



PROGRAMME

# INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: A BRIEFING FOR DELEGATES

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Sunday, 19 May 2019, 15:00 – 18:00  
Maison de la paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet

14:30 – 15:00

## NETWORKING COFFEE

15:00 – 15:15

## WELCOME

Ilona **Kickbusch**, Director, Global Health Centre,  
the Graduate Institute

John E. **Lange**, Ambassador; Senior Fellow for Global Health  
Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation

*2019: Global health disruptions – what is at stake*  
Ilona **Kickbusch**

15:15 – 15:30

## WHA PROCEDURES AND GOVERNANCE

Gian Luca **Burci**, Adjunct Professor, the Graduate Institute;  
Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre; Former Legal Counsel,  
World Health Organization

15:30 – 16:30

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### TRANSFORMING THE WHO – WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?

Peter **Singer**, Special Advisor to the Director-General, World Health Organization.

Anders **Nordström**, Ambassador for Global Health, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Socorro **Flores Liera**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Christopher **Elias**, President, Global Development Programme, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Mareike **Haase**, International Health Policy Advisor, Bread for the World

Moderator: Ilona **Kickbusch**

16:30 – 17:50

## 72nd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: WHAT IS AT STAKE

### *Health emergencies*

Jaouad **Mahjour**, Assistant Director-General, Emergency Preparedness and International Health Regulations, World Health Organization

### *Achieving Universal Health Coverage and Plans for the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC*

Ranieri **Guerra**, Assistant Director-General, WHO Lead for UN High-Level Meeting on UHC, World Health Organization

### *The Nagoya Protocol: its public health implications and its impact on seasonal virus sharing*

Steven **Solomon**, Principal Legal Officer for Governing Bodies, World Health Organization

### *Improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines and other health-related technologies*

Andrew **Rintoul**, Scientist, Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals, World Health Organization

### *Antimicrobial resistance*

Hanan H. **Balkhy**, Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance, World Health Organization

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17:50 – 18:00

## CLOSING

John E. **Lange**

Ilona **Kickbusch**

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