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Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected WHO Director-General for a five-year term by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017. In doing so, he was the first WHO Director-General elected from among multiple candidates by the World Health Assembly, and was the first person from the WHO African Region to head the world’s leading public health agency.

Born in the Eritrean city of Asmara, Dr Tedros graduated from the University of Asmara with a Bachelor of Biology, before earning a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London, a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health from the University of Nottingham and an Honorary Fellowship from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Following his studies, Dr Tedros returned to Ethiopia to support the delivery of health services, first working as a field-level malarialogist, before heading a regional health service and later serving in Ethiopia’s federal government for over a decade as Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

As Minister of Health from 2005 to 2012, he led a comprehensive reform of the country’s health system, built on the foundation of universal health coverage and provision of services to all people, even in the most remote areas.

Under his leadership, Ethiopia expanded its health infrastructure, developed innovative health financing mechanisms, and expanded its health workforce. A major component of reforms he drove was the creation of a primary health care extension programme that deployed 40 000 female health workers throughout the country. A significant result was an approximate 60% reduction in child and maternal mortality compared to 2000 levels.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2016, he elevated health as a political issue nationally, regionally and globally. In this role, he led efforts to negotiate the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in which 193 countries committed to the financing necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Prior to his election as Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros held many leadership positions in global health, including as Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board.

After taking office as WHO Director-General on 1 July 2017, Dr Tedros initiated the most significant transformation in the Organization’s history, which has generated a wide range of achievements.

Carlos Dora, Vice Chair 2020-2022, President-Elect 2021-2023, International Society for Urban Health
Geneva, Switzerland

Dr. Carlos Dora has a distinguished career in global public health and environment. Until recently, he coordinated the WHO’s global work on health impacts of sector policies (energy, transport, housing, extractive industry) and on articulating a global response to air pollution. He led the development of a new Urban Health Initiative to strengthen health systems capacity in cities to support health, climate and air quality benefits from urban policies, which is under pilot implementation in Africa and Asia. He also led the development of a framework for how public health can contribute to Habitat III objectives and the New Urban Agenda. He previously led knowledge synthesis about the health co-benefits of climate change mitigation policies, in a “Health in a Green Economy” series and contributed to the development of health indicators for post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Dora has worked to include health into strategic environment assessments and into Development Banks Safeguards. He contributed to establishment of an inter-ministerial process for transport health and environment in Europe (THE PEP), led a health task force in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and earlier engaged in health risk
assessments in the ex-Soviet Union. He has worked in academia at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and as a visiting professor at Columbia University School of Public Health. He worked at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, with the World Bank, and in the organization and innovation of primary care systems in Brazil, where he also practiced clinical medicine.

Dr. Dora has served in many science/policy committees at national and international levels and is engaged in many global partnerships. He currently advises governments, civil society and philanthropy about health as it relates to non-health sector policies and the urban environment. His research and publications include health impact assessment as well as perceptions and communication of science and health risks by scientists, media and politicians. He is a medical doctor and an epidemiologist with an MSc and a PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Carissa F. Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organization; Regional Director for the Americas, World Health Organization
Washington D.C., USA

Dr. Carissa F. Etienne was elected by the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for a second term as the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on 27 September 2017, during the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference. She began her second five-year term on 1 February 2018.

From March 2008 to November 2012, Dr. Etienne served as Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to that, as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau from July 2003 to February 2008, she led five technical areas: Health Systems and Services; Technology, Health Care, and Research; Health Surveillance and Disease Management; Family and Community Health; and Sustainable Development and Environmental Health.

During her tenure at both WHO and PAHO, Dr. Etienne led the efforts to renew primary health care and to strengthen health systems based on primary health care, promoting integration and improved functioning of health systems. She has also spearheaded policy directions for reducing health inequalities and advancing health for all through universal coverage, people-centered care, the integration of health into broader public policies, and inclusive and participatory health leadership.

The World Health Report 2010 - Health systems financing: the path to universal coverage was produced under the direction of Dr. Etienne and WHO's Deputy Director-General. The report is globally recognized for providing an agenda for action by countries at all stages of development to move more quickly and in a sustainable manner towards universal coverage, while proposing ways in which the international community can better support efforts to achieve universal coverage and improve health outcomes. Dr. Etienne has also led the WHO global agenda to support universal access to safe and efficacious medical products and the development of a global code of practice for the international recruitment of health personnel. She also chaired the International Health Partnership (IHP+) initiative, which seeks to commit partners to work together and put into practice international principles for effective aid and development cooperation in the health sector.

Dr. Etienne began her career in her native Dominica as a medical officer at the Princess Margaret Hospital and was later appointed as the Chief Medical Officer of that country. She has also served in other high-level posts in Dominica, including Director of Primary Health Care Services, Coordinator of the National AIDS Program, Disaster Coordinator for the Ministry of Health, and Chair of the National Advisory Council for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Etienne received her medical degree (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery-MBBS) from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and her Master of Science Degree (MSc) in Community Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London.
Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif (Malaysia) is the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), appointed at the level of Under-Secretary-General by the Secretary-General, following an election by the General Assembly on 22 December 2017. She succeeds Dr. Joan Clos of Spain.

As the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Sharif has focused on reforming and rejuvenating the agency, mobilizing for internal and external support for the organization’s restructuring and new Strategic Plan 2020–2023. Key initiatives undertaken by Ms. Sharif as the Executive Director of UN-Habitat include the adoption of the General Assembly Resolution 73/539 after 14 years of negotiation, which established a new governance structure with universal membership, governed by the UN-Habitat Assembly.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Sharif was the Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia. In 2011, she was the first woman to be appointed President of the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai. As mayor of a local authority, she led the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai to achieve its vision of a “cleaner, greener, safer and healthier place to work, live, invest and play.” Ms. Sharif began her career as a Town Planner at the Municipal Council of Penang Island in 1985. In 2003, she was promoted to Director of Planning and Development, a position she held until November 2009.

Born in Kuala Pilah, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, on 26 August 1961, Ms. Sharif holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Town Planning Studies from the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, UK and a Master of Science in Planning Studies from the Malaysia Science University.

Nathalie Roebbel, Unit Head, Urban Health, World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Nathalie Röbbel is the Lead for WHO’s work on Urban Health at the WHO, in the Department on Social Determinants of Health. Prior to this she was leading WHO’s work on air pollution and housing in the Department for Environment, Climate Change and Health. One of her main areas of work was the development of WHO Housing and Health Guidelines and WHO’s efforts to address slum upgrading through housing policies and other social policies and interventions. Before joining WHO HQ, she worked as a technical officer at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, in Bonn and Copenhagen, where she was responsible for environmental health performance reviews and involved in several urban health related projects. Ms. Röbbel holds a Ph.D. from the Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms University in Bonn, Germany.

Olga L. Sarmiento, Professor, Universidad de los Andes
Bogotá, Colombia

Dr. Olga L. Sarmiento is a Professor of Public Health at the School of Medicine at Universidad de los Andes and a Principal Investigator on the SALURBAL Project. She is the director of the Epidemiology Group at Universidad de los Andes and a board member of the International Society of Urban Health (ISUH), and the Latin American Network of Urban Health (LAC-Urban Health). Dr. Sarmiento’s current research includes urban health, specifically, the evaluation of healthy behaviors and the environment with a special focus on community interventions in Latin America. She holds an M.D. from the Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá and an M.P.H. and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Gerry Eijkemans, Unit Chief for Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Gerry Eijkemans has over 25 years of experience in public health, primarily for the World Health Organization. Prior to assuming her current role, she served as WHO/PAHO Representative for Mexico, and previously Suriname, Bahamas and Turks and Caicos. Her research interests focus on the interactions between the social determinants of health, health promotion, and urban health. She holds a MD from the University of Nijmegen and an MPH from Johns Hopkins University.

Ana V. Diez Roux, Dana and David Dornsife Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology, Drexel University Philadelphia, USA

Dr. Ana V. Diez Roux is the Dana and David Dornsife Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology at the Dornsife School of Public Health, Director of the Drexel Urban Health Collaborative, and Principal Investigator of the SALURBAL Project. Before joining Drexel University, she served on the faculties of Columbia University and the University of Michigan, where she was Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health.

Dr. Diez Roux is internationally known for her research on the social determinants of population health and the study of how neighborhoods affect health. Her work on neighborhood health effects has been highly influential in the policy debate on population health and its determinants. Her research areas include social epidemiology and health disparities, environmental health effects, urban health, psychosocial factors, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, social environment-gene interactions, and the use of multilevel methods and complex systems approaches in population health.

Originally trained as a pediatrician in her native Buenos Aires, she holds an MPH and a PhD in public health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Nicole Valentine, Health and Equity Technical Officer, World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva, Switzerland

Dr. Nicole Valentine has over 20 years of international experience at WHO across multiple public health topics. Between 2000 and 2007 she led the team developing the global metrics and survey questionnaires for health systems’ responsiveness and served in the Secretariat of the global Commission on Social Determinants of Health, where she co-led the work stream with policymakers. She has held the positions of Acting Coordinator/Head of the Equitable Health Systems and Policy unit and of the Equity and Health Unit. She launched the WHO global Health in All Policies capacity building programme in 2015, which supported workshops in a number of countries in all WHO regions, targeting government civil servants, health policy makers and educators. Most recently, her work on the social determinants of health has focused on developing a learning initiative for countries on addressing the social determinants of health, and evidence gathering on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on health equity through the social determinants. Prior to joining WHO, Dr. Valentine worked at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, where she undertook teaching and led policy and service research projects on national health accounts, out-of-pocket expenditures, health district performance assessments and quality of care for local, provincial and the national government. She holds Bachelors’ degrees and a Master of Economics from the University of Cape Town, a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington, Seattle, and a PhD in Public Health from the Erasmus Medical Centre in The Netherlands.
Dr. Tolullah Oni is a Public Health Physician and urban epidemiologist, the Principal of Oni et al., and founder of UrbanBetter. She is an Honorary Associate Professor and lead of the Research Initiative for Cities Health and Equity (RICHE) group at the University of Cape Town and a Clinical Senior Research Associate / Joint Lead of the Global Health Research Group at the University of Cambridge MRC Epidemiology Unit. Profiled in the Lancet journal, Science magazine, and the British Medical Journal, she is a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, past co-chair of the Global Young Academy and the South African Young Academy of Science, 2015 Next Einstein Forum Fellow, 2019 World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, and a 2020 Next Generation Foresight Practitioner Fellow.

Dr. Oni’s global practice is grounded in a science-informed, Africa-led, health foresight approach to generating new knowledge that supports partnership between science, policy, and societal role players. She is passionate about identifying creative strategies to address complex urban population health challenges in rapidly growing cities globally. Born in Lagos, she completed her medical training at University College London, earned a Master’s in Public Health at the University of Cape Town, and completed a doctorate in Epidemiology from Imperial College London, UK.

Aromar Revi, Director, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) Bengaluru, India

Aromar Revi is the Director of the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) and has over 35 years of interdisciplinary experience working on sustainable development, public policy and governance, human settlements, and global environmental and technological change. Over more than a dozen years, he has built IIHS into a world-leading education, research, training, advisory and implementation institution with a focus on the multi-dimensional challenges and opportunities of sustainable urbanisation. Director Revi is a member of the Lancet Pathfinders Commission as well as the Task Force on Global Health Diplomacy and Cooperation of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission. He serves as Co-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and is a member of the Ubuntu Advisory Board of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) President, UN-Habitat’s Stakeholder Advisory Group, and (formerly) of the Managing Board of Cities Alliance.

Director Revi is an alumnus of IIT-Delhi and the Law and Management schools of the University of Delhi.

Giselle Sebag, Executive Director, International Society for Urban Health New York, USA and Madrid, Spain

Giselle Sebag (MPH, LEED AP) is the incoming Executive Director of the International Society for Urban Health. She is a globally recognized urban health leader with 15 years of experience advising governments, multilaterals, NGOs and private sector companies to develop sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities that promote and enhance resident health.

Prior to joining the International Society for Urban Health, Giselle was a public sector consultant at Bloomberg Associates, where she advised cities developing evidence-based urban health solutions with the aim of improving the lives of the greatest number of citizens. Previously, Giselle was the Vice President of Programs at the Center for Active Design (CfAD), where she oversaw the development, planning and implementation of innovative programs such as Fitwel, a leading certification system committed to building health for all, developed in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement environmental design and operational changes that support healthier workplaces, homes and communities. Prior to that, Giselle was Head of the Built Environment portfolio at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) where she selected, managed key relationships with, and advised Fortune
500 companies, governments, multilaterals, philanthropic foundations and NGOs in strategic planning, partnership building and evaluation of their healthy cities ‘Commitments to Action.’

Giselle holds a Master’s of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, joint M.Sc. degrees in international cooperation and urban development from the Technische Universität Darmstadt and international cooperation in sustainable emergency architecture from the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, and bachelor's degrees in architecture and government from the University of Texas at Austin’s School of Architecture (UTSOA) and College of Liberal Arts.

Daniel A. Rodriguez, Chancellor’s Professor of City and Regional Planning and Associate Director of the Institute for Transportation Studies, University of California at Berkeley Berkeley, USA

Dr. Daniel Rodriguez is Chancellor’s Professor of City and Regional Planning and Associate Director of the Institute for Transportation Studies at the University of California at Berkeley and a Principal Investigator on the SALURBAL Project. His research focuses on the relationship between transportation, land development, and health and environmental consequences, and is driven by practical problems and the need to find solutions for planners and policymakers. Recent projects are examining extreme heat events, air pollution, greenspace, and mortality; land development and transportation policies; and cycling education, safety, and traffic stress.

Prior to joining Berkeley, Dr. Rodriguez was Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Communities in the Department of City and Regional Planning served at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is a faculty fellow of the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy and has been a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, Andean Development Bank, and the Clean Air Institute. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Fordham University, an MS in Transportation from MIT, and a PhD from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Rachel Cooper, Distinguished Professor of Design Management and Policy, Lancaster University Lancaster, UK

Dr. Rachel Cooper OBE is Distinguished Professor of Design Management and Policy at Lancaster University, founder and a director of ImaginationLancaster, and Chair of Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts. Dr. Cooper’s research interests include design thinking; design management; design policy; and across all sectors of industry, a specific interest in design for wellbeing and socially responsible design. She is also series editor of the Routledge series Design for Social Responsibility covering topics such as designing for sustainability, inclusivity, service design, sport, health, transport and policy. She was founding editor of The Design Journal and founding President of the European Academy of Design. She is currently President of the Design Research Society. Until 2020 Dr. Cooper was Non Executive Director of the Future Cities Catapult, a visiting Professor at the Royal College of Art (RCA), and a member of RCA Council. She is a member of Council at Norwich University of the Arts. Professor Cooper was a Lead Expert for the UK Government Foresight programme on the Future of Cities, and was on the Academy of Medical Sciences Working group addressing ‘The Health of the Public 2040’ and is a member of the Partnership for Prevention Sciences Steering Group. She is the Royal Society representative member of the Scientific Committee for Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment – an International Council for Science Programme co-sponsored with the United Nations University (UNU) and the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP). She is currently an advisor on the Best Commission for Healthy Cities.

She holds a PhD in Graphic Design from Manchester Metropolitan University.
Dr. Sotiris Vardoulakis is inaugural Professor of Global Environmental Health at the Australian National University (ANU) National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. He is also founding co-Chair of the International Consortium for Urban Environmental Health and Sustainability (Healthy-Polis) and Honorary Professor at the European Centre for Environment and Human Health at the University of Exeter Medical School. Previously he was Director of Research and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Occupational Health at the Institute of Occupational Medicine in Edinburgh, and before that Head of the Environmental Change Department at Public Health England. He also held academic positions at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Birmingham.

Dr. Vardoulakis’ main research interests include climate change, air pollution and health, sustainable cities, exposure assessment, environmental epidemiology, and public health communication and policy. He was one of the lead authors of the first UK Climate Change Risk Assessment and contributor to the National Adaptation Programme. He served as a member of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE, UK) Public Health Advisory Committee on Air Pollution and of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Group on Indoor Air Quality. He is currently involved in the UNEP Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6) for Cities Assessment.

Over the last 20 years, he has advised national and local governments and international organizations, including the World Health Organization, the European Parliament, the UK Government, the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Australian Department of Health, on the health effects of climate change and air pollution, and on environmental sustainability, health protection, occupational hygiene, and risk communication. He is Specialty Chief Editor (Health and Cities) for Frontiers in Sustainable Cities, and Associate Editor (Climate Change and Health) for the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

Dr. Vardoulakis holds a BSc in Physics from the National Kapodistrian University of Athens, a MSc in Environmental Engineering Technology from Imperial College London, and a PhD in Urban Air Quality from the University of Greenwich.

Dr. Thiago Hérick de Sá is a public health professional working on healthy urban environment and sustainable transport related issues at the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health at WHO headquarters. He currently leads WHO work on healthy urban planning, also serving as the responsible officer for the publication "Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning: a sourcebook”, jointly published with UN Habitat and launched in May 2020. One of his main areas of work includes the development of guidance and tools for identifying and addressing the health impacts of transport and land-use, with most recent work including the adaptation for global use of the Health and Economic Assessment tool for Walking and Cycling (HEAT).

Dr. de Sá is also closely involved in the development of WHO’s Urban Health Research Agenda, with expected release by the end of 2021, and has been directly supporting the development and implementation of WHO’s Urban Health Initiative, a model process aimed at strengthening the health systems capacity in cities to support health, climate, and air quality benefits from urban policies, with ongoing pilot implementation in Africa and Asia.

Prior to these appointments, Dr. de Sá has worked as a researcher on urban health and environmental epidemiology, with a track record of publications in several academic journals. Dr. de Sa holds a Master’s degree and a PhD in public health from the University of São Paulo, Brazil and has contributed as a visiting researcher at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and at the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge.
Dr. Jo Boufford is immediate past President of The New York Academy of Medicine.
Since January 1, 2018, she is Clinical Professor of Global Public Health at the College of
Global Public Health at New York University where she is also Professor of Public Service,
Health Policy and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public
Service and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine.
She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New
York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May
1997. While at HHS, she was the U.S. representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO)
from 1994–1997. She served in a variety of senior positions and as President of the New York City Health and Hospitals
Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal system in the United States, from December 1985 until October 1989. Dr.
Boufford was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship at the Institute of Medicine in Washington,
DC for 1979–1980. She currently serves on the boards of the United Hospital Fund and the Health Effects Institute.
She was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1992 and served on its Board on Global Health
and Board on African Science Academy Development. She served two four year terms as the Foreign Secretary of the
IOM between 2010 and 2014 and was elected to membership for the National Academy of Public Administration in
2015. She received Honorary Doctorate of Science degrees from the State University of New York, Brooklyn, (1992),
New York Medical College, (2007), Pace University, (2011) and Toledo University, (2012). She has been a Fellow of The
New York Academy of Medicine since 1988 and a Trustee since 2004. Dr. Boufford attended Wellesley College for two
years and received her BA (Psychology) magna cum laude from the University of Michigan, and her MD, with
distinction, from the University of Michigan Medical School. She is Board Certified in pediatrics.

Charlotte Marchandise is an international expert on empowerment and governance,
with a focus in the fields of global health, resilience and environment. She was the civil
society deputy Mayor for Health of the city of Rennes, France, President of the WHO
Healthy Cities French Network, and co-chair of the Global Urban Air Pollution
Observatory (GUAPO). She has served as an expert, coordinator, communication officer
and project manager in the corporate world and social and environmental NGOs. She
defends a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and has developed a
local policy of health promotion, health equity and environmental health with a
systematic democratic point of view in order to empower inhabitants. She is an advocate for city diplomacy and health
and works at organizing cooperation amongst cities, governments, universities, and the grassroots movements
through collective intelligence and the Sustainable Development Goals global agenda.
Remy Sietchiping, Chief, Policy, Legislation and Governance Section, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
Nairobi, Kenya

Dr. Remy Sietchiping is the Chief of Policy, Legislation and Governance Section within the Urban Practices Branch of UN-Habitat. He is currently overseeing the development of strategic programmes of UN-Habitat including National Urban Policy, legislation, governance, urban-rural linkages, smart cities, metropolitan management. He has coordinated global, regional and country projects and programmes for UN-Habitat in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. He had previously worked on Land, climate change, urban and territorial planning. Dr. Sietchiping has over 25 years working experience in the UN system, academia, private and public sector and NGOs in Australia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jamaica and worldwide. He holds a Ph.D in Geography from the University of Melbourne, Australia.

K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India, Indian National Public Health Institute
New Delhi, India

Prof. K. Srinath Reddy is the President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and formerly headed the Department of Cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Under his leadership, PHFI has established five Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIIPHs) to advance multi-disciplinary public health education, research, health technologies and implementation support for strengthening health systems. He was appointed as the First Bernard Lown Visiting Professor of Cardiovascular Health at the Harvard School of Public Health in (2009-13) and presently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at Harvard (2014-2023). He holds advisory positions in several national and international bodies and has over 550 scientific publications. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Emory and Sydney Universities. He is the first Indian to be elected to the National Academy of Medicine, USA and was awarded several prestigious international and national doctorates and fellowships. He was President of the World Heart Federation (2013-15). He was awarded the high civilian honour Padma Bhushan by President of India in 2005. He is also an Advisor to the Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh on Health.

Mary T. Bassett, Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and former New York City Commissioner of Health
Boston, USA

Dr. Mary T. Bassett is the Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, as well as the FXB Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health. With more than 30 years of experience in public health, Dr. Mary Travis Bassett has dedicated her career to advancing health equity. Prior to her directorship at the FXB Center, Dr. Bassett served for four years as commissioner of Health for New York City. As commissioner, she worked to ensure that every New York City neighborhood supported the health of its residents, with the goal of closing gaps in population health across the city.

Originally from New York City, Dr. Bassett lived in Zimbabwe for nearly 20 years. Previously, she was the Program Director for the African Health Initiative and the Child Well-being Program at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. She received her B.A. in History and Science from Harvard University and her M.D. from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons. She served her medical residency at Harlem Hospital Center, and has a master’s degree in Public Health from the University of Washington, where she was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.
Cecilia Vaca Jones, Executive Director, Bernard van Leer Foundation  
The Hague, Netherlands

Cecilia (@CecyVacaJones) joined the Bernard van Leer Foundation in 2016 as Programme Director, and became Executive Director in 2020. She has over 20 years of experience managing social development policies and programmes. Before she joined the Foundation, Cecilia was the Coordinating Minister of Social Development of Ecuador from April 2013 to March 2016. She was responsible for policies in health, education, housing, sport and social welfare.

Over the years, she also held policy-making roles in various other Ecuadorian ministries — including the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Social Inclusion and the Ministry of Education — where she championed policies to improve the conditions of children, women and indigenous populations.

Amongst the most relevant policies she launched, it is important to highlight the cross-sectoral early childhood policy, bringing unpaid household workers into the social security system; eradicating child labour on rubbish dumps; and new laws on food labelling to help people make informed choices about their nutrition.

Beyond government, Cecilia has worked for civil society organisations such as CESTAS and Fundación Esquel, international organisations such as the Organization of American States and UNDP, and in academia: she was a part-time professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador in Quito, and a Fellow on the Politics of Globalisation, Democratic Participation and Development Politics at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, USA.

Cecilia holds a masters degree in Social Policies for Sustainable Development from the University of Bologna, Italy, and a BA in International Relations from the Pontifical Catholic University in Ecuador. She holds an executive master’s degree in cities from the London School of Economics, an 18-month programme for professionals in the public, private and third sectors who want to understand and deliver change in urban areas.

A native Spanish speaker, Cecilia is fluent in English, Italian and French, and speaks basic Kichwa. Since 2002 she has been a volunteer for Ayuda Directa, an Italian NGO that develops projects for rural communities in Chimborazo and Cotopaxi provinces. Cecilia is a passionate sportswoman. She has competed in events such as marathons and Ironman 70.3, founded a women’s cycling club, and scaled the highest peaks in Ecuador.

Clea Finkle, Program Officer, Gates Foundation (former)  
Seattle, Washington

Clea Finkle, PhD, is a social science and international public health specialist bringing applied research into practical interventions for large scale family planning (FP), maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS Programs. She has researched, designed, and managed reproductive health and FP programs in East and West Africa and South Asia for more than 20 years, with a focus on the urban poor. Until recently, Clea worked for more than a decade at the Gates Foundation, strategically developing and managing the FP team’s largest urban portfolio in 12 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, with a focus on research, monitoring and evaluation, health systems strengthening, sustainability, and scale. Prior to the Gates Foundation, Clea worked with PATH, the University of Washington, Microsoft, and I-TECH. She has a BA and MA from the University of Michigan and PhD from the University of Washington in Political Science and History with a focus on South Asian Studies.
Alana Officer, Unit Head, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing, World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Alana Officer holds a degree in Health Science (Podiatric Medicine) and Masters degrees in Applied Science – Exercise and Sports Science (research) and Public Health. Alana started her career as a clinician in Australia and England before holding a number of technical and managerial positions working on disability, ageing, health and development in West and Central Africa, Europe, South Asia, the Middle East and the Western Pacific. Alana joined WHO in 2006 as the Coordinator for the Disability and Rehabilitation Team (DAR) until 2014 where she led the development of such landmark resources as the WHO Global disability action plan 2014–2021: Better health for all people with disability (2014), The International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury (2013), the World report on disability (2011) and the Guidelines on community-based rehabilitation (2010) amongst many others.

Alana joined WHO’s ageing team in 2014 to lead the development of the World report on ageing and health, which was published in October 2015 and to support the development of the Global strategy and action plan on ageing and health. She was also responsible for developing the Organization’s work on age-friendly environments. In January 2020, Alana became the head of a new unit in WHO on Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing (DHA). In this role she coordinates the Secretariat for the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing—a global collaboration to improve the lives of older people, their families and communities—as well as the related knowledge Platform on ageing. Alana continues to oversee the Organization’s work on age-friendly physical and social environments, including the Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities and the Global Campaign to Combat Ageism.

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation
Brussels, Belgium

Sharan Burrow is the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation, representing 200 million workers in 163 countries and territories with 332 national affiliates.

Previously President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000 – 2010, Sharan is a passionate advocate and campaigner for social justice, women’s rights, the environment and labour law reforms, and has led union negotiations on major economic reforms and labour rights campaigns in her home country of Australia and globally.

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Dr. Juan Rivera is General Director of the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) in Mexico and Professor of Nutrition at the Mexican School of Public Health. Currently, he is a member of the Executive Board of the International Association of the National Institutes of Public Health (IANPHI), member of the EAT-Lancet Commission on healthy diets for sustainable food systems. He is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine (ANM), member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences (AMC), member of the American Nutrition Society (ASN) and member of the Latin American Nutrition Society (SLAN), of which he was President during the period 2015-2018. He is founding Director of the Center for Nutrition and Health Research (CINyS) at INSP, and has been a member of the Global Steering Committee for the Prevention of Obesity and a member of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the United Nations.

Dr. Rivera has led the food and nutrition component of the National Nutrition Surveys (ENSANUT) and the evaluations of various food distribution programs in Mexico. He was an academic member of the National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL). He directed the multidisciplinary group of the National Academy of Medicine that developed recommendations on obesity prevention that were the basis for some Mexican obesity prevention policies.

Dr. Rivera received his master’s degree and PhD in International Nutrition from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He is author of more than 535 publications (340 scientific articles, 137 book chapters and 68 books), he has made more than 715 presentations and conferences at national and international scientific events, and his published works have been mentioned more than 33,742 times on different scientific media of national and international circulation. His areas of research are epidemiology of malnutrition in all its forms, study of risk factors of malnutrition, evidence generation to guide the design and the evaluation of policies and malnutrition and obesity prevention programs. He has been granted with the 2010 Hippocrates International Medical Research Award on Human Nutrition, the 2010Scopus Award in the Health Sciences category, the 2009 Kellogg International Nutrition Research Award, the 20th GlaxoSmithKline Foundation National Research Award, the 2003 Fred L. Soper Award from the Pan American Health Organization, and the 2019 Carlos Slim Health Award for his research career.

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Dr. José Siri is the Senior Science Lead for Cities, Urbanization and Health for the Wellcome Trust’s Our Planet Our Health Programme where he supports urban research and strategic engagement to advance the field of planetary health. He has worked to develop and apply systems approaches to urban health, focusing on leveraging science for healthy development, developing simple systems tools to catalyze better decision-making, and improving understanding of complex challenges.

His interests span urban and planetary health, epidemiology, ecology, systems thinking, sustainable development, transdisciplinarity, infectious disease, malaria control, climate change, and urban studies. He has published broadly in academic and policy literature and contributed to global policy, including for the SDGs and New Urban Agenda, developing extensive experience with UN agencies, local and national governments, and civil society. Dr. Siri was a co-founder of the Urban Health Research Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC-Urban Health) and a commissioner on the Tsinghua-Lancet Commission for Healthy Cities in China and continues to work closely with the Future Earth Urban and Health Knowledge-Action-Networks (KANs).

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Dr. Karen Seto is the Frederick C. Hixon Professor of Geography and Urbanization Science at the Yale School of the Environment. An urban and land change scientist, she is one of the world’s leading experts on contemporary urbanization and global environmental change. Using a combination of field surveys, satellite data and numerical modeling, her research focus is how urbanization will affect the planet. She has pioneered methods to reconstruct urban land use with satellite imagery and has developed novel methods to forecast urban expansion. She has conducted urbanization research in China for twenty years and in India for more than ten. Her research has generated new knowledge on the links between urbanization and land use, food systems, biodiversity, and climate change.

Seto has served on numerous national and international scientific bodies. She is co-leading the urban mitigation chapter for the IPCC (UN Climate Change) 6th Assessment Report, currently underway, and co-lead the same chapter for the 2014 IPCC 5th Assessment Report. She was co-editor-in-chief of the journal, Global Environmental Change, from 2014 to 2020. Prior to joining Yale, she was faculty at Stanford, from 2000 to 2008, where she held joint appointments in the Woods Institute for the Environment and the School of Earth Sciences. She has received many awards for her scientific contributions, including the Outstanding Contributions to Remote Sensing Research Award from the American Association of Geographers. She was named a "Highly Cited Researcher" in 2018, 2019, and 2020 in recognition of her research papers having ranked in the top 1% of total citations across several fields. Seto is an elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She earned a PhD in Geography from Boston University.

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Heidi Tuhkanen is a senior expert at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) in Tallin. Her work focuses on a broad set of sustainable development issues involving governance, decision-making processes, and assessments. Her academic background is focused on urban sustainability, climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience, and has incorporated a focus on the interactions between the private sector, society, and the environment.

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**Joy St. John, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)**
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Dr **Joy St. John** has a track record of achievements in public health systems management and development and health diplomacy. Her firm but fair style has assured her a place in networks of practice across the world.

Dr. Joy St. John has been the Executive Director of CARPHA since July 2019, providing leadership and direction in executing the functions laid out in the Inter-Governmental Agreement. She was the first Barbadian to serve as Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, a post she held from October 2017 to April 2019, with direct responsibility at the World Health Organization for Climate and other Determinants of Health (CED).

Dr. Joy St. John is a Former Chief Medical Officer of Barbados (where she was also the first Barbadian to hold this office), a post she held for over 12 years, serving as the Top Public Health Advisor to the Minister of Health and responsible for the oversight of the management of the Health Sector.

She served as Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization from 2012-2013 (where she was the first Caribbean person to hold this post).

Dr. Joy St. John holds a BSc, MBBS, and MPH from the University of the West Indies.
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Mariana Alegre was born in Lima, Peru. She studied Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and holds a MSc in City Design and Social Science from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). While studying her first Masters, in Human Rights, she decided to promote Urban Rights. She has been involved in several research and academic projects focused on sustainable urban mobility, public spaces and urban renewal through social inclusion. Since 2010, Mariana has been the Executive Director of Lima Cómo Vamos, a citizen observatory whose mission is to evaluate quality of life of Lima’s and Callao’s neighbors. On December 2014 and with the support of AVINA Foundation, she founded Occupy your Street, an initiative that seeks to develop more and better public spaces through participatory processes and by promoting Citizens Urbanism. Mariana is also a professor at the School of Management of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Mariana researches different urban phenomena, in particular sustainable urban mobility, public spaces, and urban effervescence of citizen movements and urban disobedience. Mariana also contributes opinion columns to Perú 21 and rides her bike and walks around her city.

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Dr. Orielle Solar is Regional Advisor of Social determinants of Health at WHO/PAHO. She holds an MD and master’s degrees in Public health and epidemiology and in Biomedicine and Environmental Sciences, and is a specialist in occupational health. Between 2008 and 2010 she served as Chief Cabinet Secretary for Health at the Ministry of Health in Chile, leading a variety of projects related to the social determinants of health, health inequalities, and health in all policies. Her primary areas of expertise include equity of access, occupational health, health inequities, social determinants of health, intersectoral action and Health in All Policies. Her work experience has focused on public health, health services (1992-2000), and occupational and environmental health as director of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Pollution Public Health Institute (2000-2004). Between 2004 and 2008 Dr. Solar worked at WHO-Geneva in the Department of Equity, Poverty and Social Determinants of Health (EIR), where she was a member of the technical secretariat of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health WHO. Her main contributions to the Commission included the development of its theoretical framework and work as technical coordinator of the knowledge network on employment conditions and inequality in health. Dr. Solar has been part of the working group on inter-sectoral policies and pro equity policy integration promoted by WHO since 2007. She was director of the Health, employment, equity program (TEES) at the Faculty of Latin America of Social Science in Chile, and she is a Professor at the Institute of Public Health at the School of Medicine of the University of Chile.