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UN High Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance *Are current conflicts a game changer?*

9 October 2024

Geneva Graduate Institute

Auditorium A2, 12:30-14:00 CEST, with reception following

In person and online on Webex

Co-host: Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP), Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and Other International Organisations in Geneva

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Moderator

Nadya Wells

Senior Research Adviser, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute



Nadya Wells is an experienced investment professional whose passion is building bridges to facilitate increased financing for global health. She moved into academia in 2015, joining the Graduate Institute in 2017 to teach Biofinance. Her academic research interests are around the intersections of biomedicine and finance. She is currently working on the FINPHARM project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, exploring the impact of Financialisation on Global Health through a series of pharmaceutical case studies where she is leading the work on anti-microbial resistance (AMR).

Prior to joining the Global Health Centre she spent over 20 years as a long-term investor in Emerging and frontier markets as a portfolio manager and governance specialist. Since 2014 she has pursued a plural career combining non-executive board roles in the financial sector in multiple countries with her academic work in Global Health. She received an MBA from INSEAD, MSc in Global Health from the University of Geneva and MA from the University of Oxford.

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Vinh-Kim Nguyen

Co-Director, Global Health Centre/ Professor, Anthropology and Sociology,
Geneva Graduate Institute



Vinh-Kim Nguyen is an HIV and Emergency physician and medical anthropologist. As both practitioner and researcher, he is concerned with the relationship between science, politics and practice in global health. He practices Emergency Medicine at Avicenna Hospital in Paris and the Jewish General Hospital in Montréal, currently holds an ERC Consolidator Grant (Research Chair) on the science and politics of a world without AIDS and heads a team of anthropologists researching the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. He is Professor in the School of Public Health the University of Montreal where he leads the PhD track in Global Health, and Professor of Anthropology and Sociology of Development in the Graduate Institute for International and

Development Studies in Geneva; he also holds an honorary chair at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris which hosts researchers working on global health issues.

Since 1994 he has worked extensively with community organisations responding to the HIV epidemic in West Africa as a trainer and physician. This work informed his anthropological research on the global response to HIV with a concern for the forms of triage and sovereignty they embody. He continues to follow the evolving scientific and political response to HIV and Ebola in his current work. He draws on molecular epidemiology, global health and social theory to argue for a paradigm shift in eliminating infectious diseases.

He is the author of *The Republic of Therapy: Triage and Sovereignty in West Africa's Time of AIDS*; co-author, with Margaret Lock, of *An Anthropology of Biomedicine* and also the co-editor, with Jennifer Klot, of *The Fourth Wave: Violence, Gender, Culture, and HIV in the 21st Century*, as well as numerous articles in biomedical and anthropological journals.

Video Statement

Matthew Wilson

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, WTO & other
International Organisations in Geneva



Matthew Wilson is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, WTO & other International Organizations in Geneva. Mr. Wilson has over 20 years of experience in trade and development. Apart from being a Foreign Service Officer at the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations and other

international organisations from 2002 to 2009, he has also held senior roles at the World Trade Organization. These included Deputy Aid for Trade Coordinator from 2009 to 2011, and Senior Adviser and Counsellor to the World Trade Organization Director General, from 2011 to 2013, where he focused on development issues. Ambassador Wilson, holds a BSc. in Psychology and Sociology from The University of the West Indies (UWI), as well as post-graduate degrees in International Relations from The UWI, Development Studies from the University of Bath and an MBA Essentials from the London School of Economics.

Speakers

Kefas Samson

Technical Officer, Joint Quadripartite Secretariat on AMR, World Health Organization (WHO)



Dr. Samson is a senior Public Health Specialist with 21 years of experience in Communicable Disease control. He previously served as the Nutrition Technical Assistance Mechanism at Nutrition International. Dr. Samson, who is originally from Nigeria, is a Medical Doctor and has a Master of Science in Infection and Health in the Tropics and a Master of Public Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, as well as a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Royal College of Physicians in London.

Damien Somé

External Affairs Manager, GARDP



Damien currently serves as External Affairs Manager at GARDP, where he engages in fundraising, multistakeholder partnerships and strategic communications. A political economist by training, he is passionate about leveraging the power of partnerships for global public goods.

Damien has over 10 years of work experience in the public and private sectors. Before joining GARDP, he worked for UNICEF offices in Geneva and Beijing, consecutively in the Private Sector Engagement and the Public Partnerships teams to mobilize resources from multistakeholder platforms and governments. Before UNICEF, Damien worked for the late UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the then Africa Progress Panel within the Kofi Annan Foundation in Geneva.

Damien earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Tamkang University in Taiwan and a Master's in International Affairs from the Geneva Graduate Institute. He speaks French, English and Mandarin fluently.

Richard Sullivan

Director, Institute of Cancer Policy and Co-Director of the Centre for Conflict & Health Research, King's College London



Professor Richard Sullivan's research group studies health systems, particular NCD policy and the impact of conflict on health. He is Professor of Cancer and Global Health at King's College London, and Director of the Institute of Cancer Policy (ICP) and co-Director of the Conflict and Health Research Group. As well as holding a number of Visiting Chairs, Richard is an NCD advisor to the WHO, civil-military advisor to Save the Children, and a member of the National Cancer Grid of India.

His research focuses on global cancer policy and planning, and health systems strengthening, particularly conflict ecosystems. He is principal investigator on research programs ranging from automated radiotherapy planning for low resource settings to use of augmented/virtual reality for cancer surgery, through to political economy to build affordable, equitable cancer control plans. Richard has led five Lancet Oncology Commissions and worked on four others. He is currently co-leading Lancet Oncology commissions on the Future of Cancer Research in Europe and Cancer Care in Conflict. In conflict systems, his research teams have major programs in capacity building in conflict medicine across the Middle East and North Africa (r4hc-mena.org), as well as studies of the basic package of health services in Afghanistan, civil-military co-operation in health security, polio eradication and insecurity in Pakistan, and use of intelligence in high security disease outbreaks.

Professor Sullivan qualified in medicine and trained in surgery (urology), gaining his PhD from University College London. He was also clinical director of Cancer Research UK between 1999 and 2008. Following a period at the London School of Economics working on complex healthcare systems he moved to King's College London in 2011.