

SPEAKERS

Sulakshana Nandi, WHO Europe



Sulakshana Nandi is a public health practitioner, researcher and trainer with over twenty years of experience in working with civil society organisations and networks in India and globally. Currently she is Technical Officer, Human Resources for Health at the WHO European Regional Office

J Carolyn Gomes, Developing Country NGO Delegation to the GFHTM



The Honourable Dr. J Carolyn Gomes, MB,BS. MRCP (UK), O.J.
BIO: Co-Chair The Caribbean Centre for Human Rights Board Member, The Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Global Fund Board
J Carolyn Gomes, Member of the Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Global Fund since 2017, Alternate Board Member May 2019 – 2021, Board Member June 2021-June 2023, has a distinguished record as a Human Rights advocate. Since May 2020, she has been a member of the Strategy Committee (SC), serving as Chair between September 2021 and May 2022 and Vice-Chair since June 2022 Dr. Gomes helps to lead the Delegation work on strategic issues, and has shepherded several critical decisions through Committee and Global Fund Board meetings. As Board Member she had responsibilities for: managing the development of position papers; ensuring effective coordination and management of the Delegation's affairs; serving as spokesperson; working with other delegations to achieve common understandings and positions on important issues A medical doctor since 1980, Dr. Gomes worked in public and private medicine in Trinidad and Jamaica, served on the Executive of the Paediatric Association of Jamaica and was a Paediatrician in private practice until 2002 when she gave up practice to work full time on issues of human rights. From 2002-2013 Dr. Gomes was Executive Director of Jamaicans For Justice (JFJ), a non-profit, Citizens' Rights Action Group which she helped found in 1999, and led to become a nationally, regionally and internationally recognized organization advocating against State abuse of rights and strengthening legislative and other provisions for the protection of rights. Her work on human rights was recognized by the United Nations in 2008 and she was conferred with the Order of Jamaica (the nation's 3rd highest honour) in 2009. Between 2014 and 2018 she worked as Executive Director of Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition, in which role she was the organization's chief executive and spokesperson, helping to determine and drive its strategic direction, vision and work in policy analysis, advocacy and resource mobilization to support the scale up of services to vulnerable communities and to build capacity among the regional network of civil society actors. She presently serves as an independent consultant and special advisor to a number of Caribbean NGOs, and as Co-Chair of the Caribbean Centre for Human Rights based in Trinidad and Tobago. Dr. Gomes is married to Dr. Richard Gomes, and is a Mother and Grandmother.

Labila Sumayah Musoke , *Medicus Mundi International*



Labila Sumayah Musoke is a health and human right lawyer. She has had the good fortune to work in fields that interest her. Labila firmly believes in accountability, equity, and justice. She exudes confidence, and is not afraid to network to broaden both her personal and professional networks. She perceives everything in terms of its place in the system, its inclusion or exclusion, and how to ensure that the system works for everyone. This perception guides her to respectfully appreciate other people's views, values and beliefs..

Thomas Schwarz, *Medicus Mundi International*



Thomas Schwarz is the former Director of Medicus Mundi Switzerland and, since 2018, has been working as Executive Secretary of Medicus Mundi International - Network Health for All. Thomas describes himself as an experienced and trusted civil society manager, networker, facilitator and advocate in the fields of global health governance, international health cooperation, universal and equitable access to health care, and the social, political and economic determinants of health and health policies. He likes to explore, initiate, and facilitate new, and often financially hopeless, civil society initiatives.

Dr Serena Dankwa, *IAMANEH Schweiz*



Serena O. Dankwa, moderator of the panel, is the co-leader of the unit Gender, Equity and Transformation with IAMANEH Switzerland in Basel and a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Social Anthropology at the University of Basel. She is the author of *Knowing Women: Same-Sex Intimacy, Gender and Identity in Postcolonial Ghana* (2021) and she coedited the anthologies *Racial Profiling* (2019) and *Bildung. Macht. Diversität* (2021) – both books bridge academic and activist research. Prior to these activities, she worked a classical musician and a cultural journalist and presenter for BBC Radio 3 in London and for Swiss Radio and Television SRF..

Jochen Ehmer, *SolidarMed*



Jochen Ehmer is a general medical doctor with postgraduate training in epidemiology, public health, and management. He has been the Director of SolidarMed, a Swiss non-profit organization for health in Africa, since 2015. Prior to this, he held various positions within the organization and established a wide network of research, training, and implementation partnerships. As a health adviser in Mozambique, he helped to help set up the first HIV program in the northern region. Before, he has worked as a clinician in France and Germany. Jochen is a lecturer at the Swiss TPH, serves on the board of Medicus Mundi Switzerland and has authored several peer-reviewed scientific publications. He is a proud member of the John Snow Society..

Hafid Derbal, *terre des hommes schweiz*



Tayson Mudarikiri and Hafid Derbal are the co-Desks for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and co-Programme Coordinators for Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique at terre des hommes schweiz. Hafid Derbal is based in Basel, Switzerland. He joined the team of terre des hommes schweiz in 2015 after having coordinated the youth programs of the European Union in Switzerland. He holds a degrees in global studies with specialization in international development studies and regional studies (Latin American and African Studies).

Tayson Mudarikiri *terre des hommes schweiz*



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Martin Gallard, *Terre des hommes Lausanne*



Martin Gallard, Partnership Project Manager for Terre des hommes. I oversee the Tdh Localisation policy set up and partnership tools globally within Tdh through funding provided by the Somaha foundation. I have a long-standing Emergency experience in Lebanon, Iraq and Ethiopia working as a Country Director, Emergency Consortium Coordinator and on Child Protection for ACTED, Premiere Urgence Internationale and iMMAP. I have also worked with Local NGOs in Cameroon (Compter sur Demain) and Lebanon (Makhzoumi Foundation) which gave me a solid understanding of the path towards Localisation.

Fortunat Büsch, *Swiss Red Cross*



Fortunat Büsch is a public health professional and social anthropologist. Following longer-term missions in Tanzania, he joined the Swiss Red Cross in 2015 and coordinated the implementation and strategic development of several country programs including Mali, Sudan, Ethiopia, Togo, and Ghana. Since 2024 he is responsible for the Western Africa portfolio of the Swiss Red Cross.

Atobian-Kouassi Kokouvi (Hyacinthe), *Swiss Red Cross*



I have more than 20 years of experience. As MD and MPH, I worked at several level of the MoH in Togo (hospitals, districts manager). I started with the Swiss Red Cross as project officer and currently as Country Coordinator. I like innovation and challenges.

Johannes Boch, Novartis Foundation



Johannes Boch began his professional career as psychologist, working in different research and mental health facilities across Europe. Subsequently he expanded his experiences working with consulting, research and business development for impact investors and entrepreneurs, with a focus on access to healthcare. He holds degrees in Psychology from the University of Fribourg (CH), International Affairs and Finance. Johannes is serving as the Director of Population Health at the Novartis Foundation. In this capacity he oversees global programs and partnerships in cardiovascular population health and health equity which have benefitted up to 17 million people over the last years and shaped health systems to become more efficient and sustainable

Cheikh Mbacke Gueye, Medico Foundation



Cheikh Mbacke Gueye is the Chief Executive Officer of the Medico Foundation in the Principality of Liechtenstein. Prior to joining Medico Foundation, he worked as Program Manager at the Liechtenstein Development Service. Dr. Gueye is also a Lecturer in Philosophy, Ethics and Human Rights at the University of Liechtenstein..

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.

Itai RUSIKE, Community Working Group on Health



Itai RUSIKE is the Executive Director, Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) - Zimbabwe. Itai is a Public Health Activist with more than 20 years' experience organising involvement of communities in health actions in Zimbabwe. He is a member and chairperson of various health related committees, along with being the Chairperson for the People's Health Movement in Zimbabwe.

Lorenz Indermühle, Fairmed



Lorenz Indermühle is Executive Director of FAIRMED, a Swiss foundation dedicated to improving the health of people living in poverty in Africa and Asia, with a particular focus on neglected tropical diseases. Previously, he worked for more than 20 years with the Swiss Red Cross (SRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to protect human life, health and dignity. He has also worked for smaller NGOs in Central America.

Kaspar Wyss, Swiss TPH



Kaspar Wyss is Professor at the University of Basel. He is trained in Epidemiology (PhD) and holds an MPH and a MBA. He acts as deputy director of the Swiss TPH and heads the Swiss Centre for International Health, one of five departments at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. Kaspar Wyss is in charge of managing transnational research and implementation projects in Africa, Eastern Europe and Switzerland, funded by various agencies, such as the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation or the European Commission under Horizon. His interest pertains to health systems governance, human resource development, successful approaches to strengthening health service delivery and the role and importance of managerial and policy processes. His career underlines how research evidence on disease systems and health systems translates into concrete action on health/disease and social systems to the benefit of population health and marginalised groups. He further has extensive consultancy experiences for a broad range of clients such as the World Bank, UNICEF, the Swiss Agency for Development or the German GiZ and KfW.

Dr Leah F. Bohle, Swiss TPH, Host



Dr Leah F. Bohle is currently employed as a Technical Expert in Sexual and Reproductive Health at the Digital Health Unit at Swiss TPH. With a professional background in Medicine and Social Anthropology she manages and coordinates projects, conducts programme evaluations and implementation research and serves as a lecturer and supervisor. She is passionate about maternal health and midwifery and interested in engaging in innovative digital solutions in the area of FemTech and EdTech. She serves as Swiss TPH focal point for SRHR at MMS and is member of the Parliamentarian Group for Sexual Health and Rights in Switzerland. Leah Bohle has over 10 years of work experience engaging with a variety of clients including UN agencies, government entities and INGOs, and has worked in over 25 countries globally. She was appointed to serve as a consultant for the WHO Antenatal Care Research Roster and was recently involved in the launch of a digital maternal health start-up in Kenya. She loves to exchange ideas with people working towards the same goals..

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.