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Aspen Global Health and Development and the World Health Organization Department of Reproductive Health and Research are pleased to welcome you to the Inaugural Event of the

## **GENEVA POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

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# GENEVA POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

## PROGRAM

### Opening Remarks

*Ambassador Betty E. King, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva*

*Peggy Clark, Executive Director of Aspen Global Health and Development*

*Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General of Family and Community Health, WHO*

*Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

### Moderator Opening Remarks

*Lyndon Haviland, Senior Strategic Advisor of Aspen Global Health and Development*

### Panel One: Policy Innovations

*Dr. Sudha Sharma, Secretary of Health and Population, Nepal*

*Honorable Nils Daulaire, Director, Office of Global Health Affairs, United States Department of Health and Human Services*

## **Panel Two: Expanding Services**

*Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary,  
World YWCA*

*Honorable Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister of  
Health, Ethiopia*

## **Panel Three: Financing**

*Dr. Ngabo Fidele, Director of the Maternal and Child  
Health Unit, Ministry of Health, Rwanda*

*Dr. Gill Greer, Director-General, International  
Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)*

## **Announcement and Closing Remarks**

*Vice Admiral Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General of  
the United States*

*Dr. Mike Mbizvo, Director of the WHO Department of  
Reproductive Health and Research*

## **Reception**

# Speaker Biographies

## **Vice Admiral Regina M. Benjamin**

Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA is the 18<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service. As America's Doctor, Dr. Benjamin provides the nation with the best scientific knowledge on improving their health and oversees the operational command of 6,500 uniformed health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote, protect, and advance the health of the American people.

Dr. Benjamin is founder and former CEO of the Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic in Alabama, former Associate Dean for Rural Health at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, Alabama and Past Chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States. In 1995, she was the first physician under age 40 and the first African-American woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees. She served as President of the American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation and Chair of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. In 2002 she became President of the Medical Association State of Alabama, making her the first African American female president of a State Medical Society in the United States. She was a Kellogg National Fellow and received a MacArthur Genius Award Fellowship.

Dr. Benjamin has a BS in chemistry from Xavier University, New Orleans; MD degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham; an MBA from Tulane University and eleven honorary doctorates. She attended Morehouse School of Medicine and completed her family medicine residency in Macon, Georgia.

## **Dr. Flavia Bustreo**

Dr. Flavia Bustreo was appointed Assistant Director-General for Family and Community Health of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 October 2010. At WHO, she served as Deputy Director and then Director of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health from 2006 to 2010. In 2004-2005, she served as Interim Deputy Director of the Child Survival Partnership.

Dr. Bustreo's work has focused on policy development concerning child and maternal health, policy implementation and partnership-building with a wide range of stakeholders. In 2010, she led the development of the United Nations Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. In 2008, she contributed to the High Level Taskforce on International Innovative Financing for Health Systems and in 2005, to the UN Taskforce on Millennium Development Goals 4 & 5 to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Dr. Bustreo has worked in several countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Senegal, Sudan and Uganda. Dr. Bustreo earned a degree in medicine with honours and a post-graduate qualification in rehabilitation medicine from Padua University, Italy, and later obtained a M.Sc. in Communicable Disease Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Bustreo speaks English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian and has studied Russian and Arabic.

### **Ms. Peggy Clark**

Peggy Clark is the Vice President of Policy Programs at The Aspen Institute and the Executive Director of Aspen Global Health and Development. Peggy served as the founding Managing Director of Realizing Rights and as the Executive Vice President for Policy Programs and Seminars for the Aspen Institute, where she managed all programmatic and leadership divisions of the Institute. Peggy was a leader in founding and shaping the microenterprise and microfinance fields internationally, helping to draft the first microenterprise legislation for USAID in the U.S. and serving on the first Microenterprise Advisory Council to the Administrator of USAID. Peggy also led efforts to establish the microfinance field in the U.S., helping to draft the first legislation to support it out of the SBA and leading the first national evaluation and documentation of the microenterprise field in the U.S. Peggy received the Inaugural Presidential Award for Excellence in microenterprise Development from President Bill Clinton in 1995.

Peggy was Founder and Executive Director of the Economic Opportunities Program of the Aspen Institute from 1991-2000, addressing poverty and workforce strategies in the U.S.

Peggy also helped to define and found the new field of "Sectoral Workforce Development" with the publication *Jobs and the Urban Poor*. Peggy was a Program Officer at the Ford Foundation where she led the foundation's global women's development, employment and US poverty, workforce and microenterprise portfolio, and she was the first Director of Small Scale Enterprise and Credit Programs at Save the Children Federation from 1985-1988, where she developed their first microcredit and livelihoods global strategy. Peggy is the author of numerous publications on poverty, workforce strategies, microenterprise, and global health.

### **Dr. Nils Daulaire**

Nils Daulaire, MD, MPH, was appointed by Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to serve the Department of Health and Human Services as Director of the Office of Global Health Affairs on March 22, 2010. President Obama nominated Dr. Daulaire to serve as the U.S. Representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. He was unanimously confirmed to this position by the full Senate on April 14, 2011. Dr. Daulaire served for over a decade as president and CEO of the Global Health Council. He advised the Bush Administration on the initial establishment of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and the President's Malaria Initiative. From 1993-1998, he served in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy and as Senior International Health Advisor at the U.S. Agency for International Development. He was the lead U.S. negotiator on health matters at the Cairo Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing World Conference on Women, and the World Food Conference.

Before this, Dr. Daulaire devoted nearly two decades to health services and public health in low-income countries, managing maternal and child health delivery and field research programs in Nepal, Mali, Bangladesh and Haiti, and has worked on global health program and policy matters in more than fifty countries encompassing every region of the world. A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Medical School, and the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, he is board certified in preventive medicine and public health.

He has been elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine and the Council on Foreign Relations, and has published widely in scholarly health and policy journals. He speaks seven languages.

### **Hon. Minister Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is currently the Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. He has served in a number of expert and leadership positions within the Ministry at both federal and regional levels, including most recently as Minister of State and Head of the Tigray Regional Health Bureau. A globally recognized malaria researcher, Dr. Tedros Adhanom has co-authored numerous articles on this subject in publications such as *Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology*, *The Lancet*, *Nature and Parasitologia*. His study of malaria incidence among children living near dams in northern Ethiopia earned him the distinction of "Young Investigator of the Year" from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. In 2003, the Ethiopian Public Health Association recognized his important research work through the prestigious "Young Public Health Researcher Award."

In 2009, Minister Tedros was elected Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In May 2009, he was also elected to represent Ethiopia as the Chair of the Fourth Conference of Ministers of Health of the African Union. Previously, he served as Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and of the UNAIDS Programme Coordination Board. In addition, he was Co-Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health from 2005-2009. He is currently Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Partners in Population and Development, and member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization Board as well as the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Minister Tedros has received numerous awards throughout his career, most recently the 2011 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award. Dr. Tedros holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health from the University of Nottingham. He obtained a Master of Science in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London and completed his undergraduate studies in Biology at Asmara University.

### **Dr. Gill Greer**

In September 2006, Dr. Gill Greer was appointed Director-General of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). In 2009 she was the Chair of the International Steering Group of the Global Partners in Action NGO Forum, the International Co-Chair of the Asia Pacific Conference of Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights, and has served as a Member of the International Health Partnerships Plus Civil Society Consultation Group. Dr. Greer was previously Chair of the New Zealand NGO Ministry of Health Forum, Chair of the Asia Pacific Alliance for the advancement of ICPD, and a member of the International Development Advisory Committee for the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She is the first Chair of the UNFPA NGO Advisory Panel.

Dr. Greer comes from a teaching, management and advocacy background in education at school and university levels, and in health, development and rights, which she believes to be the cornerstones of individual and community development. Dr. Greer, who has a PhD in Women's Literature, was an Honorary Research Fellow in Women's Studies of Victoria University, Wellington, where she was Assistant Vice Chancellor responsible for human resources, equal employment and student equity. In 2002 she was a joint recipient of the New Horizons for Women Award, in 2005 was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to family planning, and in February 2011 was named in the 'Women Deliver 100: The Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women.'

### **Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda**

Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda has been the World YWCA General Secretary since 2007. Her leadership of the World YWCA movement extends across 106 countries with a reach of 25 million women and girls. She provides leadership for the YWCA movement's priorities in women's leadership on the topics of sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, violence against women, peace with justice, and economic empowerment. She came to lead the World YWCA after over 10 years of experience with the United Nations, where she served as Regional Director for the United Nations Development Fund for Women in Eastern and Horn Africa covering 13 countries.



She had previously worked as a human rights officer with UNICEF in Liberia and Zimbabwe, and in the past two decades her rights-based work has carried her across the globe as a leader and public speaker.

Gumbonzvanda has a Master's degree in Private Law with specialisation in Constitutional Property Law from the University of South Africa and completed post-graduate work on conflict resolution at Uppsala University, Sweden. She serves on various Boards of development organisations including Action Aid International and Save the Children UK. She is the founder and chairperson of Rozaria Memorial Trust. She is an active member of women's organisations including the Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association.

### **Dr. Lyndon Haviland**

Lyndon Haviland, DrPH, MPH, is a nationally recognized expert in strategic philanthropy, public health communications, brand marketing and applied research. She holds a doctorate degree in public health and has more than 20 years domestic and international public health management and leadership. From 2002-2004, Dr. Haviland was chief operating officer of the American Legacy Foundation, during which time she helped to frame tobacco as a social justice issue and to build public-private partnerships to support a national grassroots movement against tobacco use.

### **Her Excellency Mrs. Betty E. King**

Ambassador Betty King was nominated on October 22, 2009, by President Obama to serve as the Representative of the United States to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and attested by the President on February 12, 2010. Ambassador King served as the United States Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. In that capacity, she worked on human rights, development, children, aging, and population issues. She was the principal U.S. negotiator on the Millennium Development Goals.

Ms. King has an extensive background in philanthropy having served as the Vice President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged children. She served as the Senior Advisor to the CEO of the California Endowment where she worked to improve health services and systems, and as an advisor to the Atlantic Philanthropies on their programs for children and youth. In the public sector, Ms. King has served as the Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health Services in the District of Columbia, as Director of the Department on Aging in Arkansas, and as an Assistant professor at the University of Arkansas. Ms. King earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, a Masters Degree at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, was a National Humanities Fellow at Harvard University, and a Public Policy Fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles.

#### **Dr. Mike Mbizvo**

Dr Michael T. Mbizvo is the Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), WHO/HQ.Geneva. The RHR Department includes HRP – the UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction. Dr Mbizvo joined WHO in 1997 as Manager for the Male Reproductive Health Area in HRP, and was a Coordinator and Senior Scientist in the Director's Office, from 2002 to February 2009, before he was appointed as Director, RHR *ad interim*, and subsequently Director RHR/HRP. He has been responsible for, among other things, research oversight in developing contraceptive methods for men, sexual and reproductive health and HIV intervention linkages, initiatives related to programme development towards universal access to reproductive health, including oversight on collaboration with regions, countries and partners, and research capacity strengthening in low- and middle-income countries to improve sexual and reproductive health. He has provided leadership on the development of strategies to enhance the application of results of reproductive health research in policy and programmes and improving the quality of sexual and reproductive health care through adaptation and adoption of normative guidance tools.

Prior to joining WHO, Dr Mbizvo was a Research Director and Professor at the University of Zimbabwe Medical School, with specialist training in andrology and reproductive health epidemiology. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals in various areas of sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS, which include two books. Dr. Mbizvo comes from Zimbabwe and undertook part of his postgraduate training in the USA, Australia, Ireland and Sweden.

### **Dr. Fidele Ngabo**

Since 2008, Dr. Fidele Ngabo has been the Director of the Maternal and Child Health Unit in the Ministry of Health of Rwanda, which is responsible for improving reproductive health, family planning, child health, immunization services and nutrition.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Ngabo was the Director of the Immunization program, a position he was promoted to after achieving high coverage immunization and successful introduction of the Pneumococcal vaccine in routine immunizations. In addition, he served as the director of training and guideline update in the Center for HIV Research and Training, working to develop and implement guidelines on HIV treatment ,including ARV provision.

Dr. Ngabo began his career at Kigali Teaching Hospital in Rwanda where he worked in the Emergency Department. He received his degree in Medicine and also holds a Master degree in Epidemiology. Dr. Ngabo is currently pursuing his PhD in Epidemiology.

### **Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin**

On 1 January 2011, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin became the fourth Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. He holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Previously, Dr. Osotimehin served as the Minister of Health of Nigeria and as the Director-General of the Nigerian National Agency for the Control of AIDS. From 1980 to 1994, Dr. Osotimehin was a Professor, Department Head of Clinical Pathology, and Provost of the College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan.

Dr. Osotimehin's interests include youth and gender, within the context of reproductive health and rights. In recognition of his contributions, especially as a leader of Nigeria's response to HIV and AIDS, he was awarded the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) in December 2005.

Dr. Osotimehin earned his medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and then received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. He is a member of the United Kingdom's Royal College of Physicians and was, between 1996 and 1997, a visiting fellow at the Harvard Centre for Population and Development Studies. In 2006, he was inducted as a fellow of the prestigious Nigerian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Osotimehin is married and has five children.

**Dr. Sudha Sharma**

Dr. Sudha Sharma, MBBS, DGO, FRCOG, MPH, an Obstetrician & Gynecologist by training, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK and holds a Masters degree in Public Health. She has worked extensively in various capacities with the Government of Nepal for the past 30 years. Since 2008, she has been working as Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population. In this role, she manages the entire Health and Population portfolio of the Government of Nepal. Her health portfolio includes overall leadership and coordination in the areas of policy, planning, international cooperation; monitoring and evaluation of national health programmes; overall management of financial and human resource; and general administration. Her population portfolio includes population, environmental health, and reproductive health policies and programmes, including safe motherhood, newborn health, child health, nutrition and gender.

Dr. Sharma has served as President of the Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Nepal Medical Association, and the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in addition to Chair of the Education Committee of Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. She is a Rotarian, and is actively engaged in many community service activities. She lives in Kathmandu with her husband, Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma. He is a surgeon and they have two children, both doctors.

## **Aspen Global Health and Development**

Aspen Global Health and Development (GHD)'s mission is to identify and promote breakthrough solutions for global health and poverty. GHD believes that integrating health and poverty alleviation strategies is essential for accelerating progress in both areas.

GHD works to inform and strengthen the capacity of political leaders, move country level best practice to global policy attention, develop and promote new evidence, and provide high-level forums for debate and implementation of innovative strategies with the potential to result in large scale, significant impacts.

GHD's work includes the following five initiatives:

- The Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health
- The Health Worker Migration Initiative (HWMI)
- The Inform Decision-Makers to Act (IDEA) Initiative
- The Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health (MLI)
- The TransFarm Africa (TFA) Initiative

To learn more about each of these initiatives, please visit:  
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## **UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)**

HRP was established in 1972 by WHO. In 1988, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and The World Bank joined WHO as the Programme's cosponsors.

HRP is the research arm of the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), whose vision is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of sexual and reproductive health. It strives for a world where all women's and men's rights to enjoy sexual and reproductive health are promoted and protected, and all women and men, including adolescents and those who are underserved or marginalized, have access to sexual and reproductive health information and services.

Three overarching themes form part of the mission of RHR's work: universal access to sexual and reproductive health including addressing unmet needs; the renewal of primary health care; and fostering programmatic and policy linkages between services and interventions for HIV and for sexual and reproductive health.

RHR's work is premised on the need to achieve access to and quality of sexual and reproductive health, in order to meet the needs of diverse populations, particularly the most vulnerable. It is shaped around the five components of WHO's *Global reproductive health strategy*:

- improving antenatal, perinatal, postpartum and newborn care;
- providing high-quality services for family planning, including infertility services;
- eliminating unsafe abortion;
- combating sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, reproductive tract infections, cervical cancer and other sexual and reproductive health morbidities;
- promoting sexual health.

For more information on HRP's work please visit: [www.who.int/hrp](http://www.who.int/hrp) or E-mail: [hrpublications@who.int](mailto:hrpublications@who.int)

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[www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/monitoring/rhr\\_hrp\\_11\\_19](http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/monitoring/rhr_hrp_11_19)



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