

# Alliance Global Health Congress 2022

## *Global Health Diplomacy: who, what and where to?*

Global health diplomacy is critical to the attainment of health equity and sustainable development for all. The determinants of health (commercial, legal, political, environmental and social) cannot be resolved at a technical level alone and require a range of conversations with a range of stakeholders. At the same time global health diplomacy is the work of all of us, from Global Health Ambassadors to researchers to humanitarian and health agencies and those with lived experience of burdens of disease.

The **Australian Global Health Alliance**, in partnership with the **Australian Network of WHO Collaborating Centres**, invites you to join our annual online Alliance Global Health Congress, for a wide ranging discussion on the multi-faceted world of Global Health Diplomacy. What does it mean, who does this work, and who and what should be empowered more in our work as we strive to build healthier and more equitable societies around the world?



**With keynote address from:  
Dr Eric Goosby**  
UN Special Envoy on TB; Director of Global Health Diplomacy, University of California; Former U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (Obama Administration) and Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (Clinton Administration)

*We will share these conversations with distinguished leads in global health diplomacy from the region and globally, and hear from intergenerational voices as we look to challenges and opportunities of the future.*

### Speakers

**Kim Allen**

Chairperson, Commonwealth Youth Council; Member, Pacific Island Forum Secretary General's Young Climate Leaders Alliance

**Dr Renzo Guinto**

Associate Professor of the Practice of Global Public Health and Inaugural Director of the Planetary and Global Health Program, St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine, Philippines

**Dr Ying-Ru Jacqueline Lo**

WHO Representative to Lao People's Democratic Republic

**Anders Nordström**

Ambassador for Global Health, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Secretary of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPPR)

**Dr Farnaz Sabet**

GP; PhD candidate, University of Melbourne; Centre for Adolescent Health, Melbourne Children's Research Institute

**Dr Stephanie Williams**

Australian Ambassador for Regional Health Security, DFAT

**Prof Catherine Chamberlain**

Head of the Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne

**Hayley Jones**

Director of the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer in Melbourne (a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Law & Noncommunicable Disease)

**Dr Selina Namchee Lo**

Executive Director, Australian Global Health Alliance

**Dr Muhammad Ali Pate**

Julio Frenk Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Immediate past Director of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents, World Bank

**Jennifer Tierney**

Executive Director, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Australia

+ more speakers to be announced soon!

# Full speaker bios

(alphabetical order)



## **Kim Allen**

Kim Allen, from Papua New Guinea, has over 10 years of youth volunteer work and four years of experience in the development and conservation field across various reputable organizations such as the United Nations Development Program, USAID, and Cardno International Development. He initiated various community-led projects ranging from water and sanitation, school library books and classrooms, climate action awareness and school relocation, and youth leadership programs. He is currently doing a Master of Arts in International Development at Nagoya University, Japan.

Kim is a member of various local, national, regional, and international youth networks working on climate change, environment conservation, good governance, and the Sustainable Development Goals. His engagement across various levels enabled him to represent fellow youths at various national, regional, and international levels. He is passionate about seeing young people realize their potential to improve their lives and that of their communities. He serves as the current Chairperson of the Commonwealth Youth Council and a member of the Pacific Island Forum Secretary General's Young Climate Leaders Alliance.



## **Professor Catherine Chamberlain**

Professor Catherine Chamberlain is Head of the Indigenous Health Equity Unit at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health. A Palawa woman of the Trawlwoolway clan (Tasmania), she is a registered midwife and public health researcher with over 25 years' experience in the health sector, including leadership positions within academic institutions, government, and health services. Within Australia, she has worked in government and nongovernment agencies in urban, rural, and remote regions across clinical practice, policy and research. Internationally, she has worked on strategies to implement evidence-based care (South-east Asia), coordinated health programs in conflict-affected areas in Africa, and her research has informed guidelines and policy, including effective strategies to support women to stop smoking in pregnancy. She has identified critical gaps in care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing diabetes in pregnancy and worked with communities to develop acceptable and feasible strategies to address these gaps. She currently leads a large multidisciplinary multi-jurisdictional project to develop, implement and evaluate perinatal strategies to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents experiencing complex trauma.



## **Professor Eric Goosby**

Eric Goosby is a leading global expert on infectious diseases specialising in HIV/AIDS clinical care, research and policy. He is the Director of Global Health Delivery and Diplomacy, Institute for Global Health Sciences at the University of California. From 2015 to 2019, he was appointed as the UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis (TB) by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. His previous roles included Ambassador-at-Large and U.S Global AIDS Coordinator, Assistant Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013 under the Obama Administration. He oversaw the implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and founded and led the State Department's Office of Global Health Diplomacy. Goosby was also CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangea Global AIDS Foundation from 2001-2009. During this period, he played a key role in the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS national treatment scale-up plans in South Africa, Rwanda, China and Ukraine.



## **Dr Renzo Guinto**

Renzo Guinto, MD DrPH is the Associate Professor of the Practice of Global Public Health and Inaugural Director of the Planetary and Global Health Program of the St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine in the Philippines.

Concurrently, he is also the Chief Planetary Health Scientist and Co-Founder of the Sunway Centre for Planetary Health in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is a member of the National Panel of Technical Experts of the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines, and convener of Planetary Health Philippines – a community of Filipino scholars and practitioners for advancing the new discipline of planetary health. An Obama Foundation Asia-Pacific Leader and Aspen Institute New Voices Fellow.

Renzo has served as consultant for various organizations including the World Health Organization, World Bank, and Health Care Without Harm, and been a member of several international committees, advisory boards, and networks including four Lancet Commissions and the editorial advisory board of The Lancet Planetary Health.

Renzo obtained his Doctor of Public Health from Harvard University and Doctor of Medicine from the University of the Philippines Manila, and received further training from Oxford, Copenhagen, Western Cape, and East-West Center (Hawaii). He has traveled to and lectured in nearly 60 countries and 100 universities across the world; published more than 150 reports and articles in scientific journals, books, and popular media; and directed and produced short films that communicate the message of planetary healing to the world. In 2020, Renzo was included by Tatler Magazine in its Gen.T List of 400 leaders of tomorrow who are shaping Asia's future.



## **Hayley Jones**

Hayley Jones Hayley Jones is Director of the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer in Melbourne, the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Law & Noncommunicable Disease, and the Knowledge Hub for legal challenges to implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. She is a dual-qualified lawyer (Australia and England) with a focus on access to justice and human rights initiatives at the grass-roots and global level.



## **Dr Ying-Ru Jacqueline Lo**

Dr Ying-Ru Lo joined as WHO Representative to Lao People's Democratic Republic in January 2022. In her position as Head of WHO Office, she leads the strategic and policy dialogue with the Ministry of Health and partners.

Dr Lo is an infectious disease physician from Hamburg, Germany with over 30 years of experience as a clinician and public health adviser. She started working for the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1998, holding positions at country (Thailand and Malaysia), regional (South-East Asia Regional Office in New Delhi and Western Pacific Regional Office in Manila) and headquarters levels (Geneva). Dr Lo led the introduction of HIV treatment in Asia in the early 1990s. As a global coordinator in Geneva, she led the development of WHO guidelines related to HIV and viral hepatitis and reinvigorated WHO's HIV prevention programme. She later facilitated the introduction of hepatitis treatment in Asia in her position as a regional coordinator in the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific. During her four years as WHO Representative to Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore, Dr Lo was successful in enhancing WHO's presence, excellence and visibility during the COVID-19 pandemic response. She was instrumental in guiding the three-level support of WHO and partners to close the poliovirus outbreak in Malaysia.

Dr Lo gained a wealth of global experience while working in Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific and also visiting African countries and the United States of America on several missions. Since the beginning of her career, Dr Lo's focus has been on improving public health in Asia and increasing the role and visibility of Asian expertise in global health. To support her work, she has raised considerable funds and created a vast network of collaborators.



### **Dr Selina Namchee Lo**

Dr Lo has nearly three decades experience in global and international health with qualifications in medicine (University of Melbourne), tropical medicine (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) and a Masters in Public and International Law (University of Melbourne).

She is currently also Consulting Editor (Global and Planetary Health Commissions) for The Lancet medical journal where she was previous Senior Editor based in London and Beijing. She has been handling editor of a number of global health peer reviewed commissions including the Rockefeller Lancet Planetary Health report, the first Lancet series on Transgender Health and Global Health 2035: Investing in Health.

Selina has worked in Afghanistan, Myanmar, China, Thailand, and Bangladesh specifically with refugee, stateless, ethnic minority, and IDU and sex worker communities. She was a Medical Director for Essential Medicines for Médecins sans Frontières based in Geneva. She has worked for Save the Children UK and was Clinical Advisor for the seminal Clinton Foundation national HIV AIDS treatment partnership based in China CDC, and inaugural CEO for Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA). As a consultant Selina has worked with WHO HQ on Common Goods for Health, Victorian Department of Health COVID19 response, and was a visiting fellow to the UN International Institute of Global Health Malaysia on Gender and Health.

Selina sits on the steering committee of SESH global which builds crowd funding capacity for lower and middle income country researchers in infectious diseases and comes to the Alliance from the Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI). She retains an active interest in the arts and local community – supporting Correspondences and by writing the occasional art review.



### **Anders Nordström**

Anders Nordström holds the position as the Ambassador for Global Health at the Sweden Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. He previously held senior positions as the Head of Country Office from 2015 to 2017 and Assistant Director General in 2003 and 2006 for the World Health Organisation. Nordström also served as the Director General for Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) from 2008 to 2010, previously holding the position as Head of Health Division from 1999 to 2003. In 2002, Nordström briefly served as the Interim Executive Director for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, after having being part of the Transitional Working Group during 2001. He also serves on the Boards of UNAIDS, GAVI, and is an alternate board member at the Global Fund.



### **Dr. Muhammed Ali Pate**

Dr Muhammed Ali Pate is currently the Julio Frenk Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is the immediate past Director of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) and the Global Director for Health, Nutrition, and Population (HNP) Global Practice of the World Bank. Dr. Pate has previously held several senior positions including that of Minister of State and Health in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Chief Executive Officer of Big Win Philanthropy, based in the UK. He joined the World Bank Group, as a Young Professional in 2000 and worked on combatting health issues in several regions such as Africa and the East Asia and Pacific. During his time at the World Bank Group and World Economic Forum, Pate worked with countries most affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, leading programs that resulted in significant changes to health care systems and disease control around the world.



### **Dr Farnaz Sabet**

Dr Farnaz Sabet is a General Practitioner with extensive experience in Global Health practice and policy. She has worked for government, INGOs, and academia across Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Pacific. She is currently doing a PhD, looking at “Evaluating the Outcomes of Participatory Women’s Groups for Pregnant Adolescents” using data from six trials, qualitative research from the state of Jharkhand, India and an extensive systematic review on interventions for pregnant adolescents in LMIC that highlights the neglect in their care.

Farnaz’s research interests include enhancing the outcomes for girl adolescents living in contexts of high gender inequality.



### **Jennifer Tierney**

Jennifer Tierney is the Executive Director for Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Australia. During the first 12 months of her tenure, Jennifer has lead the development of a new strategic plan with a focus on the intersection of humanitarian work and climate change, diversity, equity and inclusion in the humanitarian sector and patient centred care. Jennifer has also steered the organisation through COVID-19, focusing on championing equitable access to healthcare.

Prior to joining MSF Australia, Jennifer was Director of Fundraising and Communications with UNICEF Australia. Jennifer has also worked as Senior Director at Synergos, leading fundraising and communications projects; and as a strategic consultant with organisations including Amnesty International, Orbis, Concern Worldwide, and the Clinton Foundation.

Previously, Jennifer worked with MSF USA as Marketing Director, and then Development Director. Jennifer has also worked with MSF as a program coordinator in Pibor, South Sudan and as a program liaison officer in Beirut, Lebanon.

Jennifer has a Master’s degree in Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights from the Global Affairs program at New York University. She graduated from Colgate University with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Women’s Studies.



### **Dr. Stephanie Williams**

Stephanie Williams is Australia’s ambassador for Regional Health Security since March 2020. As Ambassador, Dr Williams facilitates Australia’s advancement in the Indo-Pacific by creating links between Australia’s world-class public health and medical research experts and partners in the region. Additionally, she guides the implementation of the \$300 million Health Security Initiative for the Indo-Pacific region. Dr Williams is a Public Health Physician and Epidemiologist, who has been DFAT’s Principal Health Specialist since 2017. Prior to joining DFAT, Williams was a medical advisor in the Office of Health Protection in the Australian Government Department of Health. She also served as a Registrar for Victoria’s Chief Health Officer; Epidemiologist in the Global Health Security for the World Health Organisation (WHO) and medical doctor for Medicines Sans Frontières and the WHO.