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ILONA KICKBUSCH
Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute

Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Centre and Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. She has been deeply involved in the development of the Health 2020 European health policy framework. She was a member of the independent Ebola interim assessment panel of WHO and now serves on the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Health Crises Task Force. She has recently been awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz) in recognition of her invaluable contributions to innovation in governance for global health and global health diplomacy. She is a senior advisor to the Regional Directors of the WHO Regional Offices for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean and has advised many countries on their global health strategies. She has been involved in the German G7 and G20 presidencies, and recently advised the development of the first ever meeting of G20-members’ Health Ministers. In Switzerland, she serves on the executive board of the Careum Foundation and on the expert panel advising the Federal Councillor responsible for health. She has contributed to innovation in health in many ways throughout her career and has a strong commitment to the empowerment of women. She has worked with WHO at various levels and in academia as professor at Yale University. She has published widely and has received many prizes for her work. Her key areas of work relate to Global Health Governance, Health Security, Public Health, Health Promotion, Health Literacy and Health in All Policies. Details and updates can be found on her Website: www.ilonakickbusch.com and on Wikipedia. You can follow her on Twitter @IlonaKickbusch.

DAVID HEYMANN
Head and Senior Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House

David Heymann is professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; head of the Centre on Global Health Security at Chatham House; and chairman of Public Health England. Previously he was the WHO assistant director-general for Health Security and Environment, and representative of the director-general for polio eradication. From 1998 to 2003 he was Executive Director of the WHO Communicable Diseases Cluster, and prior to that was director for the WHO programme on Emerging and other Communicable Diseases. Before joining WHO, he worked for 13 years as a medical epidemiologist in sub-Saharan Africa on assignment from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There, he participated in the first and second outbreaks of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, and supported ministries of health in research aimed at better control of malaria, measles, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. Prior to joining CDC he worked in India for two years as a medical epidemiologist in the WHO smallpox eradication programme. He is an elected fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (US) and the Academy of Medical Sciences (UK), and has been awarded several public health awards that have provided funding for the establishment of an on-going mentorship programme at the International Association of Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). In 2009 he was appointed an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for service to global public health.
THOMAS CUENI
Director General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations

Thomas Cueni is Director General of IFPMA since 1 February 2017. Prior to joining IFPMA, he was Secretary General of Interpharma, the association of pharmaceutical research companies in Switzerland. For many years he has been involved in the work of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) where he most recently served as Vice-Chair of the European Markets Committee and association representative on the Board. He represented the industry on the EU High Level Pharmaceutical Forum, was Chairman of EFPIA’s Economic and Social Policy Committee, and Chairman of the EFPIA Task Force on the EU Commission’s Pharmaceutical Sector Inquiry. He also represented Interpharma, which he successfully transformed from the association of Swiss Rx companies to the association of pharmaceutical research companies in Switzerland, on the Council of IFPMA. Prior to his appointment with Interpharma, he had a career as a journalist, inter alia as London correspondent for the “Basler Zeitung” and “Der Bund”, and he served as a Swiss career diplomat with postings in Paris (OECD) and Vienna (IAEA, UNIDO). He studied at the University of Basel, the London School of Economics, and the Geneva Graduate Institute for International Studies. He has a Master degrees in economics (University of Basel) and politics (London School of Economics, LSE).

| 18:45 – 19:45 | PANEL DISCUSSION

MATSHIDISO MOETI
Regional Director for Africa, World Health Organization

Matshidiso Moeti from Botswana is the first woman WHO Regional Director for Africa. She is a public health veteran, with more than 35 years of national and international experience. She joined WHO’s Africa Regional Office in 1999 and has served as Deputy Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Director of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO Representative for Malawi, and Coordinator of the Inter-Country Support Team for the South and East African countries. Prior to joining WHO, she worked with UNAIDS as a Team Leader of the Africa and Middle East Desk in Geneva (1997-1999); with UNICEF as a Regional Health Advisor for East and Southern Africa; and with Botswana’s Ministry of Health as a Clinician and Public Health Specialist. Notably, at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, she led the WHO Regional Office for Africa’s efforts on treatment scale-up in the context of the ‘3 by 5’ initiative and established a regional HIV laboratory network which resulted in a significant increase in the number of HIV-positive individuals accessing antiretroviral therapy in the region. She also successfully spearheaded the development of WHO Regional Strategies for public health priority areas, including communicable and non-communicable diseases, immunization, maternal and child health, and the health systems strengthening. She qualified in medicine (M.B., B.S) at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, University of London in 1978, and public health (MSc in Community Health for Developing Countries) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1986.
AMA POKUAA FENNY
Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economics Research, University of Ghana; West Africa Global Health Leaders Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security, Ghana

Ama Pokuaa Fenny is a research fellow with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economics Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana. Since 2005, she has researched and published in the area of developmental issues in health economics, health service delivery, social protection and gender-based analysis. Her research at Chatham House focuses on how the poor can be integrated into social health insurance programs in Sub-Saharan African countries. She has also carried out a number of expenditure tracking surveys and health expenditure reviews with country experience across West and East Africa. She has a PhD in Health Economics from the Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark; MSc in Health, Population & Society from the London School of Economics & Political Science (UK) and BA in Economics and Computer Science from the University of Ghana.

RITGAK TILLEY-GYADO
Consultant Health Specialist, World Bank; West Africa Global Health Leaders Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security, Nigeria

Ritgak Tilley-Gyado has a decade of experience in public health programme delivery, research and innovation. Her research at Chatham House explores the role of private industry in public health emergencies. Prior to working as a Consultant Health Specialist at the World Bank, she served as a technical adviser to Nigeria’s Ministry of Health. From 2013, she worked at the World Bank in Nigeria on government’s results-based financing for primary healthcare. She was strategist and curator at the Private Sector Health Alliance, driving the growth of a marketplace for healthcare innovations and social enterprises. She worked on various initiatives including the Informed Decisions for Action to Improve Maternal and Child Health project, Participatory Ethnographic Evaluation and Research on Female Genital Mutilation and HIV/AIDS projects. She is the author of the World Bank case study, When Institutions Work: Nigeria’s Ebola Response, and has co-authored several peer-reviewed publications. She is a doctor of Medicine with a Master’s in Culture and Health from University College London.

| 19.45 - 20:00 | CLOSING REMARKS

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