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# World Health Organization

# PANEL MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES ROUNDTABLE 3

" Vaccines Protecting Everyone, Everywhere: Galvanizing a global response to assure health, security and prosperity through immunization "

# PANEL MEMBERS

- JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania
- **ELHADJ AS SY,** Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- DR STEFAN SWARTLING PETERSON, Chief of Health Section, United Nations Children's Fund
- DR SETH BERKLEY, CEO Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- SORAYA NARFELDT, CEO, RA International
- JOE CERRELL, Managing Director for Global Policy and Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- MARJETA JAGER, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission



#### HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE AMBASSADOR, GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE, AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and current Gavi Ambassador. Also served as co-chair of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health working with my co-Chair, the Prime Minister of Canada, Right Honorable Stephen Harper and the other Commissioners to deliver on the Commission's objectives. During his tenure in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

he led Tanzania's efforts to bring about peace in the Great Lakes region, particularly in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). As Chairman of East African Community's Council of Ministers, he played a pivotal role in moving forward the process of regional integration in East Africa, particularly the delicate negotiations of establishing a Customs Union between Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. He also Conchaired the Helsinki Process on Globalization and Democracy with the Foreign Minister of Finland.

In 2007, President Kikwete was elected Chairman of the SADC Organ on Security, Defense and Politics, where he was deeply involved in the search for peaceful solutions to political crises in the Southern Africa region, including a political crisis in Zimbabwe and Lesotho. On 31 January 2008, President Kikwete was elected Chairman of the African Union Assembly of Heads of States and Government, where he took a proactive role in resolution of conflicts in the Republic of Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also advanced to greater heights the relations between the AU and the UN, EU and International Community at large. He has completed his Chairmanship of the East African Community and it was during his tenure that the EAC signed and ratified the Protocol on the Common Market. He left negotiations on the Monetary Union at an advanced stage.

# **ELHADJ AS SY**

### Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**Mr Elhadj As Sy** has extensive experience in leadership roles in the humanitarian sector, having previously served at a senior level with UNICEF, UNAIDS, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other agencies for more than 25 years. Before joining the IFRC - the world's largest humanitarian network - Mr Sy was UNICEF's Director of Partnerships and Resource Development in New York. He has also served as UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern

and Southern Africa and Global Emergency Coordinator for the Horn of Africa.

From 2005 to 2008, Mr Sy was Director, HIV/AIDS Practice with the United Nations Development Programme in New York. Before that, he worked with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as its Africa Regional Director and later as Director of Operational Partnerships and Country Support in Geneva. Mr Sy has also held the position of UNAIDS Representative in New York and Director of the New York Liaison Office. From 1988 to 1997, he served as Director of Health and Development Programmes with Environment and Development Action in the Third World in Dakar, Senegal.



#### DR STEFAN SWARTLING PETERSON Chief of Health Section, UNICEF

**Stefan Peterson** is currently Chief of Health Section for UNICEF globally, based in New York. He's a Professor of Global Health at Uppsala University and, prior to that, at the Global Health Division of Karolinska Institute. He has also been visiting professor at Makerere University in Uganda. As a health systems researcher and medical doctor, he has done extensive field work in Tanzania and Uganda, and has worked with different ministries of health, organizations such as WHO, and implemented projects supported by Sida, the Gates Foundation, and the European Union. He was also a co-founder of Medecins Sans Frontieres Sweden and the CCM Task Force

Operations Research Group.

Stefan is a Swedish national, a medical doctor with degrees in medicine, Public Health and a PHD in International Pediatrics.



# DR SETH BERKLEY

### CEO Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

A medical doctor and epidemiologist, **Dr Seth Berkley** Joined Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance as its CEO in August 2011, spearheading its mission to protect the world's poorest children by improving access to new and underused vaccines. Under his leadership Gavi has now reached more than half a billion children in the 73 poorest countries, in its 15 years of existence. In 2015 he led Gavi to its second successful replenishment, raising US\$ 7.5 billion in donor commitments to support the immunization of 300 million children by 2020 and defined a new strategy emphasizing vaccine coverage and equity for 2016-2020.

Prior to Gavi, he spearheaded the development of vaccines for HIV as founder and CEO of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. He has been featured on the cover of Newsweek, recognized by TIME magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" and by Wired Magazine as among "The Wired 25 — a salute to dreamers, inventors, mavericks and leaders.



# SORAYA NARFELDT CEO, RA International

**Soraya Narfeldt** is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of RA International. A British citizen born in Beirut and raised in Sierra Leone, she founded RA International in 2003. The company is Africa's leading remote site service provider with a broad range of services including construction, catering, operation and maintenance, life support, supply chain and accommodation catering to clients operating in remote and challenging environments.

Soraya has previously run businesses in Sierra Leone, the UK and the Middle East; and has also worked voluntarily as a United Nations Program Officer for UNDP in Afghanistan. Since RA International's launch, Soraya has turned the company in to a multifaceted business with offices in several countries across Africa employing over 1600 staff from 27 countries. Soraya has been selected as one of the most influential women leaders by Arabian Business three times and was also a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2012.



# JOE CERRELL

# Managing Director for Global Policy and Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**Joe Cerrell**, managing director, Global Policy and Advocacy, is based in the Gates Foundation's European Office in London. In this role, Joe oversees the foundation's relationships with donor governments in North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and the Middle East. His team seeks to expand the foundation's partnerships with these governments, but also corporations, foundations and other non-governmental organizations, to support increased global engagement and progress

on global health and agriculture. Since joining the foundation in 2001, Joe has held a number of positions, including director for Europe and Middle East and director of Global Health Policy and Advocacy.

Prior to his time at the foundation, he served in a variety of senior roles in government and strategy consulting practices, including positions in the Clinton White House under former Vice President Al Gore and at APCO Worldwide. Joe currently serves on the board of directors for the ONE Campaign and Comic Relief. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Southern California.



# MARJETA JAGER

#### Deputy Director General, European Commission

**Marjeta Jager** is currently Deputy Director General for the Directorate-General for International cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO). Ms JAGER has been working in the European Commission since 2005, starting as Director for Security in DG Energy and Transport and later being Director for international energy and transport files and coordination, as well as being Head of Cabinet of the Transport Commissioner.

Before joining the Commission Ms JAGER was more than a decade working on the accession of Slovenia to the EU for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and she was the first Coreper I Ambassador of Slovenia to the EU.