

## SPEAKERS

**Eduardo Missoni**, *Bocconi University, Milan*



Eduardo Missoni is a medical doctor who has decades-long experience in international development cooperation. He is currently adjunct professor at the SDA Bocconi School of Management at the Bocconi University as well as at the Milano-Bicocca University and at the Medical School of the University of Pavia, Italy. He is also a member of the Faculty of the Geneva School of Diplomacy, and has teaching duties at the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública in Cuernavaca, México.

**Erika Placella**, *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*



Erika Placella has a Master's degree in the History of Medicine from the University of Geneva. She completed her education by specialising in public health and took various additional trainings, including at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and at ICRC/WHO. With over 18 years of experience in public health and global health, she is currently Deputy Head of the Global Programme for Health at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Before joining the SDC, Erika Placella worked for various medical and public health organisations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, in the fields of zoonosis, sexual, reproductive and child health, food security/safety and NCDs (including mental health). She has a thorough understanding and knowledge of health trends, reforms, systems and related challenges, with a focus on primary healthcare and the prevention and control of major NCDs in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. As Deputy Head of the SDC Global Programme for Health, she leads the development of global initiatives tackling major health challenges, including global health governance issues. Her recent work includes developing a new programme to help foster dialogue and collaboration in health matters along the new Silk Roads as well as reflecting on innovative partnerships to improve access to NCD products and technologies. Erika Placella also provides health policy and policy influencing guidance, and contributes to positioning the SDC/Switzerland in global health debates.

**Ursula Jasper**, *Fondation Botnar*



Ursula Jasper is the Policy Officer at Fondation Botnar. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of St Gallen and a Master of Advanced Studies degree in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Zurich. Before joining Fondation Botnar, she worked as a senior researcher at the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich. Ulla Jasper is passionate about politics and has a deep interest in all things political, from the local to the global level. At Fondation Botnar, she is responsible for managing the foundation's policy work and for coordinating external relations and partnerships.



**Daniel Lopez Acuña, Andalusian School of Public Health**



Dr Daniel Lopez Acuña is a medical doctor specialising in public health and epidemiology. He is currently an adjunct professor at the Andalusian School of Public Health and a consultant for the WHO European Regional Office. He has coordinated European funded projects on the health of refugees in Europe and on health equity in Europe, focusing on improving access to health services for those left behind. Previously, he worked for 30 years at the World Health Organization where he was Director for Health Systems for the region of the Americas and Global Director for Health Action in Crisis as well as advisor to the WHO Director General for the WHO Reform. He is the author of several books in the field of international health and has written multiple scientific articles.

**Mohammad Iskafi, Palestinian Medical Relief Society**



After studying medicine in Russia, Mohammad Iskafi started working with the PMRS in 1989 as a GP in one of their clinics. In 1996, he became head of the PMRS Emergency Programme, which includes mobile clinics and the training of volunteer first aiders – a position he holds to this day. At the same time, he manages the organisation's East Jerusalem programme which puts a special focus on empowering young people as volunteers. He also represents PMRS in the Health and Nutrition Cluster for Palestine. Mohammad Iskafi thus has extensive knowledge and experience of the health situation in Palestine and delivers presentations on this topic and the role the PMRS plays in improving the health situation of the most vulnerable groups, including women, young people and children.

**Noël Tshibangu, SEXUAL HEALTH Switzerland**



Noël Tshibangu's work focuses on closing the gap to reach equity. As a professional social worker with tertiary education in gender studies and theology, he has worked for and with different vulnerable groups, including spending a significant amount of time in the field of HIV-prevention with sub-Saharan migrants in Switzerland. Since 2014 he has been responsible for the Sexuality and Disabilities section within SEXUAL HEALTH Switzerland.

**Sybille Roter, Surprise**



Sybille Roter studied art history in Germany and Italy and gained further training and work experience in journalism, audiovisual design, adult education and NPO management, including coaching. From 2011 to May 2019, she was Deputy Managing Director of *Surprise*, the Swiss street magazine which runs various projects around social integration and participation such as a street choir, street sports and Café Surprise. Since 2012, she has led the development and implementation of the first *Social City Tours* in Switzerland with people affected by poverty and homelessness. In June 2019, Sybille Roter became managing director of INST – the International Network of Social Tours – where she is helping to establish an international exchange network for tour providers and city guides. The aim of the founding members from Switzerland, Greece, Austria and Scotland is to offer tour participants a broad social sensitisation on the topics of poverty and exclusion as well as creating new work and life perspectives for city guides affected by poverty. In addition, the tours aim to strengthen the self-worth of the city guides by recognising them as experts in their field via additional trainings and meetings. Sybille Roter also develops new tours.



**Nathan Schocher, Swiss AIDS Federation**



Nathan Schocher studied philosophy and gender studies at the Universities of Zurich and Basel, where he also earned his doctorate. He has worked as a journalist for various media outlets and has also advocated for LGBT rights. For the last four years, he has worked for the Swiss AIDS Federation where he is responsible for giving information and support to people living with HIV. He also leads the World AIDS Day campaign which aims to combat the stigmatisation of people with HIV and he is in charge of knowledge management. He currently lives in Zurich in a civil partnership and is the father of two children.

**Jay Kumar, CBM India**



Jay Kumar has 15 years' work experience in the development sector and has held many positions during his career, from community facilitator to team leader, coordinator and programme manager. He is currently Programme Officer for Advocacy and Livelihood at CBM India. Jay Kumar is an expert in the field of community-based inclusive development and accessibility. He has been a board member of the Abilis Foundation, a funding organisation in Finland, and is also a trainer of various stakeholders from different parts of the world on community-based inclusive development (CBID), accessibility and advocacy. He has presented many papers at an international level. As a member of the WHO's technical advisory group for developing an online training course on community-based rehabilitation (CBR), he was involved in establishing universal/internationally comparable indicators or measurement tools and guidance on monitoring and evaluating CBR programmes in line with CBR guidelines and in support of the implementation of the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). He presented his experiences as a CBR programme manager from Asia in a panel at the Delphi Study on CBR programme evaluations conducted by the universities of Ottawa and Toronto. He is also associated with various national and international advocacy networks.

**Muriel Weyermann, Women's Hope International**



Muriel Weyermann is currently Programme Manager for Chad and Bangladesh at Women's Hope International. Since receiving her degree from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in International Relations in 2008, she has been working in the fields of human rights, gender equality, women's empowerment, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and conflict resolution. To satisfy her desire to deepen her knowledge in humanitarian assistance, she enrolled in the Joint European Master's programme on International Humanitarian Action at the University of Uppsala in Sweden with a specialisation in Peace, Conflict and Religion. Alongside a two-month mission as a human rights observer in Mexico, Muriel Weyermann has chiefly worked in sub-Saharan Africa and in her home country of Switzerland. Prior to joining the Swiss NGO Women's Hope International in the autumn of 2017, she worked for three years at the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), two years as an evaluation analyst in the Independent Evaluation Office at the UNFPA HQ in New York and one year in the UNFPA Chad Country Office as an M&E Officer. Her first experience with the UN abroad was in Kigali in Rwanda where she worked for UN Women in Rwanda from 2012 to 2013.

**Ueli Mäder, University of Basel**



Ueli Mäder is a sociologist and emeritus professor at the University of Basel. His research interests are social inequality and conflict research.

**Angela Niederberger, CBM Schweiz**



Angela Niederberger currently works as a program coordinator and has been working for CBM Switzerland for the past five years. She is responsible for projects in Bolivia and Pakistan, as well as topic-related work in the area of international health. Before joining CBM, she worked for FairTrade in the USA, and in educational projects in India and Vietnam. She holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Development from the University of Basel and was involved in the student-led foundation 'Calcutta Project Basel' while studying. She has also completed training courses at the NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation at ETH Zurich.

**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. She is also currently Project Leader of the Swiss TPH Backstopping Mandate to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

**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.