

SPEAKERS

Dr. Rüdiger Krech, WHO



Dr Rüdiger Krech is the Director of the Department of Health Promotion at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva since September 2019. He heads WHO's work on risk factors such as tobacco consumption and harmful use of alcohol; he is responsible for work on health-promoting settings and programs for more physical activity. In addition to the normative work, his team supports member states in public health legislation and ways to impose additional taxes on unhealthy products.

Petro Ilkiv, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



Petro Ilkiv is currently acting as National Programme Officer in charge of the Health Domain portfolio at the Embassy of Switzerland to Ukraine. He is engaged with international technical assistance projects implementation for more than 20 years, working with projects implementation in the field and planning long-term country cooperation strategies at the national level. Facilitating networking between implementing agencies within health domain portfolio, coordinating efforts with other development partners and aligning priorities with the national country strategies is a key focus of his professional activities.

Dr Carmen Sant Fruchtman, SwissTPH



Carmen Sant Fruchtman, MSc is a scientific collaborator at the health systems research group. She has a master of International Health from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (SwissTPH), in which she specialized in how to scale up sustainable digital health solutions.

Her work within the health systems and research group has led her to conduct research and implementation projects in low-and middle-income countries, including Botswana, Ghana, Pakistan, Timor-Leste and Tanzania. Her expertise includes the application of a health system lens to different fields from civil registration and vital statistics systems to district health management. In addition, she has the expertise and a special interest to integrate a gender and inclusion lens in all the projects she is involved with, making sure the needs of girls, women and marginalized groups are addressed in all studies and projects.

Riccardo Lampariello, Terre des hommes Foundation



Riccardo Lampariello holds an MSc in Applied Statistics and an MBA. He has over 20 years of experience in Health: from Pharma - where he worked for 10 years in various positions in Clinical and Business Development - to International Organizations and International NGOs. In May 2017 he joined Terre des hommes (the leading Swiss organisation for children's aid improving the lives of millions of children around the world) where he is Head of the Health Programme. In collaboration with the internal innovation unit, he drives the development and deployment of innovative projects with a focus on digital health.



Norohaingo Andrianaivo, Memisa (Guinea)



Medical doctor with an International Diploma in "Advanced Master's in Health Policy and Health System Management" (Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp) and Specialized Master in Health Sciences, with more than 17 years of experience as a leader and program manager in health and health system strengthening projects in sub-Saharan Region.

Monika Christofori-Khadka, Swiss Red Cross



Monika Christofori-Khadka works as a Health Adviser in the Swiss Red Cross International Cooperation Department. Her special interests are sexual and reproductive health, health system strengthening and community engagement.

Elvira Muratalieva, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



Elivra Muratalieva is a senior program officer of the health domain (5 projects including Health SWAp) at the Swiss Embassy in Kyrgyzstan/Cooperation Office. Before this position she used to work as the health program manager in other development organization as Open Society Institute and USAID. She is working in the health sector development for around 20 years by managing projects at the development organizations. As part of her work, she is closely collaborating with National Government and Donor Agencies active in Kyrgyzstan.

Dr Margaret Pascoe, Ruedi Lüthy Foundation



Dr. Margaret Pascoe is Medical Director of Clinical Affairs at Newlands Clinic and runs the Women's Health Centre. Margaret Pascoe is driven by her passion for treating people living with HIV/AIDS. Especially women because they are at greater risk and need specialist support.

Rebeca Revenga Becedas, IAMANEH



Rebeca Revenga Becedas is a programme manager of Southeast Europe at IAMANEH Schweiz. She holds a master in program management in international cooperation and development, and postgraduate in International Health from Swiss tropical and public health institute.

For over 15 years, she has been active in projects focused on Gender Equality and Health in Europe, Latin-American and Africa. As a researcher, Rebeca is currently working on applying systems-thinking and intersectional approaches to detect and respond to gender based violence. She is passionate about translating women's, children's and adolescent's rights issues into innovative programs and measurable impact.



Ona Pierce, Women's Hope International



Ona Pierce is the Programme Assistant within the International Cooperation Section of Women's Hope International. Her past work experiences and her studies in Political Science, with specialization in "Psychology of Development Politics" challenged her to critically rethink concepts of International Cooperation and to work towards more sustainable approaches..

Thomas Schwarz, Medicus Mundi International



Thomas Schwarz has been working since 25 years for Medicus Mundi Switzerland, first as Secretary and as Director of MMS and, since, 2018, as Executive Secretary of the Medicus Mundi International Network (MMI) hosted by MMS. MMI is a Network of organizations working in the field of international health cooperation and global health governance and an NGO in official relations with WHO. Thomas Schwarz is a civil society networker, facilitator and advocate, with a focus on global health, civil society governance and international health cooperation. As Executive Secretary of MMI, he initiated the project of a civil society Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2) which was launched by a group of organizations in 2016 and is since then hosted by the MMI Secretariat. MMI/Thomas also co-hosts the Secretariat of the Kampala Initiative ("Decolonize health cooperation, the critique of aid and the promotion of solidarity") and the civil society Health Workers for All Coalition.

Helen Prytherch, Swiss TPH



Helen Prytherch is a Public Health Specialist and Head of Unit at the Swiss Centre for International Health. By training a registered nurse and qualitative social scientist, she has 17 years' work experience gained at all levels of the health system across a variety of countries in Asia, Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. Helen Prytherch's main areas of expertise comprise health system strengthening, health financing, quality management and human resources for health. She has a particular interest in interdisciplinary and multisectoral approaches to health issues, with a focus on HIV/AIDS and malaria. Helen Prytherch has consolidated management experience, overseeing a team of 18 staff working from Basel. She has a track record of sensitively and successfully handling complex mandates, including those involving multiple stakeholder consultations and evidence based policy-making.

Olivier Praz, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



Olivier Praz joined the team of the SDC Health Network in September 2019. He has been working for the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs since 2005 and hold several positions as political officer and diplomat in Nigeria, Paris OECD, Bern, Tanzania and Cuba. His experience in international cooperation started with multilateral organizations with a specific focus on global health governance. As such he represented SDC at the Global Fund Board, the World Health Assembly and other specific governance bodies of global health partners. He was later on deputy director of the SDC Dar es Salaam office, in charge of bilateral health cooperation programs. He hold the same position in Havana with focus on local governance, food security and humanitarian aid. In his current position, Olivier Praz manages various partnerships on R&D and equitable access of medical technologies, including the recent Swiss engagement for greater access to COVID-19 diagnostics in low and lower-income countries



Per von Groote, ISPM Bern



Program Manager of the International Epidemiology Database to Evaluate AIDS, Southern Africa (IeDEA SA) research consortium. Member of the Management Board, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) - University of Bern.

Kate Molesworth, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Host



Kate Molesworth (PhD) is Reproductive Health and Social Development Adviser for the Swiss Centre for International Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. She has 25 years of experience in integrative development with a special focus on health, gender, social inclusion and livelihoods, both in the development and humanitarian sectors. During this time she has lived and worked in Nepal and provided technical support in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, China, Fiji, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Albania, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Côte D'Ivoire, Ghana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Lesotho, Sudan, Colombia, Panama and Mexico. Since 2011, she has been leading the health promotion component of the Health Promotion and System Strengthening project in Dodoma, Tanzania, piloting systematic approaches to participatory health promotion and community action for health.

Carine Weiss, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Host



Carine Weiss has been project leader at Medicus Mundi Switzerland since September 2014. She holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and a master's in international health from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute where she worked for over seven years. She has worked in the field for three years, spending six months in Cambodia, six months in Haiti and two years in Myanmar (2010 – 2013).

Martin Leschhorn Strebel, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Host



Martin Leschhorn Strebel is the Director of the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland, an umbrella organisation uniting around 50 Swiss organisations working in the fields of international health cooperation and global health.