forms of the disease. After a further eight years working on global TB control and TB/HIV co-infection at WHO head office, she then spent four years at WHO's country office in Myanmar. A native of Sweden, Eva holds two Master's degrees in Molecular Biology and in Health, Environment and Development.

Program Manager, Maison Shalom Rwanda

Born in Ruyigi, East of Burundi in December 1980, Richard grew up in a normal modest family, with his parents (both of them teachers) and his 4 sisters and his little brother till October 1993. In the 1993 civil both parents, one sister and his brother were killed the same day. He fled to live in refugee camp for 4 months in Tanzania and came back to Burundi in April 1994 to live with his grandparents. After the grandparents were also killed in 1997, he had no other choice and went to [Maison Shalom](#), by the help of one of his friend who were among the 25 children saved by Maggy, when she founded Maison Shalom in October 1993. Since then, Maison Shalom assisted Richard as many other children who were orphaned by the

war, till he graduated from high school in 2002. In 2003, he got a scholarship from the government of Burundi and went to study Economics in Russian Federation. He came back to Burundi in 2009 and started working at Maison Shalom as its executive director. Each day when he wakes up, he's always excited to contribute to creating the same chance to go from destitute to autonomous citizens for the numerous youngsters who are in the same situation like him in 1997, just before he came to Maison Shalom.

Head of PaRD Secretariat for the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development

Ulrich Nitschke currently serves as the head of Sector Program Values for Religion and Development at the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit](#) (GIZ) GmbH, as well as the head of PaRD Secretariat for the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development. Previously, he was the head of the Local Governance and Civil Society Development Program and Future for Palestine at GIZ Palestine and the chairperson of the GIZ's Sector Network Governance for the Middle East and North Africa region. Between 2001 and 2008 he held several managerial positions in the fields of municipal development, capacity-building, and political development education. Nitschke holds degrees in theology

and philosophy from Fribourg University and a M.A. in political science, economics, sociology, and development from Aachen and Cologne.

Student, France

Merveille Nkurunziza is from Burundi, she is 21 years old. She and her family had to leave burundi due to political crisis, they moved to Rwanda where they met Maggy Barankitse from [Maison Shalom](#). Actually Merveille and her brother, Confiance, are sponsored by Maison Shalom for their studies. Merveille has been selected, with 9 other refugees students, to come to Lyon at Made In Sainte-Marie that give them 9 scholarship to study in France. She is studying International Trade. After her father's car accident she realized the difficulties they had to access to better healthcare in the refugees camp. Convinced that every person has a role in making tomorrow a healthier world, she decided to do her intern with Ahimsa where she can participate to develop health and entrepreneurship projects around the world.

Country Director of The Handa Foundation

Kevin O'Brien studied engineering at Northwestern University and business management at UCLA. During his career in the States he was awarded more than 60 patents related to the design of roller coasters, airplanes, and other mechanical devices. He later built and sold his own technology company, and served as an executive for a large security company, before moving his family to Asia at the age of 40. Over the past eight years he has worked to create financially sustainable facilities in Cambodia and Laos, including two hospitals, eight medical centers, a nursing school, a farm and a sports center. He currently serves as the Country Director of [The Handa Foundation](#).

Psychology Student

Linky is a psychology student. She believes in using social media for advocacy

Technical Officer, SIHI, WHO

Mariam Otmani del Barrio joined TDR Unit on Vectors, Environment and Society in 2017. She is a social scientist trained in health and development economics with over ten years of experience in International Development and social determinants of health, gender mainstreaming, implementation research, project and knowledge management and environmental and public health research and policy. She is currently providing technical support and coordinating research projects on vector control in urban health settings and on capacity building for gender-based analyses in vector-borne disease and climate change research. Mariam also supports the Social Innovation in Health Initiative and previously held other positions within [WHO](#)

focusing on knowledge management, evidence and research on environmental and social determinants of health, and managed research studies on effectiveness of environmental health interventions in African and Asian countries. Prior to joining WHO in 2010, Mariam worked for UN-Woman covering Southern Africa Region countries and for other UN sister Agencies and Sustainable Development organizations.

Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Prof. S. Parasuraman has over 25 years of experience as a teacher, trainer, activist, administrator and development worker. Prof. Parasuraman enjoys working in challenging social, political and physical environments. He has always liked to be part of a larger team and has the rare ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team. Prof S.parasuraman is specialized in establishing and nurturing institutions, facilitating capacity-building on rights-based approach to development, contributing to team building, conflict resolution, professional and personal development of staff at all levels in the organisations served and Managing complex programmes spread across large regions. Prof. Parasuraman has over 50

publications in the form of articles in international and national journals, books and research reports. He was awarded the Bharat Shrestha Acharya Award 2012 by MIT, Pune.

Global lead for Making More Health, Boehringer Ingelheim

Global lead of social entrepreneurial initiative Making More Health at [Boehringer Ingelheim](#). Changemaker. Her focus: innovative leadership challenges, strategy development and implementation of initiatives that aim to connect, support and empower co-creation among social entrepreneurs, industry and public/local NGOs/academic world. Many years of digital experience in the modern international business world, followed by a huge social entrepreneurial experience around the globe. Her best learning ever? An ongoing social entrepreneurial project in rural South India, in collaboration with local NGOs, our business people and simple village people. Facilitating community building across the traditional borders and employee

engagement for making social impact that creates a win to all. For more info: www.makingmorehealth.com.

Research Coordinator HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Department, Brazilian Ministry of Health

Maria Cristina Pimenta de Oliveira- "Cristina Pimenta", is a Psychologist with a Masters degree in Education, and a PhD in Collective Health. She has worked with HIV prevention for over twenty five years. As a project specialist and international consultant, she has acquired extensive experience in public health, education, public health and social policies and programs globally. From 1996 to 2000, she was Chief of Prevention for the National HIV/AIDS Program and coordinated the structuring of the national diagnosis and prevention programs and service delivery network at the national, State and Municipal levels. From 2000 to 2010 also acted in the nongovernmental HIV/AIDS and human rights scene as executive director of one of the larger AIDS NGO in Brazil developed work with most vulnerable populations, and in the areas of intellectual property rights and social science research, and acted as an international consultant for several UN organizations. She has worked as an HIV specialist with UNAIDS in Geneva in 2005, served as member of the WHO strategic technical advisory committee for HIV/AIDS (STAC) from 2007-2011, and as member of the Global Fund Technical Review Panel from 2012-2016. Presently, she is the research coordinator for the Brazilian Ministry of Health National HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Department, and Professor of the Nursing School of the Veiga de Almeida University in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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Executive Director, Laboratoires Boiron

Valérie Lorentz-Poinsot is Deputy General Manager of [Boiron](#) Laboratories. She started out as a health visitor, and discovered homeopathy when she chose to take her children to see a homeopath. She was hired at Boiron with a view to developing medical marketing. In 2010, she was appointed to an executive management role, and later to Deputy General Manager. "Managing people is all about obtaining results. The primary objective of any manager is to ensure the growth of the company. However, there are different ways of going about this, and it is important to give meaning to what people do, and to share the reasons for and aims of a project. "Decisions must not be made in the heat of the moment. It is essential to

be able to manage one's emotions and oneself. My rule is: take a breath, think, act. Strictly in that order!"

Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean to the United Nations and Director of [DIHAD](#)

Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Putman-Cramer had been serving as Director of the International Scientific Advisory Board of the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference and Exhibition, a Member of the Advisory Expert Committee on International Operations at the Swiss Red Cross, and

a Senior Associate at the Global Humanitarian Forum since 2009. From 1975 to 2009, Mr. Putman-Cramer worked for the United Nations in various capacities. He was Deputy Director and Chief of the Emergency Services Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva from 2001 to 2009, and was Chief of the Disaster Response Branch from 1996 to 2001. He worked with the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs from 1992 to 1996, and from 1991 to 1992, he worked with the United Nations Inter-Agency Humanitarian Programme for Iraq, Kuwait and the Iraq/Turkey and Iraq/Iran border areas. He joined the United Nations Development Programme in 1975 and worked both at headquarters in New York and in the field with the Programme until 1991.

Shankar RAI

NEPAL

Director, the Nepal Cleft & Burn Center



Dr. Shankar Rai has personally performed more than 6,000 cleft lip/palate procedures throughout Nepal. The director and administrator of the [Nepal Cleft & Burn Center](#) is Dr. Shankar Rai. A native of the 'hill country' of Eastern Nepal, Dr. Rai is an internationally recognized reconstructive surgeon.

Joanna RUBINSTEIN

SWEDEN

President and CEO, World Childhood Foundation



In January 2015, Rubinstein was appointed President & CEO of [World Childhood Foundation USA](#). Founded in 1999 by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, Childhood works on prevention of child abuse and exploitation. With over 100 ongoing projects in 16 countries, Childhood helps to ensure that all children have the opportunity of a happy childhood. Before joining Childhood, Rubinstein played leadership roles for a decade at the Earth Institute (EI) of Columbia University and at the United Nations (UN). As a Chief of Staff of Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Rubinstein helped develop and lead a plethora of innovative initiatives in health, education and sustainable development.

She supported the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission and the MDG Advocacy

Group of the UN Secretary General. Rubinstein also played a strategic role in establishing high-level partnership projects with academia, governments and the private sector in health, education, poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

Gerard SCHMETS

BELGIUM

Coordinator Health Systems Government, WHO Belgium



Gérard Schmets is health economist who started his career as researcher in the University of Louvain, analysing the financing of the Belgian health sector. In 1986, he joined the NGO "Médecins Sans Frontières" in Mali for his first of several long term assignment abroad related to strengthening health systems. Subsequently, he pursued a career as a consultant for AEDES, a health consulting firm based in Brussels, for which he became deputy managing director; a position he held until 2004. Since 1986, Gerard has worked intensively on health systems abroad in Africa, the Pacific Islands, the Caribbean's, Eastern Europe and Asia, on long term and short term missions. He also worked in Europe on hospitals reform and hospitals

management as managing director of Gemelli, a Belgian firm specialized in Hospital Management. He joined the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe in 2004, where he was in charge of the Division of Country Health Systems. In April 2008 he became coordinator of the Health Systems Governance, Policies and Aid Effectiveness Unit at [WHO](#) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.



Sudeep Sen's prize-winning books include *Postmarked India: New & Selected Poems* (HarperCollins), *Rain, Aria* (A. K. Ramanujan Translation Award), *The HarperCollins Book of English Poetry* (editor), *Fractals: New & Selected Poems | Translations 1980-2015* (London Magazine Editions) and *EroText* (Vintage: Penguin Random House). *Blue Nude: New Poems & Ekphrasis* (Jorge Zalamea International Poetry Prize) is forthcoming. Sen's works have been translated into over 25 languages. His words have appeared in the Times Literary Supplement, Newsweek, Guardian, Observer, Independent, Telegraph, Financial Times, Herald, Poetry Review, Literary Review, Harvard Review, Hindu, Hindustan Times, Times of India,

Indian Express, Outlook, India Today, and broadcast on bbc, pbs, cnn ibn, ndtv, air & Doordarshan. Sen's newer work appears in New Writing 15 (Granta), Language for a New Century (Norton), Leela: An Erotic Play of Verse and Art (Collins), Indian Love Poems (Knopf/Random House/Everyman), Out of Bounds (Bloodaxe), and Initiate: Oxford New Writing (Blackwell). He is the editorial director of AARK ARTS and the editor of *Atlas*. Sen is the first Asian honoured to speak and read at the Nobel Laureate Week. The Government of India awarded him the senior fellowship for "outstanding persons in the field of culture/literature."

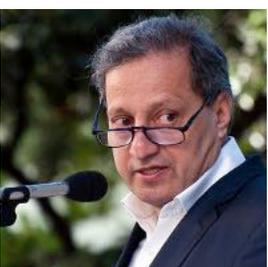


Simran Singh is the director of a successful Executive Search Company. Besides her professional career, she is actively involved with a variety of social causes and organisations. She is presently a trustee/board member on three animal welfare organisations. She has also served on the Executive Committee of 'Sanjivani', an NGO that works with mental health. At a personal level, she spends some of her time studying and engaging with alternative healing practices. She is also an active trekker and amateur actor.



She works for Glacier by Sanlam. One of the biggest Investment houses in the country. She works specifically with unit trust funds, financial markets, compulsory and discretionary money. She is also a member of the Business Women's Association (BWASA). Previously she worked for The Foschini Group, Vodacom, Metropolitan and The Da Vinci Group. In all these great companies she worked as a line manager with a staff count of 15/20 people reporting directly to me. In her personal time, she does Image/Brand consulting work for businesses and individuals. Her key focus area is Self-image and re-branding. She is passionate about people; life and learning about different cultures. She believes self-discovery is not a destination because life's

lessons and unexpected interruptions form and mould us every day. For this reason, we are constantly evolving. Forever learning. Forever growing. Forever sharing our light.



Faouzi Skali has a doctorate in anthropology, ethnology and religious sciences. He is a renowned figure in Moroccan culture and has helped to implement and monitor various projects aimed at promoting peaceful values in the Muslim world. In recognition of his work and teaching, he has been decorated as a Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honor and has been named by the UN as one of the top seven individuals around the world to have made a significant contribution to dialogue between civilizations. Amongst other activities, Dr. Skali is a member of the *Groupe des Sages*, created under the auspices of the European Commission to promote dialogue between peoples and cultures around the Mediterranean. He was

also a co-founder of the Fes Festival of World Sacred Music and the associated "Giving Soul to

Globalization” forum. Today, Faouzi Skali is an author, professor, president of the Fes Festival of Sufi Culture and the Fes Festival of Culinary Diplomacy, co-president of IDRIS (international center for dialogue and research into subjective and social identities), and adviser to the Moroccan authority for audiovisual communication (HACA).

Sally SMITH

Senior Community Mobilization Adviser, FBOs, UNAIDS



Sally Smith is the Adviser for Faith Based Organizations in the Community Mobilization division of [UNAIDS](#) based in a department of Rights, Gender and Community mobilization in Geneva. She is responsible for UNAIDS liaison with faith based groups and religions. She has experience working with NGOs and FBOs engaged in the AIDS response including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Islamic groups. She has worked for UNAIDS for nine years in the Civil Society Partnership unit and the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS. Actively engaged with faith based communities for many years, Sally moved to Geneva at the end of 1999 following 16 years working in Nepal for the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) in primary health care, community health and development.

Agnes SOUCAT

FRANCE

Director, Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing in the Cluster on Health Systems, World Health Organization



Dr Agnes Soucat is the Director, Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing in the Cluster on Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)). Before joining WHO, she was the Global Lead: Health, Nutrition and Population for the World Bank and part of the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health, where she was involved in creating Global Health 2035. Dr Soucat previously held the position of Director for Human Development for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education and social protection for 53 African countries. She has worked for the World Bank in various capacities, including as Lead Economist and Advisor for Human

Development for Africa; she additionally worked for UNAIDS, UNICEF and the European Commission. Dr Soucat has many publications to her name, notably as co-author of the World Development Report 2004 'Making Services Work for Poor People'. A French national, Dr Soucat holds an MD and Masters in Nutrition from the University of Nance, and a Master of Public Health and PhD in Health Economics from Johns Hopkins University.

Kate STEVENS

UK

Strategic Engagement Manager, Humanitarian Leadership Academy



Kate joined the [Humanitarian Leadership Academy](#) in June 2016 and is responsible for building and developing strategic partnerships with donors, as well as collaborating across the sector and beyond to further progress the localisation of humanitarian aid. Prior to joining the Academy Kate held several fundraising, marketing and project management roles for charities including Save the Children, Cancer Research UK and The Prince's Trust, as well as teaching positions in the UK and South America.

Rebecca STEVENS

SIERRA LEONE

Head, Access Partnerships and Public Affairs, Novartis Social Business



Rebecca Stevens Alder: Head, Access Partnerships and Public Affairs, Novartis social Business. Rebecca is proud to be working with Novartis and its partners Roll Back Malaria; Malaria No More; The Global Fund to fight HIV, TB and Malaria; The US President's Malaria Initiative; The World Health Organization; UNICEF; The World Bank; and UNDP.

Partnership Manager, Fondation Mérieux

Manon works as a partnership officer in Fondation Mérieux since 2 years. She works particularly with the Mother and Child Project Manager, Khelil Aitout, for the follow up of projects implemented in Irak and Lebanon. She also spent one year in the Crisis Unit of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, especially on the relationships with French companies and NGOs implemented abroad.

Vice President Health and Nutrition, World Vision

Dr. Mesfin Teklu Tessema is the Vice President of Health and Nutrition at [World Vision International](#). He has more than 20 years of experience in the areas of public health, nutrition, and humanitarian emergencies. He provides global leadership to World Vision's health and nutrition program, define strategy and policies. His team's work focuses on major challenges and opportunities in global health and nutrition including policy analysis, assisting countries in program design for scale up, and oversees more than \$300 million in budgetary resources. Before his current role, Mesfin served as Emergency Health Specialist with World Vision's global rapid response team and went on to serve as Director of Emergency Health leading World

Vision's emergency health globally. Over the last several years, Mesfin has helped bring reform to World Vision's health program, including developing a new strategy focusing on first 1000 days of life. He joined World Vision International from Save the Children where he led the establishment of a nutrition surveillance unit for the joint emergency operating partners, a consortium of 6 NGOs working to provide emergency health and nutrition responses in Ethiopia.

Director of Global Product Management, Women's Health at QIAGEN

He has worked exclusively on development and promotion of [QIAGEN's](#) Women's Health portfolio for over 16 years. Ha has a background in molecular biology receiving a Master Degree in Pathology from Georgetown University, focusing on cancer research including working in the labs of some of the Researchers critical to the development of the HPV vaccine. Ha's QIAGEN career began with digene the developers of the first FDA approved HPV DNA Test to be used for diagnostics where he worked for 12+ years in R&D focusing on new assay development. His current focus at QIAGEN is managing the extensive Women's Health portfolio, including the care HPV product line developed specifically for HPV detection in low resource

settings. QIAGEN has been committed to the eradication of cervical cancer as demonstrated in our partnerships and philanthropic endeavors with numerous non-profit and NGOs all with the same goal of bringing affordable cervical cancer prevention solutions to every women.

Chief General Secretary, CCTM Office in Dharamsala

Dr. Tsering Tsamchoe was born in Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement in south India in 1977. In the year 1992, she joined Central University of Tibetan Studies, (CUTS), Varanasi and from year 1995 – 2002 she studied Tibetan Medicine at CUTS and has graduated as a Menpa Kachupa in the year 2002. After her graduation, she served as a Research associate in the Dictionary Unit, CUTS. In the year 2007 till 2012 she served as a Research officer at [Central Council of Tibetan Medicine](#) (CCTM) and recently she was elected for the executive members of CCTM and currently serving as a General Secretary of CCTM.

Chief operating Officer, Stellenbosch University



Professor van Huyssteen is an alumnus of [Stellenbosch University](#) (SU) and holds BSc Agric, HonsBScAgric (cum laude), MScAgric (cum laude) and PhD(Agric) degrees. He joined SU in 1999 as Head of the Department of Soil Science. He became the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences in 2000. Subsequently he led the merger of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the Faculty of Forestry Sciences in 2000 to form the Faculty of AgriSciences. Apart from his position as Dean, Leopoldt was also part of the Rector’s Management Team. He acted as Vice Rector (Research) and from January 2008 to March 2008 and he also acted as Executive Director: Innovation and Commercialisation. He acted as Rector and Vice-Chancellor from July 2014 to March 2015. A number of senior executive portfolios were merged under his guidance and he was appointed as Executive Director: Operations and Finance of the larger portfolio from April 2008 to August 2013. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Stellenbosch University, a new position created to oversee and coordinate organisational operations, execution thereof and systemic sustainability of the university. He has served on several committees and boards, eg. the Board of the Agricultural Research Council, the Board of Elsenburg Agricultural College, several industry committees and the Council of the Soil Science Society of South Africa (3 years as President).

General Delegate, Fondation Veolia



Thierry Vandeveldel was born in 1956. After studying Biology and Information Technology in France, he earned a Ph.D. in Biomathematics from the University of Laval in Canada. He is an engineer, specializing in water. After spending six years in North America, he joined Compagnie Générale des Eaux in 1989 as Head of Environmental Conservation. From 1991 to 1998, he was Head of Research Programs, then Director of Technologies in the International Technical Division of Veolia Water. In 1998, within the company, he created a humanitarian action unit, Waterforce, which provides support to the major players in international outreach, in the areas of emergency humanitarian aid and development. Since 2008, he has been

Executive Director of the [Veolia Environnement Foundation](#), which supports community-oriented projects in favor of sustainable development, in France and abroad. On his impetus, the Foundation intensified the corporate patronage conducted since 1998 by Waterforce, now Veolia Force.

Founder of Make Sense



Christian Vanizette has a real know how regarding social entrepreneurship. He has a great experience in Asia and more specifically in India. He co-founded [Makesense](#), an international community that mobilizes 20 000 volunteers through 100 cities and 47 countries around the world in order to help social entrepreneurs to solve their challenges. By putting together our skills and ideas. Makesense can help social entrepreneurs create and develop their businesses and solve the most pressing issues faced by society in such arenas as: education, health, environment, food, etc.

Chairman of Vision Fund Mexico



Jorge Vivanco is Chairman of [Vision Fund](#) and also President of Zukara, a company developing natural and healthy food.

Previously, he was Managing Director of bioMérieux México, DMA Latinoamericana and Diagnomed, companies dedicated in the clinical diagnostic field, from 1990 to 2008. He had a career in the public sector, managing several corporations in the industrial field and serving as Supplying Director in the Mexican Social Security. At present, he serves in different Boards of Humanitarian entities.

Executive Director LifeNet International

Stefanie specializes in empowering business leaders in the developing world to make a positive local impact. She is currently focused on leading [LifeNet's](#) social franchising of health centers in Burundi, Uganda, and Eastern DRC, building their capacity to deliver quality primary health care sustainably. Stefanie has a vision to help the most people possible to have access to quality healthcare and medicines through a system that is financially sustainable. Expanding LifeNet's work in Africa in the next several years is her chief creative and mental occupation. Stefanie holds a BSFS in Science, Technology, and International Affairs from Georgetown University, an MSc in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, and a certificate in Development Management from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Executive Director, Human Nature

Dylan was born to a poor family in England. At the age of 20, he was granted an interest-free loan of £2,500 by the Prince's Trust and started Gameplay, a business selling computer games. After five years, he had built Europe's largest direct selling computer games business. When Dylan was 25, Gameplay was listed on the London Stock Exchange, the first .com business on the LSE, making him the youngest director of a public company in the UK and the 9th richest man in the UK under the age of 30. But despite his high flying life, he wasn't happy. Dylan decided to seek something more meaningful and so he traveled the world in search of adventure and purpose. It was a Filipino friend who finally led him to what he was searching for.

After hearing about Gawad Kalinga, he flew to the Philippines in Jan. 2003 for a closer look and was astonished by what he saw. In April 2003, Dylan returned to the Philippines planning to stay for 6 weeks, yet he is still there. He spent 5 years coordinating Gawad Kalinga's international partnership efforts, then in November 2008, he started [Human Nature](#), a social enterprise, with his wife Anna and sister-in-law Camille Meloto.

Chief Adviser, International Trade Center

Matthew Wilson has been the Chief Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre since 2013. He is responsible for providing strategic advice to the Head of the ITC and ensuring the effective outreach, coordination and running of the Office of the Executive Director. Prior to this he served in the Cabinet of Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation where he was responsible for Development issues, Aid for Trade, trade facilitation, trade finance and the relations with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Mr. Wilson had previously served as Deputy Aid for Trade Coordinator at the WTO and was a trade negotiator and diplomat for the Government of Barbados

for 8 years at the Permanent Mission of Geneva to the United Nations.

CSO Advocacy Senior Specialist GAVI

Hamzah has dedicated his whole career building mechanisms to ensure cooperation across sectors and establish holistic approaches to peace-building and state-building as a stepping stone to sustainable development. His special focus is on Fragility. During the last year he has worked for Gavi where he recently switched from coordinating country programs to joining the Public Policy Engagement team, as CSO Advocacy Senior Specialist. Prior to Gavi he worked with the g7+, an intergovernmental group of 20 Fragile States in different stages of transition. His work experience has shaped his expertise in building country systems, promoting local ownership and establishing a mutual accountability frameworks with the

international community, in the way they engage in post-conflict mechanisms. His experience also includes working for the International Dialogue for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (hosted by the OECD), ICRC, IFRC and the Afghan Mission the UN in Geneva.

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Jean-François de Lavison, Ahimsa Fund

