

72nd World Health Assembly Side Event:
Community and Civil Society Engagement for the Global Action Plan on SDG3
Monday, May 20 | Program: 3:30 PM – 5:15 PM | Reception: 5:15 – 6:00 PM
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Speaker Bios

The Honourable Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng (@JaneRuth_Aceng, @MinofHealthUG) was appointed as the Minister of Health Uganda in June 2016. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine (MChB), MMED (Paediatrics), Masters in Public Health and a Diploma in Public Administration and Management (ongoing). She is a Paediatrics expert and is currently at the level of Senior Consultant Paediatrics. Dr. Aceng has vast experience both as a manager and a practicing medical personnel, which she accumulated while serving in various capacities as: Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer Special Grade, Medical Superintendent, Consultant Paediatrician, Senior Consultant Paediatrician, Hospital Director and the Director General, Health Services, Ministry of Health Uganda.

Dr. Seth Berkley (@GaviSeth, @Gavi) serves as GAVI's CEO. A medical doctor specialising in infectious disease epidemiology, Dr. Berkley founded the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) in 1996, where he served as President and CEO. Prior to founding IAVI, he worked for the Health Sciences Division at The Rockefeller Foundation. He has also held posts at the Center for Infectious Diseases, the US Centers for Disease Control; the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; and the Carter Center, where he was assigned as an epidemiologist to the Ministry of Health in Uganda. Dr. Berkley played a key role in Uganda's national HIV sero-survey and helped develop its National AIDS Control programmes. He has consulted or worked in more than 25 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Dr. Berkley has been featured on the cover of Newsweek, and recognised by Time magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World". He was also included in "The Wired 25", Wired's "salute to dreamers, inventors, mavericks and leaders". Dr. Berkley received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University and trained in internal medicine at Harvard University (USA).

Kate Dodson (@UNFoundation) is the Vice President for Global Health at the United Nations Foundation. In this role, Kate works to ensure that the UN Foundation is delivering on its commitments to address the health-related Sustainable Development Goals, and builds synergies with UN agencies and other key multilateral partners. In its global health work, the UN Foundation has dedicated efforts to improve access to immunization and family planning, prevent malaria, and advance SRMNCAN efforts along the continuum of care, all working to advance UN system priorities. Previously, Kate spent several years as the UN Foundation's Director of Global Health, and has also served as Executive Director of Program Integration, focused on cross-department and cross-issue collaboration. Kate joined the UN Foundation in 2004 and spent her first five years in the sustainable development program in various positions, focused at the intersection of poverty reduction and environmental stewardship. Ms. Dodson has served on numerous advisory bodies for UN-related multi-partner initiatives. She is currently vice-chair of the board of the Global Health Council, and was co-chair of the Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) for four years. She has also held positions at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has traveled, worked and studied in several countries. She has a master's degree with distinction from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a bachelor's degree with departmental honors from Bates College in Maine.

Rosemary W. Mburu, MPH (@rosemarymburu, @WACI_Tweets) has been a champion for healthy communities for over fifteen years and currently serves as the Executive Director for [WACI Health](#). Mburu is a civil society leader in Africa and has extensively worked on supporting civil society to engage with decision makers at community, national, regional and global levels. She is a civil society organizer working on building and strengthening civil society networks and platforms on health-related advocacy and campaigning in Africa. In her day-to-day work, together with other civil society leaders and

organizations in Africa, Ms Mburu engages with governments, key multilateral and bilateral institutions (such as World Health Organization, the Global Fund, the Stop TB Partnership, and the World Bank). She champions healthy communities by engaging with decision makers and senior technical experts directly and through high-level allies, while also building external support via parliamentary and civic engagement, civil society strengthening, and politically relevant media outreach. Ms. Mburu Holds a Masters in Public Health from Ohio University, a Masters in Business Administration from Frostburg State University, Maryland, and a Bachelor of Education from Kenyatta University, Kenya.

Loyce Pace, MPH ([GlobalGameChngr](#), [@GlobalHealthOrg](#)) a leader who has worked on the ground in more than 10 countries delivering health programs and mobilizing advocates, is Global Health Council's President and Executive Director. Ms. Pace comes to the role having held leadership positions in global policy and strategic partnerships at LIVESTRONG Foundation and the American Cancer Society. While Director of Regional Programs for the American Cancer Society's Department of Global Health, she was responsible for developing their first capacity-building and advocacy initiatives in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, she has worked with Physicians for Human Rights and also served as an International Development Fellow for Catholic Relief Services, implementing community outreach projects throughout Senegal and The Gambia. Ms. Pace holds a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Human Biology from Stanford University and a Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she was inducted into the Delta Omega Society. She is currently a member of the board at InterAction as well as United Nations Association (National Capital Area), and previously served on the Phillips Academy (Andover) Alumni Council. She speaks several languages, including Spanish as well as some French and Japanese, and has lived in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Loyce is based in Washington, DC.

Joy Phumaphi ([@joy_phumaphi](#), [@ALMA_2030](#)), a Botswana national, began public service in Botswana as a local government auditor. From 1994 to 2003, she went on to serve in Parliament and as a representative to the Southern African Development Community. She entered the Cabinet with responsibility for lands and housing and developed the first national housing policy. Ms. Phumaphi subsequently served as Minister for Health where she restructured the ministry to make it more focused on results while overseeing revision of the Public Health Act and putting into action a multi-sectoral plan to combat HIV/AIDS. In 2003, Ms. Phumaphi joined the World Health Organization as the Assistant Director General for Family and Community Health Department, managing a staff of over 1,100 globally. Ms. Phumaphi is on the Board of GAVI. She has served as a member of the UN Reference Group on Economics and a UN Commissioner on HIV/AIDS and Governance. She is a member of the UNDP advisory board for Africa and the AAI. Ms. Phumaphi holds a Master of Science degree in Financial Accounting and Decision Sciences from Miami University, Ohio. Ms. Phumaphi joined the World Bank and became the Vice President of the Human Development Network in 2007. She currently is the Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA).

Dr. Maria José Pires Machai "I would like to see more rapid diagnostic means, safer drugs in fixed-dose combinations, child-friendly formulations, better and shorter regimens accessible to those who are in need, so the missing cases are detected, treated, and cured, reducing the risk of transmission" Dr. Maria José Pires Machai, Maputo, Mozambique. While completing her post-graduate work in clinical pharmacology, Dr. Maria José was diagnosed with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB). Since then, Dr. Maria José works to educate health professionals who are exposed to TB in their work environments, advocates for healthier work conditions, and reduces stigma around TB in addition to visiting patients in her community. Additionally, Dr. Maria José sits on the Mozambique National and Provincial Technical Working Group for MDR TB, supporting policy change related to prevention, the introduction of new drugs, and improved regimens.

Jyotsna Roy ([@jyotsna_roy](#), [@NadaPehchaan](#)) "The rationale for investing in civil society is clear: a vibrant and strong NCD civil society movement capable of delivering its four primary roles—advocacy, awareness raising, improving access, and accountability—are prerequisites for the success of the UHC." ~ Jyotsna Roy, New Delhi, India. Jyotsna was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, which severely impacted her ability to complete everyday tasks she once enjoyed. Her diagnoses led her to work to improve conditions for people living with NCDs. In addition to working as an Institution and Social

Development Practitioner, Jyotsna works with the Nada India Foundation and the Health India Alliance to empower those living with NCDs to advocate on their own behalf and make their voices heard, particularly raising awareness around the ways gender impacts health and wellbeing.

Dr. Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão (@mariangelasimao, @WHO) from Brazil was most recently WHO Assistant Director-General for Drug Access, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals. She was Director of Community Support, Social Justice and Inclusion at UNAIDS. In addition to her work at UNAIDS, she brings more than 30 years of experience working in the Brazilian public health system and has played an active role in enhancing access and decentralizing health services in the country. Between 2006 and 2010, she served as Director of the National STD/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Department in the Brazilian Ministry of Health, where she led successful price negotiations with pharmaceutical companies to lower the price of HIV medication. During this time, she also represented the Brazilian Ministry of Health in the negotiations that led to the constitution of UNITAID in 2006, including its governing body, where she served as a board member until 2008. She was trained as a paediatrician in Brazil and holds an MSc degree in public health from University of London, United Kingdom.

Dr. Peter Singer (@PeterASinger, @WHO) is Senior Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. He is also Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 2011, Singer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to health research and bioethics, and for his dedication to improving health in developing countries. In 2007, he received the Michael Smith Prize as Canada's Health Researcher of the Year in Population Health and Health Services. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS).

Dr. Marijke Wijnroks (@MarijkeWijnroks, @GlobalFund) became Chief of Staff at the Global Fund in 2013. From June 2017 through February 2018, she served as Interim Executive Director. Her distinguished career includes more than 30 years of experience in global health and development, serving in government, at the United Nations and in civil society, and working in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Since joining the Global Fund, Dr. Wijnroks has had a particular focus on gender and human rights, and on engaging diverse partners in the cause of global health. She effectively acts as the organization's second-in-command, overseeing day-to-day work and chairing decision-making groups such as the Management Executive Committee and the Grant Approvals Committee when needed. Before joining the Global Fund, Dr. Wijnroks was Ambassador for HIV/AIDS, and Deputy Director of the Social Development Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands. In that position she oversaw policy and strategy development in areas related to HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, education and civil society. She served on the Global Fund Board for several terms, and for two years as Vice-Chair of the Board's Ethics Committee. She earned a medical degree from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and a degree in tropical health and medicine from the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. Dr. Wijnroks started her career with Médecins Sans Frontières as a field doctor in Sudan. She also spent five years in El Salvador as a technical adviser for PAHO/WHO developing health systems, and two years as a project manager in Bangladesh focusing on maternal and child health.

Ed Whiting (@EdWhiting1, @WellcomeTrust) works with teams across Wellcome to align our activity with our mission and to ensure Wellcome's impact is greater than the sum of its parts. This includes working with Wellcome's senior teams to set and communicate our short, medium and long-term priorities, and put resources and plans in place to deliver them. As part of his role, Ed is also the Executive Leadership Team sponsor of Wellcome's policy function, strategic partnerships and mental health priority area. Before joining Wellcome in September 2016, Ed worked in a number of Whitehall social and financial policy departments, including HM Treasury's financial stability team during the 2008-09 financial crisis. He was most recently at 10 Downing Street as Deputy Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, leading on public services.