

# The SDGs and the Game Change in Global Health

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR OF THE SESSION ILONA KICKBUSCH

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Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She is senior advisor to the Regional Directors of the WHO Regional Offices for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. She has been deeply involved in the development of the Health 2020 European health policy framework. She is a member of the independent Ebola interim assessment panel of the WHO. In Switzerland she serves on the executive board of the Careum Foundation and on the expert panel to the Federal Councillor to advice on the implementation of the Swiss Health Strategy 2020. She has contributed to innovation in health in many ways throughout

her career and now advises organisations, government agencies and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European and international level. She has worked with the WHO at various levels and in academia as professor at Yale University. She has received honorary doctorates from the Nordic School of Public Health and the University of Girona.

She has published widely and is a member of a number of advisory boards in both the academic and the health policy arena. She has received many awards. Her key areas of work relate to Global Health Governance, Health Security, Public Health, Health Promotion, Health Literacy and Health in All Policies. She has a strong commitment to women's rights. Details and updates can be found on her Website: www.ilonakickbusch.com and on wikipedia. You can follow her on twitter @IlonaKickbusch

WELCOME
PHILIPPE BURRIN
Director, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies



Philippe Burrin is the Director of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies since the 2008 merger of the Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI) and the Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED). From 2004 to 2008, he was Director of the Graduate Institute of International Studies.

Phillipe Burrin was a professor focusing on the history of international relations from 1993 to 2004 and was an invited faculty member at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität (Gastprofessor für interdisziplinärische Holocaustforschung) in Frankfurt in 2001-2002, at

the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (Elie Halévy Chair) in 1999-2000 and at the University of Lausanne in 1993-1994. He was also a Fellow at Oxford's All Souls College (Hilary Term 2003), at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin in 2000-2001, at the French Centre for Research in Jerusalem in February 2000 and at Harvard's Centre for European Studies in 1994-1995.

His works have been translated in many languages and focus mainly on 20th century European history, specifically on the Second World War period. He has received several awards for his works, including the *Max-Plank Forschungspreis* in 1997.

PASCAL STRUPLER
Director General, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health
State Secretary for Health



After studying law at the University of Berne, the actual Director-General of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (BAG) Pascal Strupler (lic. iur. and diploma from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration – IDHEAP) pursued a career in the federal administration of Switzerland, where he took on various positions in four different ministries (Federal Department of Finance, Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, Swiss Embassy in Moscow, European Integration Office). He also worked at the Federal Department of Economic Affairs as the personal advisor to the Minister and spent eight years as the Secretary-General of the Federal Department of Home Affairs. He has been

the Director-General of the Federal Office of Public Health since January 2010.



#### **OPENING ADDRESSES**

## MARGARETH CHAN Director-General, World Health Organization



Dr Margaret Chan, from the People's Republic of China, obtained her medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She joined the Hong Kong Department of Health in 1978, where her career in public health began.

In 1994, Dr Chan was appointed Director of Health of Hong Kong. In her nine-year tenure as director, she launched new services to prevent the spread of disease and promote better health. She also introduced new initiatives to improve communicable disease surveillance and response, enhance training for public health professionals, and establish better local and international collaboration. She effectively managed outbreaks of avian influenza and of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

In 2003, Dr Chan joined WHO as Director of the Department for Protection of the Human Environment. In June 2005, she was appointed Director, Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza. In September 2005, she was named Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases.

Dr Chan was elected to the post of Director-General on 9 November 2006. The Assembly appointed Dr Chan for a second five-year term at its sixty-fifth session in May 2012. Dr Chan's new term will begin on 1 July 2012 and continue until 30 June 2017.

## XIAOZHUN YI Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization



Mr. YI Xiaozhun has been a Deputy Director-General at the World Trade Organization since October 2013.

Yi Xiaozhun has extensive experience in world trade and economics, both as a senior government official and subsequently as China's ambassador to the WTO. He represented China as a key negotiator in China's WTO accession process, making an important contribution to the negotiations. Prior to becoming China's ambassador to the WTO in 2011, Mr Yi was Assistant Minister and subsequently China's Vice Minister of Commerce in charge of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and cooperation. Besides his

contribution to China's WTO accession, he played a leading role in negotiating numerous free trade agreements (FTAs), including the China-ASEAN agreement, China's first FTA. He also worked as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in the United States for more than four years from the late 1980s to the early 1990s. Mr Yi obtained a Master's degree in economics from Nankai University in China in 1999.



### KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, a course correction?"

## SAKIKO FUKUDA-PARR Professor of International Affairs, The New School



Sakiko Fukuda-Parr is Professor of International Affairs at The New School. She is a development economist interested in human development and capabilities and the broad question of national and international policy strategies. Her current research includes projects on public policies and economic and social rights, and the impact of global goal setting on international development agendas. From 1995 to 2004, she was lead author and director of the UNDP *Human Development Reports*. Prior to this, she worked at the World Bank and UNDP on agriculture, aid coordination in Africa, and capacity development. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the UN Committee on Development Policy.

Her publications, in addition to the *Human Development Reports*, include *Fulfilling Social and Economic Rights* (with T. Lawson-Remer and S. Randolph, OUP 2015); *MDGs, Capabilities and Human Rights: The Power of Numbers to Shape Agendas* (coedited with A. Yamin, Routledge. 2015); *Human Rights and the Capabilities Approach: An Interdisciplinary Conversation* (co-edited with Diane Elson and Polly Vizard; 2011) and *Food Security in South Africa: Human Rights and Entitlement Perspectives* (co-edited with Viviene Taylor, UCT Press forthcoming).

#### PANEL DISCUSSION WITH ALL SPEAKERS AND PROFESSOR FRANCIS OMASWA

# FRANCIS OMASWA Executive Director, African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST)



Francis Omaswa is the founding Executive Director of the African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (CHEST). He is also the Chancellor of Busitema University, a public science university in Uganda, Chair of the African Platform on Human Resources for Health, Co-Chair of the Global Policy Council on Health Worker Migration, Senior Associate at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, USA, Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and Fellow of the Institute Of Medicine of the American Academy of Sciences and the Uganda Academy of Science.

He was a Special Adviser to the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and founding Executive Director of the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) hosted by WHO. Prior to this he was Director General of Health Services in the Ministry of Health

in Uganda and founding Director of the Uganda Heart Institute. He is also the founding President of the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa and has a keen interest in access of the poor to quality health services and spent five years in the rural Ngora hospital testing various approaches for this. He served as Chair of the GAVI Independent Review Committee, Senior Advisor to the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health, founding Chair of the Global Stop TB Partnership, Chair of the Portfolio and Procurement Committee of the Global Fund Board, a member of the steering committee of the High Level Forum on health-related MDGs. At the African Level, he was the lead consultant in developing the African Union HIV Policy

Francis Omaswa is a graduate of Makerere Medical School, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa. He has qualifications in health services management and medical education.

Francis Omaswa and Lord Nigel Crisp co-edited a book entitled "African Health Leaders; making change and claiming the future", Oxford University Press (OUP) 2014, launched by the President of the UN General Assembly, New York City, on 25th September, 2014.