Biographies of panellists and moderator

Moderator: Dr. Sunoor Verma. Executive Director Geneva Health Forum

Dr. Sunoor Verma joined the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) as Executive Director in March 2011. The GHF is a program of the University of Geneva and the Hospitals of the University of Geneva. Sunoor Verma is responsible for expanding the reach and impact of the GHF through strategic planning, strategic partnerships and strategic communication. He also oversees the operational side of the GHF.

As a senior development expert, Sunoor Verma has worked in emergency, conflict and post-conflict situations. He has led the establishment of complex partnerships and coalitions by negotiating strategic agreements and their implementation plans. He has set up programs across sectors, including Education, Health, Protection, Injuries, Sanitation, HIV/AIDS, Harm Reduction, Conflict Resolution, Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Environment, Culture, Gender, Minority issues etc. He has worked in various locations, including Western Europe, South East Europe, South Asia, South East Asia, North Africa and Australia. Among others, he consulted and worked with UNHCR, UNICEF, and the European Centre for Minority Issues, Cambridge University and the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons. Sunoor Verma has been the principal consultant of the strategy consulting practice ‘ProCube’ and is the founder of www.csrforchildren.org.

He is a seasoned speaker on the topics of strategy, partnerships and leadership. He is also sought after for his skills as an effective moderator on high-voltage panels. In a previous avatar, Sunoor Verma was a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon.

Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo Navarrete, Director General of Health Promotion Secretariat of Health of Mexico

Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo has a Bachelor in Political Science and Public Administration from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), majoring in Political Science with the thesis State and Political Regime in Mexico (1920-1940).

Dr. Jaramillo has a Master in International Political Economy from the University of Birmingham, England with the thesis Political Economy of Globalization. He has a PhD of Political and Social Sciences from the UNAM with the thesis Global Public Goods: Definition and Policy for implementation. Mexico and WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control with honors.

Dr. Jaramillo has been a professor at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences (UNAM) and in the National Defense Secretariat.

He has been a public servant for the Government of Mexico at different posts during the last 25 years. He has worked in the Secretariat of Health during the past 18 years as the private advisor to the Secretary of Health, Director General of International Relations, Director General of Cooperation and Information on Addictions, Executive Director of International Operations of the Federal Commission on Health Risks (COFEPRIS), and Coordinator of the Health Care Strategy for Migrants. He is currently the Director General of Health Promotion within the Undersecretariat of Prevention and Health Promotion.

Delegate from the Government of Zambia (Bios to be added)
Dr. Matthias Schmale, Under Secretary General, National Society and Knowledge Development, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

As the Under Secretary General of National Society and Knowledge Development at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Mr. Schmale is responsible for overseeing the Secretariat’s work with its 187 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies worldwide to strengthen their organisational and delivery capacities as well as to improve their volunteering and youth action. His role extends to ensuring that knowledge and experiences are shared across the global IFRC network to raise humanitarian standards and improve efficiency, transparency and accountability.

Mr. Schmale was appointed to this position in April 2012 after nearly two years as Under Secretary General for Programme Services, where he was responsible for disaster management – including risk reduction and preparedness, disaster response and recovery – as well as health and social services work.

During his career with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Mr. Schmale has also served as IFRC Under Secretary General for Development and was International Director at the British Red Cross from 2005 to 2009. Previously, he worked for the Movement from 1985 to 1998 in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Sudan and Kenya in field operations, programme management and organizational development.

Other organizations that Mr. Schmale has served include the German Agency for Technical Cooperation and Save the Children Alliance, where he was Deputy CEO.

Mr. Schmale holds a PhD from Berlin Free University in development economics with a focus on building sustainable organizations. Born in Mochudi, Botswana, he is fluent in German and English and also speaks French and Kiswahili.

Dr. Gwendolyn Pang, Secretary General of the Philippines Red Cross

Actively involved in achieving the Red Cross mission to reduce vulnerability of Filipinos for almost 15 years of dedicated work; her catalytic leadership seeks to advance humanitarian programs of the PRC through effective and strong resource mobilization that enable the organization to serve the most vulnerable.

Before becoming Secretary General, Gwen spent her 15 years with the Philippine Red Cross, first as a youth volunteer of PRC Sulu Chapter, and then as officer of the Youth, Social Service and Fund Raising Departments at the PRC National Headquarters. Armed with her commitment to serve the most vulnerable, she then became Director of Fund Generation, Assistant Secretary General, and Deputy Secretary General prior to becoming the Secretary General.

She is a development advocate and a passionate fundraiser. She envisions an expanded Red Cross service delivery network and continues to improve management systems to provide communities with quality humanitarian assistance.

Cognizant of the change that development brings, she encouraged and increased support of various partners and stakeholders to ensure that Red Cross will reach more people in vulnerable situations.

Her resolute commitment to ensuring health in the hands of the people has maintained the Philippine Red Cross a stalwart player in developing healthier and safer communities thru community based health programs.

She actively advocate for initiatives that promote healthy lifestyle and prevent HIV as she lead PRC’s contributions to the achievement of the Millennium Development goals. This is evident in the five-year
strategic plan of the PRC placing Improvement of Maternal and Neonatal Health and HIV prevention on top priority.

She is the youngest Secretary General appointed in the Philippine Red Cross and is also one of the youngest, if not the youngest, leaders of the Red Cross Movement today. She is also regarded as a thought leader in resource mobilization in the Red Cross Movement. Recently, she has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) by the Lyceum North-Western University last April 14, 2013.

She has dedicated her time and talent to the organization, and has shown her distinctive ability to respond constructively to the evolving and challenging demands of the organization.

Dr. Dorien Mulder, MBA, MD - PharmAccess Foundation

Dorien Mulder is Project Development Manager at PharmAccess, a Dutch foundation dedicated to making good health care accessible to everyone in Africa.

PharmAccess has pioneered innovative approaches and public-private partnerships to health care improvement by stimulating both the demand and supply of health care, measuring and improving quality, thereby paving the way for investments in the sector. The group works closely with public and private financiers for the benefit of doctors and patients through insurance (Health Insurance Fund), loans to doctors (Medical Credit Fund), clinical standards and quality improvements (SafeCare), private investments (Investment Fund for Health in Africa) and operational research (Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development). The foundation is active in 10 African countries and employs a multidisciplinary team of over 70 people.

Since 2012, PharmAccess has been a partner of the Global Health Fellowship Program by Pfizer and fellows have contributed to the mission of the organization, especially in the area of improving access to quality medicines.

Dorien Mulder was educated as a medical doctor and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration. Before joining PharmAccess she worked in a variety of positions in the health sector, including healthcare provision, management consultancy, pharmaceuticals and healthcare infrastructure development.

Mr. Michael Schreiber - GBCHealth Executive Director, Executive Office

Michael Schreiber is GBCHealth’s Managing Director. He focuses on developing new contributions and increased innovation in corporate engagement in global health. His charge includes attracting additional companies to the fight, and defining cross-sector collaboration and partnership opportunities. Michael also leads outreach to governments, multi-lateral organizations, foundations and individuals who want to advance GBCHealth’s role as a hub of collaboration and collective action.

Previously, Michael was founder and president of TRUiST, a pioneering social enterprise which built a proprietary technology platform that processed over $1 Billion annually in Fortune 500 employee volunteer and donations. Prior to creating TRUiST, Michael served as Executive Vice President & CIO at United Way Worldwide.

Michael's background also includes extensive, practical, front-line experience on social and economic development in emerging markets—with corporations, civil society and governments. In senior positions at Deloitte Consulting, he worked with both government agencies and corporations in the United States, Namibia, South Africa and other African nations. Earlier in his career, he served at the

Michael has a degree in Economics from Stanford University and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Ms. Taina Nakari, Partnerships Officer, Global Health Workforce Alliance

Ms. Taina Nakari has close to 20 years of experience in international public health. Currently she is working with the Global Health Workforce Alliance, responsible for partnerships. Her responsibilities include collaboration with the regional HRH networks as well as other networks and partners, mapping and analysing contributions by HRH partners to countries, and leading the implementation of an action plan for engaging the Alliance members in its work. She is also involved in technical work, especially HRH financing and migration of health workers. By her training she is an economist (Finland) and a public health specialist (London).

Before joining the Alliance Ms. Nakari worked with a number of different UN organizations as well as with private sector in health promotion, strategy development and gender issues. During that time her main area of work was the crossroads of HIV and reproductive health, and the health systems requirements for them.