

## GFF INVESTORS GROUP MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

### INVESTORS GROUP CHAIR



#### **Dr. Chris Elias**

Dr. Chris Elias is the president of the Global Development Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he leads the foundation's efforts in a diverse range of program areas aimed at finding creative new ways to ensure solutions and products get into the hands of people in poor countries who need them most. Focusing on areas with the potential for high-impact, sustainable solutions that can reach hundreds of millions of people, Chris oversees Global Development's portfolio

in Agriculture Development; Emergency Response; Family Planning; Financial Services for the Poor; Maternal, Newborn, & Child Health; Nutrition; Polio Eradication; Vaccine Delivery; and Water, Sanitation & Hygiene. A common theme of these programs is innovative and integrated delivery, including an emphasis on strengthening of primary health care systems.

Chris's professional background is in public health and medicine. Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in February 2012, he worked in various positions and countries for international nonprofit organizations, most recently serving as the president and CEO of PATH, an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of people around the world by advancing technologies, strengthening systems, and encouraging healthy behaviors.

Chris holds an MD from Creighton University, having completed postgraduate training in internal medicine at the University of California San Francisco, and an MPH from the University of Washington, where he was a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

### COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

#### **Ethiopia**



#### **H.E. Professor Yifru Berhan**

H.E. Professor Yifru Berhan is Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and a medical doctor with a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Since graduating from a medical school in 1997, H.E. Professor Yifru has served as a medical practitioner in the most remote areas of Ethiopia, culminating in 2015, as Dean of College of Health Sciences of Addis Ababa University with the rank of vice president. Such a wide ranging sustained experiences and accomplished academic credentials have provided the necessary depth and breadth for him to be appointed as Minister to provide leadership to

Ethiopia's vibrant and internationally recognized Health Sector Transformation Plan.

H.E. Professor Yifru’s contributions to Ethiopia’s health sector development has spanned both health service delivery and academic settings, and have resulted in major contributions to fighting and mitigating disease outbreaks, scaling up of health service and medical education. H.E. Professor Yifru is committed to public services and to ensuring the delivery of quality and equitable services to all regardless their station in life. As an accomplished researcher, his passion for public service and promotion of health delivery systems is reflected in over 70 articles he has published in reputable and refereed national and international journals.



### **H.E. Dr. Amir Aman Hagos**

H.E. Dr. Amir Aman Hagos serves as a State Minister of Health (MOH) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. A physician by training, with a master’s degree in public health, Dr. Amir is a dedicated public health professional and has served as a medical practitioner in the most rural areas, Director of Human Resources Directorate, Director General of Policy and Planning Directorate in MOH.

During his tenure Dr. Amir has successfully increased the mobilization of human and financial resources, hence ensuring the effective implementation of MOH’s 5 year “Health Development Plan IV” and current “Health Sector Transformation Plan.”

Dr. Amir is also known for championing and inspiring the new generation of health professionals through dedicated public service and has inspired volunteerism. His exemplary work on how he provided leadership in increasing the quality and volume of medical services in a district clinic has also been profiled as a model of public service in various media outlets. Dr. Amir is a committed proponent and champion of Ethiopia’s well regarded Health Extension Program (HEP) and his master’s degree is dedicated to investigating and developing strategies for the effective selection and training and means of increasing in the retention of HEP staff. Dr. Amir also serves Co-Chair of WHO’s Transforming IHP+ International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 which is dedicated to building a partnership to strengthening health systems.

Currently, Dr. Amir is responsible for and working towards the development of an efficient, effective and sustainable fiscal mobilization, budget allocation, and transparent and accountable governance structures to transform Ethiopia’s health sector.

## **Kenya**



### **Ms. Ruth Kagia**

Mrs. Ruth Kagia is currently Senior Advisor, (International Relations and the Social Sectors) in the Office of the President a position she assumed in July 2014. Prior to this Mrs. Kagia worked at the World Bank for some 20 years (1990-2013) during which she held various positions including as World Bank Country Director for Southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho as well as Mauritius and Madagascar). Before this, Mrs. Kagia was the World Bank Global Director for Education (2002- 2008). Before joining the World Bank Mrs. Kagia worked with the Kenya Government in teaching, management and research.

Mrs. Kagia holds degrees from the University of Nairobi and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In addition, she holds several professional development qualifications including the Executive Development Program from Harvard University and a Certificate of Education Measurement from Princeton.



**Dr. Jackson Kioko**

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## Liberia



**H.E. Dr. Bernice T. Dahn**

Dr. Bernice T. Dahn is the Minister of Health for the Republic of Liberia. Starting at the end of Liberia's second civil war, she served for nine years as Deputy Minister for Health Services and Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health in the Republic of Liberia. Dr. Dahn has spearheaded programs to rebuild Liberia's health system and re-establish the Ministry of Health post-war. She was also responsible for the restoration of routine health services in the wake of the Ebola epidemic of 2014-15.

Prior to her role as Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Dahn worked for the United Nations Population Fund as a Reproductive Health Advisor from 2002-2006. She was the Ministry of Health's Director of Family Health from 1999-2002 and Director of Nutrition from 1998-1999.

Dr. Dahn has published over two-dozen journal articles in various topics on health care and is the recipient of numerous leadership accolades from Yale University, Harvard School of Public Health, University of California-Berkeley, and the People's Republic of China. She received her Bachelor of Science in Zoology degree in 1987 from the T. J. Faulkner College of Science & Technology, and MD in 1996 from the A.M. Dogliotti College of Medicine at the University of Liberia. Dr. Dahn completed a Master's of Public Health in 2005 from the School of Public Health & Community Medicine at the University of Washington.

## Senegal



**H.E. Dr. Awa Marie Coll Seck**

Awa Marie Coll Seck has served as Minister of Health of the Republic of Senegal since 2012. She was Executive Director of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RMB) from 2004-2011 and served as Director of the UNAIDS Department of Country and Regional Support from 1996-2001. She was Minister of Health and Prevention of Senegal from 2001 to 2003.

Dr. Coll Seck was elected as chairperson of Committee B of the World Health Assembly and also as president of the Assembly of the Ministries of Health of the West African Health Organization in 2002. She has been awarded numerous professional and academic honors, including the Knight of the Order of Merit of the French Republic, Chevalier, Ordre des Palmes académiques; Officer of the Order of Merit Senegalese; and Knight of the Order of Merit of Burkina Faso. She is an honorary member of the Academy of Sciences and Technologies of Senegal and is the author of more than 150 scientific publications. Dr. Coll Seck earned her medical degree from the University of Dakar in 1978.

## FINANCIERS

### Canada



#### **Ms. Sarah Fountain Smith**

Sarah Fountain Smith is the Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues and Development for Global Affairs, Canada. Ms. Fountain Smith joined the Department of External Affairs in 1989 and has since served abroad at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and the embassies of Canada in Argentina and Brazil. From 2009-2012, Ms. Fountain Smith was Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Chile and Honorary President of the Chile-Canada Chamber of Commerce. In Ottawa, she has held several management positions, including as Director General for International Organizations, Director responsible for South America and Inter-American Relations, and Director for Canada-US relations and the International Joint Commission. From 2013 to 2015, Ms. Fountain Smith was a Governor on the Board of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Ms. Fountain Smith was appointed to her current position in March, 2016. She speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French and English and is a graduate of the Executive Excellence/Living Leadership Program of the Canada School of the Public Service. Ms. Fountain Smith graduated from McGill University in 1989 with a BA Honors in Classics.



#### **Ms. Susan Tolton**

Susan Tolton is the Director for the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Division at Global Affairs Canada. Susan represents Canada on the Board of Directors for the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and as of January 2017 on Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Susan leads Global Affairs' efforts on sexual and reproductive health and rights while also supporting Canada's leadership related to the Global Financing Facility (GFF).

Susan joins Global Affairs from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), where she focused on social innovation, social finance and social enterprise. Prior to ESDC, Susan held various management positions at the Public Health Agency of Canada working on domestic HIV/AIDS issues and co-Chaired the initial Advisory Group for CHVI, the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative.

Susan has extensive experience in community-based health care initiatives, including with the Canadian Mental Health Association and in supporting new Canadians. Susan has presented at Canadian and international conferences on various topics including social enterprise, HIV/AIDS and community development. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Toronto.

## Japan



### **Dr. Takao Toda**

As the Vice President for Human Security and Global Health, Dr. Toda promotes strategic planning and implementation of JICA's operations.

Dr. Toda received Ph.D at the Graduate School of International Development in Nagoya University in 2009, master's degree at the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences in the University of Tokyo in 2001, and LL.B at the Faculty of Law in Kyoto University in 1984. For more than three decades, he has been playing various key roles of strategizing and implementing Japan's ODA, such as Group Director on Peace Building, Group Director on Human Security, Senior Fellow of JICA Research Center, Chief Representative of Bangladesh Office, Director General of Human Development Department.

He has a wide range of knowledge and experience especially on the operationalization process of Human Security, which has been the core concept of Japan's diplomatic policy of international cooperation.



### **Mr. Ikuo Takizawa**

Mr. Takizawa graduated from University of Tsukuba, Japan in March 1992 with BA in International Relations and then obtained MSc in Population and International Health from Harvard School of Public Health, USA in June 1998.

Throughout his carrier with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since April 1992, he has been involved in JICA's health and health-related projects in Asia, Latin America and Africa. He worked in JICA Philippines between 2001 and 2005 as an Assistant Resident Representative in charge of health, education and local governance. He worked in JICA Kenya between 2008 and 2010 as a Regional Project Formulation Advisor for Health and he was involved in designing, monitoring and evaluation of JICA's health projects in many countries in the Africa region.

Currently he serves as Deputy Director General, Human Development Department and supervises JICA's health portfolio in Africa, Middle East and Europe, and Latin America. Thematically, he leads JICA's operations in infectious diseases control including pandemic response, and health systems strengthening (HSS) toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC). He represents JICA in various committees and conferences in global health.

## Norway



### Dr. Paul Fife

In January 2017, Paul Richard Fife was appointed Director for Education and Global Health in Norad - the Norwegian Directorate for Development Cooperation. His responsibilities include contributing to Norway's leadership role in global health and education and ensuring effective Norwegian aid investments in these areas. Prior to this, he was in charge of strategy and special projects in the Office of the Director-General. In previous periods as head of health, education and research, he represented Norway on several international Boards and committees, including the Gavi Alliance and the Global Partnership for Education. From 1995-2003, Mr. Fife worked on vaccines and health with Unicef in Eritrea, Cambodia and at UNICEF HQ in New York. A Norwegian national, he is a medical doctor and holds a master's degree in Public Policy and Management.



### Ms. Lene Lothe

Lene Lothe is Head of the Global Health Section in the Department for Global Health, Education and Research at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). Norad is a technical directorate of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Section is central in providing technical guidance on Norway's global health portfolio through bilateral programmes, global initiatives and funds supported by Norway. The Section is also responsible for grant management, quality assurance and performance measurement of Norwegian development investments. Lene has broad experience with reproductive, maternal and child health programming and has represented Norad in several boards and committees, including the Programme and Policy Committee of Gavi. Lene has worked at Norad for more than 10 years and has experience from program planning at facility, district and national levels. She also has broad experience working with international agencies. Lene is trained in public health and social anthropology, and holds Master degrees from Yale School of Public and the University of Oslo.

## United Kingdom



### Ms. Claire Moran

As Head of Human Development Department for DFID, Claire leads a department of 60 staff who shape DFID policy thinking on nutrition, health services, sexual and reproductive health and rights, water, sanitation and hygiene. The Department works on cross-cutting human development themes, such as girls and women, early childhood development, and adolescents and provides funding for global public goods for human development to improve the international architecture and build knowledge and evidence. Claire is a member of the Global Financing Facility Investors Group and Family Planning 2020

Reference Group.

Prior to this role Claire led the DFID Migration Department for six months, delivering the UK's humanitarian support to the Mediterranean Migration Crisis over the winter, and leading new policy think on protracted crises. Prior to that Claire managed the 13 Heads of Profession for the DFID Advisory Cadres. She was head of the Fragile States and Conflict Group in DFID's Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department from November 2011 to November 2013.

Claire was the Development Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington DC for three years, on secondment from DFID. This position was responsible for strengthening UK-US co-operation on international development policy; reporting and analysis on the US development system; and outreach to the wider development community in Washington DC. Claire was a member of the Board for the Society for International Development Washington DC Chapter.

Prior to arriving in Washington she was Head of DFID Cambodia, and managed the DFID programme based in Phnom Penh. Claire's career at DFID has included postings to Bangkok (managing both the Cambodia and Burma programmes for DFID South East Asia), Islamabad and Abuja (managing the DFID HIV/AIDS portfolio). Whilst based in London she worked on the West Bank and Gaza programme, and managed the Regional Unit for Latin America. Prior to joining DFID she was a policy analyst for the Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions.



### **Dr. Meena Gandhi**

Originally qualified as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, Meena has worked in public health for the last 15 years. Since 2014, Meena has been a Health Adviser in the Human Development Department in DFID's head office Policy Division, covering aspects of both family planning and maternal and child health. Prior to this, she worked in the DFID Zambia office. Before joining DFID in 2012, Meena was Head of Health for Save the Children UK in Ethiopia, managing their health portfolio in 3 different regions. She has also worked as a senior technical consultant in both India and Ethiopia, mainly in the field of HIV prevention and sexual health for technical units and international NGOs. Meena practiced clinical medicine for 8 years, mainly in the field of obstetrics, gynaecology, family planning and sexual health in both the UK and rural South Africa.

## **United States of America**



### **Dr. Jennifer Adams**

Dr. Jennifer Adams is USAID's senior deputy assistant administrator in the Bureau for Global Health. She manages Population and Reproductive Health, Office of HIV/AIDS, Office of Health Systems and other special assignments.

Previously, Dr. Adams headed USAID's Office of Donor Engagement. Her duties involved analysis, communication, and collaborative efforts to generate joint understanding and action on key development priorities with both bilateral and multilateral donor partners around the world. Jennifer Adams was appointed the first USAID Development Counselor to China in September, 2008. Before her post in Beijing, she was the Mission Director for

USAID in Brazil.

Dr. Adams has worked for USAID for over 20 years, in the Central Asian Republics, Senegal, Brazil and Washington, D.C. Her positions included Economist, and managing social sector portfolios, including health, education and environment projects. In Brazil, she initiated a successful public private partnership, Mais Unidos, that engaged the 50 largest American companies to support social entrepreneurship.

Jennifer Adams graduated from Johns Hopkins University, has a M.Phil from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex and a Ph.D in Economics from Cambridge University.

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance



#### **Ms. Anuradha Gupta**

Anuradha Gupta is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Since joining Gavi in 2015 Anuradha has been leading efforts to better integrate support to countries within Gavi’s strategy. In particular she has played a pivotal role in setting up a new model of country-level Alliance support through the establishment of a Partners’ Engagement Framework. At the same time, she has helped improve country ownership and leadership of Gavi-supported programmes through the development of new country-focused approaches.

Prior to joining Gavi, Anuradha served as Additional Secretary at the Indian Ministry of Health, and Mission Director of the National Health Mission where she ran the largest –and possibly most complex – public health programme in the world with an annual budget of US\$ 3.5 billion.

A passionate and influential advocate of women, young girls and children, Anuradha played a leading role in India’s efforts to eradicate polio transmission and has contributed towards a number of important global health initiatives including Co-Chairing the Partnership for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (PMNCH), serving as a member of the Steering Committee of the “Child Survival Call to Action” at the invitation of Secretary of State Clinton, Co-Chairing the Stakeholder Group for the London Family Planning.



#### **Ms. Hind Khatib-Othman**

Hind Khatib-Othman joined GAVI Alliance as Managing Director, Country Programmes in September 2012.

Hind comes with a wealth of very relevant senior level experience having managed programs in country and in regions, and working in multi-partner organizations at Regional and global levels. She joined GAVI from UNAIDS, where she was a Director of the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), based in Cairo. In that role, she provided strategic leadership and direction through direct support to nine country offices and works with partners in twelve countries to optimize their efforts in helping the national response to AIDS.

Previously, Hind served as Director for the Unit covering Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, and Local Fund Agent Management at The Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Prior to her time at the Global Fund, Hind worked with UNICEF for 16 years in progressively more senior roles in a number of regions including Middle East and North Africa, Europe, and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. As her career to date demonstrates, Hind is passionate about children and saving lives.

Hind’s academic background is in Sociology and Public Administration, with a field of specialization in Health Care Services, in which she holds a Master’s degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.



## The Global Fund



### **Dr. Marijke Wijnroks**

Marijke Wijnroks joined the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as its Chief of Staff on 15 July 2013. In her position she has a broad responsibility and a particular focus on gender and human rights and on engaging with all partners in the cause of global health.

Before joining the Global Fund Marijke Wijnroks was Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, and also Deputy Director of the Social Development Department, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands. In that position she has overseen policy and strategy development in areas related to HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, education and civil society.

She earned a medical degree from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and a degree in tropical health and medicine from the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium.



### **Dr. Viviana Mangiaterra**

Viviana Mangiaterra is a specialist in international public health with a primary expertise in reproductive, maternal, child, and adolescent health. She has a medical degree with further training (Ph.D. Level) in pediatrics and epidemiology and she has worked in Italy as clinician and researcher for several years. She joined the World Health Organization in 1987 working at all levels of the WHO system, national (Rwanda and Indonesia), regional (European Region) and HQ. She worked at the World Bank as Advisor Children and Youth from 2002 to 2007. During that period she was responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive Children and Youth strategy and she was instrumental in the development of the World Development Report 2007 on Youth.

She was with the WHO at the HQ office from 2007 to 2013, responsible for the integration and partnerships work of the Cluster of Family, Women and Child Health with the Commission of Commodities, the H4+, HIV, Malaria programs within WHO and with other relevant partners. Since 2012 she is the co-chair of the Roll Back Malaria, Malaria in Pregnancy Working Group. She has joined in 2014 the GF as Senior Coordinator RMNCH/ HSS. During her career she has gained an extensive experience in policy and strategy development, implementation and evaluation of programs embracing reproductive, maternal and child health interventions including programmatic areas related to health system strengthening and integration across MDG 4, 5 and 6.

## PRIVATE SECTOR

### Merck for Mothers



#### **Dr. Naveen Rao**

Dr. Naveen Rao leads Merck for Mothers, Merck's 10-year, \$500 million initiative to reduce maternal mortality around the world. In this capacity, Dr. Rao is responsible for leveraging the company's science and business expertise to accelerate progress in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals and advancing Merck & Co., Inc. mission to improve and save lives.

Dr. Rao has held numerous leadership positions at Merck & Co., Inc. and was previously Head of Medical Affairs for Merck's Asia-Pacific region and Managing Director of Merck's subsidiary in India.

Dr. Rao is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He was Associate Director of the Department of Medicine at Beekman Downtown Hospital and practiced Internal Medicine in New York City for 10 years prior to joining Merck in 1993. Dr. Rao is a member of the Board of Overseers of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, member of the Board of Directors of GBC Health and Chairs the Maternal Health Pillar of the MDG Health Alliance, an effort supporting UN agencies to improve the health of women and children.



#### **Dr. Mary-Ann Etiebet**

Dr. Mary-Ann Etiebet is the Executive Director for Merck for Mothers. Dr. Etiebet is a physician, researcher and strong advocate for women's health, with extensive experience working with international development partners to design, manage and evaluate programs that address the needs of vulnerable and at risk populations. As the Executive Director of *Merck for Mothers*, Dr. Etiebet is responsible for successfully implementing a robust set of innovative programs across the globe, designing new high-impact partnerships, managing relationships with important external stakeholders, and serving as an internal and external

ambassador of the initiative.

She combines clinical expertise as a Board Certified Infectious Disease physician with global experience in healthcare strategy, health systems strengthening and performance improvement in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Dr. Etiebet earned her MD and MBA from Yale University, and completed her residency and fellowship training at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital System.

## Grand Challenges Canada



### **Dr. Peter A. Singer**

Peter Singer is the Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada. Dr. Singer has dedicated the last decade to bringing innovation to tackling the health challenges of the world's poorest people. He is well known around the world for his creative solutions to some of the most pressing global health challenges. Dr. Singer is Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada. He is also Professor of Medicine at University of Toronto, Director at the Sandra Rotman Centre at University Health Network, and Foreign Secretary of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2007, Dr. Singer received the Michael Smith Prize as Canada's Health Researcher of the Year in Population Health and Health Services.

In 2011, Dr. Singer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to health research and bioethics, and for his dedication to improving health in developing countries. In 2014, he was named by the UN Secretary General's Office as Co-Chair of the Every Woman Every Child Innovation Working Group. Dr. Singer is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). Dr. Singer has published over 300 articles and mentored hundreds of students and staff. He studied internal medicine at University of Toronto, medical ethics at University of Chicago, public health at Yale University, and management at Harvard Business School.

## Philips



### **Mr. Jan-Willem Scheijgrond**

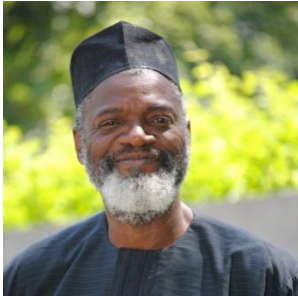
Jan-Willem Scheijgrond, is the Head of International Partnership for Royal Philips. He heads up the partnerships with international partners such as the United Nations and the World Economic Forum. In that role he is focusing on partnerships that strengthen health systems and improve mother and childcare. Jan-Willem is a Board member of the Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Child Health (PMNCH) and a member of the Global Finance Facility Investors Group. Jan-Willem is also a member of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Sustainable Development which focuses on the role of the private sector in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Until 2015 Jan-Willem headed up the global Business to Government network at Philips that engages with governments and stakeholders to address societal challenges in particular in the area of large scale health care transformations. He joined Philips in 2009 as Senior Director as part of the Corporate Sustainability Office with responsibility for risk and reputation management.

Jan-Willem started his career at the United Nations Environment Program, where he developed best practices guides related to cleaner production for emerging markets. Subsequently, he held a number of sustainability and government related functions at the BLC Leather Confederation, Epson, and Hewlett-Packard. Jan-Willem holds a Masters degree in Environmental Technology from Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Jan-Willem is married and has two children.

## PRIVATE FOUNDATION

### Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



#### Dr. Nosa Orobato

Dr. Orobato is part of the Newborn & Child Health team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Nosa has previously worked for the World Health Organization from 2007-2011 as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Health Metrics Network. From 2006-2007, he served as Director of Operations for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. Nosa has worked with governments and non-profits in over 25 countries on public health initiatives in Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. He has lived and worked for 10 years in Eritrea, Uganda and Zambia.

Most recently Nosa served as Senior Advisor on Global Health for John Snow, Inc where he was based in Nigeria as Chief of Party for the USAID/Nigeria Targeted States High Impact Project (TSHIP). Between 2012 and 2015, Nosa helped to pioneer the use and local manufacturing of chlorhexidine and misoprostol for implementation at scale, at community level in two states in Nigeria. He has co-authored many milestone papers on maternal, newborn and child health with particular focus on going to scale and on the social determinants of health. Some of his recent work and publications helped to draw global attention to the over 2 million women in 80 countries who deliver their babies alone with no one present.

At the foundation, Nosa is tasked with the coordination of the Foundation's global agenda on the treatment of the sick newborn, infant and child (CoNIC) and engagement in the Global Financing Facility and related activities that promote and support investments across the reproductive, maternal, child health and nutrition continuum in countries as well as helping with the Foundation's deployment strategy for maternal and newborn high impact interventions.

## CIVIL SOCIETY

### African Health Budget Network



#### Dr. Aminu Magashi Garba

Dr. Garba is one of the civil societies' representatives for the Global Financing Facility Investors Group. He founded and coordinates the Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) which is a regional network that uses budget advocacy to influence adequate health sector finances and improved, transparency and accountability especially related to SRMNCAH. Through the work of AHBN, he is a co-convener of the PMNCH Steering Group on accountability, a founding member of the Global Financing Facility (GFF) Civil Societies Coordinating Group. In the past he has facilitated the emergence of numerous national and subnational accountability mechanisms in Nigeria focusing on SRMNCAH. He writes a newspaper health column with a Nigerian Newspaper 'Daily Trust' for over 14 years and the publisher of an online newspaper 'Health Reporters – [www.healthreporters.info](http://www.healthreporters.info)' that reports on Africa's health.

He holds an MBBS degree from University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (2001) and MSc in Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2006/7) and he is a British Chevening Scholar (2006/7). He is married with 2 kids.

## Plan International



### Mr. Christopher Armstrong

Christopher Armstrong is the Director of Health at Plan International Canada responsible for the technical oversight and leadership of Plan International Canada's health and WASH programming portfolio as well as policy, thought leadership and business development. Chris has spent the last 20+ years of his career focussed on international development and public health, spanning the globe working for civil society organisations, the Government of Canada and UNFPA. Chris obtained his Master's Degree in Public Health from Yale University's School of Medicine and he completed his undergraduate studies at McGill University. He has lived and worked in

Asia, Africa and the South Pacific.

## Jhpiego



### Ms. Angela Mutunga

Ms. Angela Mutunga is the Africa Region Advocacy Advisor (from Jan. 2017) for the Advance Family Planning (AFP) initiative of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Gates Institute, based at Jhpiego-Kenya. AFP's advocacy efforts aim to increase financial, policy and political support for family planning in line with the goals of FP2020 in over 10 countries. Prior to her current Africa region portfolio, Angela was the East Africa Regional Program Advisor for AFP since August 2013.

Angela takes lead in coordination of voices from the South advocacy activities, working with diverse Africa and global partners and broader coalitions. Particularly, Angela facilitates use of the AFP advocacy portfolio, diffusion of best practices in advocacy, advocacy knowledge management and skills building, and tools innovations. She works closely with all AFP partners in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to identify opportunities for in country advocacy strategies, in pursuit of the countries fulfilment of FP2020 commitments.

Prior to joining AFP, Angela was the Country Director for Family Care International (FCI), Kenya Office, where she held several positions of increasing responsibility since July 2001. Angela poses over 18 years' experience in RH/FP advocacy, human rights approaches to RH, social accountability, research, management training for health sector and quality assurance methodologies. Angela's experience goes beyond RH/FP, has been an accountant with over 15 years' experience serving in various finance and administration positions.

Angela holds an MA in Sociology and Communication, Certified Public Accountant and currently pursues MSc. In Health Economics and Policy at the University of Nairobi.

## Population Council



### Dr. John Townsend

John Townsend, PhD, is a vice president and director of the Population Council's Reproductive Health program. He provides leadership, directs research initiatives, and advances policy innovations that translate into better-functioning health systems, improved sexual and reproductive health, and enhanced respect for the right to health for women and men worldwide.

Townsend oversees research focused on three core areas: basic biomedical studies and the development of male and female contraceptives; social science research to identify causes of poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes; and research on the development, scale-up, financing, and sustainability of service-delivery models. He works closely with international health and development agencies, ministries of health, and private healthcare providers to implement policies and programs that encourage more effective healthcare practices; participates in multiple interagency committees on contraceptive technology, gender, and reproductive health services; and represents the Council in meetings with national and international policymakers worldwide.

Townsend is a frequent presenter at professional meetings, with extensive publications and studies focusing on development, population, family planning, and reproductive health. He has worked and traveled extensively in more than 35 countries, and in 2006 he received USAID's Marjorie Horn Operations Research Award for excellence in conducting and utilizing research. He holds a doctorate in social psychology with supporting studies in public affairs and educational psychology from the University of Minnesota. He received his Leadership Development Certificate from the Columbia University Business School's Institute for Not-for-Profit Management, and received his undergraduate degrees in psychology and German from Marquette University.

## MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Office of the United Nations Secretary-General



### Dr. David Nabarro

David Nabarro serves as Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change. He works with Governments and other stakeholders to galvanize action on implementation of both the 2030 and Climate Action agendas. He also oversees the Secretary-General's special initiatives, including Every Woman Every Child, Global Pulse and Zero Hunger Challenge, and the UN Office for Partnerships. David Nabarro has more than 30 years' experience of public health, nutrition and development at country, regional and global levels, and has held positions in nongovernmental organizations, universities, national Governments and the United Nations (UN) system. David Nabarro was born in London in 1949 and qualified as a physician in 1973. He started his career with four years in the United Kingdom National Health Service. He then contributed to the health and nutrition of mothers and children, through community development and humanitarian relief programmes, particularly in Iraq, South Asia and East Africa.

David Nabarro has held positions in the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine, served as Chief Health and Population Adviser to the United Kingdom Overseas Development Administration and has been a Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development. David Nabarro joined the UN system in 1999, leading the Roll Back Malaria initiative at the World Health Organization (WHO). He was appointed as a WHO Executive Director in 2001 and led WHO's Department for Health Action in Crises from 2003. Between 2005 and 2014 he served as the UN System's Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza. Since 2009 he has been the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition, a position he continues to hold. From 2011 to 2015 he served as Coordinator of the Movement to Scale Up Nutrition. From September 2014 until December 2015 he was Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Ebola, providing strategic and policy direction for the international response.



### **Ms. Taona Kuo**

Nana Taona Kuo is a development economist and public policy specialist by training, with over 14 years' experience in Global Health, rural development, HIV and public health, particularly in Asia and the Pacific. She is currently the Senior Manager of the Every Woman Every Child Health Team in the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General, United Nations, New York. Every Woman Every Child is a special initiative of UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, launched in 2010, is an unprecedented global movement that mobilizes and intensifies international and national action by governments, the UN, civil society, private sector and

multilaterals to save and improve the lives of millions of women and children around the world.

Prior to joining the UN Secretary-General's Office, Taona Kuo was the UNAIDS Country Coordinator a.i in China and spent over 5 years working in China with UNAIDS. She coordinated the China UN system support to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Roundtable on China-Africa Health Cooperation, the first Roundtable to be held in Africa in Botswana, May 2013. She also provided inputs to the first Ministerial Forum of China-Africa Health Development under the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in August 2013, which recognized the role of international cooperation partners.

## **PMNCH**



### **Mrs. Graça Machel**

Graça Machel is a renowned international advocate for women's and children's rights. She has served as the first Education Minister of Mozambique, and as past Chair of the GAVI Alliance board. Her contributions to the Africa Progress Panel and the United Nations Secretary-General's Millennium Development Goals Advocacy Group have been widely appreciated. As a member of The Elders, she played a key role in establishing Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage. Recently, she founded the Graça Machel Trust.

Graça Machel has been ranked among the top 100 women activists and campaigners (The Guardian, 2011) as well as the top 100 most influential people (TIME, 2010). She has also served as a member of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons reporting to the UN Secretary-General on the post-2015 development agenda. As PMNCH Board Chair, Graça Machel succeeds Dr Julio Frenk, Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, who was named to the post in December 2009.



### Ms. Helga Fogstad

Ms. Fogstad is the Executive Director for PMNCH and comes with a wealth of experience in RMNCAH-related issues. She has 30 years of working experience in public health and has worked many years in developing countries at sub-national and national levels, as well as at international level within multilateral and bilateral agencies. She is a health economist and has co-authored several publications related to public health. Helga has been central in providing technical guidance on Norway's health, education, research and development portfolio, both through the bilateral programs, as well as global initiatives and funds supported by Norway. She has been responsible for grant management, as well as measurement and quality assurance in many key areas. Helga has represented Norway on several international Boards and expert committees, and has been involved with several global initiatives, partnerships and funds related to Global Health. She has also chaired several global processes aimed at forging consensus and increasing global mobilization for RMNCAH, including chairing and overseeing the development of the first *UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health*, as well as chaired the Policy Coordinating Committee of the Special Research Program on *Human Reproductive Health (HRP)*.

Previously, Ms. Fogstad was Director of the Department of Global Health, Education and Research at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, a post she has had since 2014. Prior to that she was responsible for Norad's portfolio on Global Health and was responsible for providing technical and strategic advice to Norway's effort in strengthening and accelerating coordinated action at global, regional, and national levels to promote rapid scale up of proven cost-effective interventions with special focus on the health MDGs with women and children in the centre. In this capacity, she has been active in numerous political mobilization, advocacy and communication exercises, and particularly in implementing the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, as well as the Commission on Information and Accountability, and the Commission on Life-Saving Commodities.

She has extensive experience in forging partnerships and consensus building, and has been a member of Boards and Committees, such as PMNCH; Alliance for Health Policy Systems Research; Global Health Workforce Alliance; UNITAID; GLOBVAC research programme; Special Programme of Research in Human Reproduction; Special Programme of Research in Tropical Disease; as well as Committee member representing Point 7 constituency in GFATM's Strategy, Investment and Impact Committee.

## UNICEF



### Dr. Stefan Swartling Peterson

Dr. Stefan Swartling Peterson was appointed Associate Director, Programme Division, and Chief of Health in April 2016. Prior to his appointment Dr. Peterson was a Professor of Global Health at Uppsala University, Sweden, and, prior to that, at the Global Health Division of Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. He has also been a visiting professor at Makerere University in Uganda. As a health systems researcher and medical doctor, Dr. Peterson did extensive field work in Tanzania and Uganda, and worked with different ministries of health, and organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO). He implemented projects supported by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Gates Foundation, and the European Union. He was a co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières Sweden and the CCM Task Force Operations Research Group. Dr. Peterson is a medical doctor with degrees in Medicine, Public Health and a PHD in International Pediatrics.





### **Mr. Ted Chaiban**

Ted Chaiban was appointed as Director of Programmes for UNICEF in August 2014. Working for UNICEF, he has been Director of Emergency Programmes, Representative in Ethiopia, Sudan and Sri Lanka, Regional Emergency Advisor for the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office and Deputy Chief of Operations for the Operation Lifeline Sudan consortium based in Nairobi.

Prior to joining UNICEF, Mr. Chaiban was Country Representative for Catholic Relief Services in Haiti, Kenya, Uganda and Sudan. He also worked as a Programme Manager focusing on food security and child survival. Mr. Chaiban is a national of both the United States of America and Lebanon. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Political Science from Tufts University and a Master of Arts Degree in Development and Arab Studies from Georgetown University, USA.

## **UNFPA**



### **Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin**

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund and a global leader of public health, women's empowerment and young people, particularly focused on promoting human rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as population and development. Since his appointment as UNFPA Executive Director, effective 2011, he has spearheaded efforts by the international community to advance the milestone consensus of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994.

Dr. Osotimehin's professional background is in health and medicine. In addition, he has extensive knowledge of the global and national frameworks and processes that are critical to the Fund's work. He has previously served as Nigeria's Minister for Health, and also as the Director-General of the Nigerian National Agency for the Control of HIV and AIDS, which coordinates all HIV/AIDS work in the country.

The Executive Director currently serves on various advisory boards and committees, including the Family Planning 2020 Reference Group and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Population Dynamics. Dr. Osotimehin completed his medical studies at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1972 and received a doctorate in medicine from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 1979. He was appointed Professor at the University of Ibadan in 1980 and headed the Department of Clinical Pathology before being elected Provost of the College of Medicine in 1990. He has served as chair and member of several academic and health organizations, including as Chair of the National Action Committee on AIDS, between 2002 and 2007. Dr. Osotimehin received the Nigerian national honour of Officer of the Order of the Niger, in December 2005. Dr. Osotimehin is married and has five children.



### **Dr. Benoit Kalasa**

Dr. Kalasa is presently the Director for UNFPA Technical Division since April, 2015. He provides leadership to the Technical Division (TD), which is in charge of technical leadership and strategic direction to ensure the ICPD Programme of Action is firmly placed within the global development and humanitarian/recovery agenda, including the Post2015 agenda. The TD influences the population and reproductive health research agenda, establishes the substantive priorities of UNFPA, strengthens partnerships, contributes directly to the state of the art technical knowledge in the areas of UNFPA's

mandate, and translates knowledge into tools for effective policy dialogue and technically sound programming. He also provides leadership to the Big Data and Innovation Programmes of the Organization.

From January 2013, Benoit Kalasa was the head of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Office for West and Central Africa (WCARO), based in Dakar, Senegal which covers 23 countries. Under his leadership a joint UNFPA –World Bank Project to be implemented in 6 countries in the Sahel region was approved. Demographic Dividend is mainstreamed in national agendas and regional discourses. Regional strategic partnerships are in place and implementing with the African Development Bank, ECOWAS, ECAAS, etc.

Dr. Kalasa joined UNFPA in 1999 and has since held several high level positions. He was the UNFPA Representative for Madagascar and Country Director for Mauritius, Seychelles and Comoros from 2006 to 2010 followed by being accredited as Representative for Ethiopia from 2010 to December 2012. In that capacity, he played the leading role in advocating for the ICPD issues, promoting at the national level the goals of the programme and ensuring the integration of issues of reproductive health, population and development and gender in national plans and policies as well as in the broader development agenda. He was responsible of the country programme oversight and coordination as well as managing efficiently and effectively the resources entrusted to his leadership. Dr. Benoit Kalasa holds a PhD in Economics, with specialization in Economic Demography at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Paris, France.

## **World Bank**



### **Dr. Tim Evans**

Tim is the Senior Director of Health, Nutrition and Population at the World Bank Group. From 2010 to 2013, Tim was Dean of the James P. Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Senior Advisor to the BRAC Health Program. From 2003 to 2010, he was Assistant Director General at the World Health Organization (WHO). Prior to this, he served as Director of the Health Equity Theme at the Rockefeller Foundation. Earlier in his career he was an attending physician of internal medicine at

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and was Assistant Professor in International Health Economics at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a board member of a number of international health alliances.

Tim has been at the forefront of advancing global health equity and strengthening health systems delivery for more than 20 years. At WHO, he led the Commission on Social Determinants of Health and oversaw the production of the annual World Health Report. He has been a co-founder of many partnerships including the Global Alliance on Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) as well as efforts to increase access to HIV treatment for mothers and innovative approaches to training community-based midwives in Bangladesh.

Tim received his Medical Degree from McMaster University in Canada and was a Research and internal Medicine Resident at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He earned a D.Phil. in Agricultural Economics from University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.



#### **Dr. Michele Gragnolati**

Michele Gragnolati is Practice Manager for Strategy and Operations in the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. He joined the World Bank in September 1998 as a Young Professional. He has since held various positions, including those of HNP Economist in the Latin America, South Asia and Eastern Europe and Central Asia regions and Program Leader for Human Development based in Sarajevo, Brasilia, and Buenos Aires. His last position was that of Global Lead for Population and Development.

Economist graduated from Luigi Bocconi Commercial University (Italy), Michele has also a Master's Degree in Population and Development from the London School of Economics (Great Britain) and a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Princeton (USA).

## **WHO**



#### **Dr. Flavia Bustreo**

Dr. Flavia Bustreo was appointed Assistant Director-General for Family, Women's and Children's Health on 1 October 2010. At WHO, she served as Deputy Director and then Director of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health from 2006 to 2010. In 2004-2005, she served as Interim Deputy Director of the Child Survival Partnership.

Dr. Bustreo's work has focused on policy development concerning child and maternal health, policy implementation and partnership-building with a wide range of stakeholders. In 2010, she led the development of the United Nations Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. In 2008, she contributed to the High Level Taskforce on International Innovative Financing for Health Systems and in 2005, to the UN Taskforce on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 & 5 to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Dr. Bustreo has worked in several countries, including assignments for WHO country and regional offices in Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Senegal, Sudan and Uganda. She has also served at WHO's EURO office in Copenhagen, headquarters in Geneva, at the World Bank and as a special advisor to the Norwegian Prime Minister's Initiative for MDGs 4 & 5. She has published numerous academic and popular articles in the field of public health, women's and children's health.

Dr. Bustreo earned a degree in medicine with honors and a postgraduate qualification in rehabilitation medicine from Padua University, Italy, and later obtained a M.Sc. in Communicable Disease Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has worked as a clinician with children and adolescents with disabilities, and with NGOs working with refugees in the former Yugoslavia and Iraq. Dr. Bustreo speaks English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian and has studied Russian and Arabic.



**Dr. Anshu Banerjee**

Dr Anshu Banerjee is currently the Director (Global Coordination) in the Office of the Assistant Director-General in Family, Women’s and Children’s Health, World Health Organization. He was the WHO Country Representative in Albania and Sudan. While based in Geneva with the Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) Geneva, he was seconded to UNMEER in Accra for the Ebola crisis.

Dr Banerjee holds a PhD in tuberculosis control from the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, a Master’s in Public Health for Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom, and a medical degree from the University of Antwerp, Belgium.



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