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MORNING PANEL

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

EMILIA ARAGON DE LEON

Emilia has worked at the WHO Regional Office for Europe in the Health and Sustainable Development programme since 2016. The programme's mission is to support Member States in advancing leadership and strengthening governance for health and well-being in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this role, Emilia has been working generating knowledge, communications and outreach material, as well as supporting Member States in their efforts of harmonizing policies and strategies to the 2030 Agenda. Prior to joining the WHO, Emilia worked in primary health care institutions and at a non-governmental organization in Central America in the provision of healthcare services to underserved populations and managing projects for community development. Emilia holds a medical degree and advanced studies of public health and healthcare management from Guatemala, as well as a Master of Science in International Health from the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin



MODERATOR

LORNA GOLD

Lorna is a lecturer in Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University. She grew up in central Scotland in the shadow of Scotland's largest oil refinery in Grangemouth. She did her first climate change project at age 14, alarmed by the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. Ever since then, she has been a campaigner for sustainability, justice and action on climate change. She studied these issues at university, did a PhD, and went on to become an academic, author and campaigner. In recent years, she moved to Ireland and settled down in county Kildare. She worked for Trócaire, one of Ireland's leading international NGOs, as their Head of Policy and Advocacy until March 2020.



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FRAN MCCONVILLE

Fran qualified as a midwife and a nurse, has a BSc in Zoology and an MSc in Health Economics. After being a VSO midwife in Bangladesh in the mid-1980's, Fran spent much of her career in sexual, reproductive, maternal and newborn health and gender in South East Asia, Africa and the Middle East, working with a range of NGO's and UN agencies and as a Health Adviser to the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Fran is currently the Midwifery Adviser to the WHO, based in Geneva, providing technical and policy support to the 194 Member States.



NICK WATTS

Nick is the Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change, an independent and multi-disciplinary research collaboration between academic centres around the world. The Countdown tracks and drives progress towards a world which is responding to climate change in a way that protects and promotes public health. Nick is also the Chair of NHS England's Net Zero work, leading an Expert Panel and analytical team to determine how, and by when, the NHS can reach net zero. Nick is a medical doctor, having worked in a number of settings in Western Australia, and has trained in population health (UWA) and public policy (University College London). He works to engage the health profession on the links between climate change and public health, having founded both the Global Climate and Health Alliance and the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.



DARA MCANULTY

Dara is a 16 year old naturalist, volunteer conservationist, environmental campaigner from Northern Ireland. Dara is the author of the critically acclaimed 'Diary of a Young Naturalist'. Since its release in May, he has become the youngest ever and only author from Northern Ireland to be shortlisted for The Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing. Dara is a tireless advocate for nature and has encouraged countless people, young and old, to look at the earth differently and to repair our lost connection to the natural world. He is the youngest ever recipient of the RSPB medal for conservation.



SOOREJ JOSE PUTHOOPPARAMBIL

Soorej is a senior lecturer and researcher at the Department of Women's and Children's Health at Uppsala University, Sweden. He is also Programme Coordinator for the master's programme in Global Health at Uppsala University. In his current position, in addition to leading courses on migration & health and public health in humanitarian action, his research focuses on health in immigration detention centers, addressing challenges faced by health systems due to differences in values and norms among migrants and healthcare providers, and knowledge translation strategies in migrant health. He has worked at the WHO Regional office for Europe where he oversaw the research and evidence generation agenda of the Migration and Health Programme. During his tenure at WHO, he led the production of the first ever WHO report on refugee and migrant health. He has also worked with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in evaluating migrant health policies in the southern EU member states.

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CIARAN MOONEY

Ciarán is a final-year medical student at Queen's University Belfast where he leads the Student Outreach Branch of the Irish Global Health Network. He completed his Masters in Global Health at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, during which he spent time in Bangkok studying migrant health and the political economy of global health. Ciarán has clinical and academic interests in child health and social medicine. He previously worked as a research intern at the Institute of Global Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, analysing paediatric surgical training programmes. Ciarán is a 2020/21 Healthcare Leadership Academy Scholar.



JUDY KHANYOLA

Judy is the Chair of the Centre for Nursing and Midwifery/Africa's representative for NursingNow. She is also a community health nurse/ midwife and recognised nursing leader in Africa with over 25 years' experience in clinical nursing and education programmes. She has led HIV programmes and provided technical support to NGOs and the public sector, working with partners and Ministries of Health in multiple countries across East, West and Southern Africa. Judy is currently the Africa Representative for Nursing Now, the global campaign to raise the status and profile of nurses and midwives worldwide. She is also the ICAP Regional Nursing Advisor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. Judy is the 2019 recipient of the ANAC Global HIV Award.



CLARE GILBERT

Clare, an ophthalmologist, is Professor of International Eye Health at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Since 1990 she has undertaken research into blinding eye diseases in low and middle income countries, with a focus on eye diseases of children. Her research includes epidemiology, health systems research and intervention science. She teaches on the Masters in Public Health for Eye Care and other courses, has led multiple national and regional workshops on public eye health and retinopathy of prematurity, and is a technical advisor to several organizations, including for a large scale program of work in India. She has published over 350 peer reviewed papers, and has several awards for her work on blindness prevention.



VANESSA NAKATE

Vanessa is a climate activist from Uganda. She was the 'First Fridays For Future' climate activist in Uganda and founder of the 'Rise up Climate Movement' in order to amplify the voices of activists from Africa. Her work includes raising awareness to the danger of climate change, the causes and the impacts. She spear led the campaign 'Save Congo' rainforest which is facing massive deforestation. She is working on a project that involves installation of solar and institutional stoves in schools.





RENZO GUINTO

Renzo MD DrPH is Chief Planetary Doctor of PH Lab – a “glo-cal think-and-do tank” for advancing the health of both people and the planet. An Obama Foundation Asia-Pacific Leader and Aspen Institute New Voices Fellow, Renzo received his Doctor of Public Health degree from Harvard University; for his doctoral dissertation, he investigated the concept of “climate-smart” health systems in coastal municipalities in the Philippines. Currently he is member of the Editorial Advisory Board of The Lancet Planetary Health; adviser to the Forum on Climate Change and Health of the World Innovation Summit for Health in Qatar; and Next Generation One Health Adviser of the Lancet One Health Commission hosted by the University of Oslo.

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DANIELLE AGNELLO

Danielle is a consultant for WHO and an Executive Director for Global Health Mentorships. She has an MSc in Global Health and a BS in Microbiology. She has been working for 3+ years at the World Health Organization. Currently, Danielle works on various projects with the WHO Regional Office for Europe and WHO Headquarters. She also spends her time leading a team of motivated volunteers at a global online NGO, Global Health Mentorships (GHMe).



MODERATOR

CHRIS JENKINS

Chris is a researcher at the Centre for Public Health at Queen's University Belfast. His research focuses on health systems strengthening in lower- and middle-income countries. He is currently working on access to breast cancer services in Vietnam, diabetes management in refugee and displaced populations, and supporting the needs of informal caregivers in both Vietnam and Uganda. Chris is also a co-founder, past-Chair and current Trustee of Share Uganda. Share Uganda is a community-based health organisation based in Kyotera, Uganda. The organisation focuses on access to primary health care services, malaria prevention, and supporting and empowering Ugandan medical professionals.



SHAKIRA CHOONARA

Shakira is an independent public health practitioner, 2017 Woman of the Year in Health, SA and Destiny Magazines Most Powerful Woman under 40. Her most notable and influential role to date is to be appointed to the inaugural African Union Youth Advisory Council. Dr Choonara has spearheaded a range of health projects across the African continent and is currently working on an impressive list of projects linked to the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization, international and regional non-governmental organisations.



KIM VAN DAALEN

Kim has a BSc in Biomedical Sciences combined with an additional interdisciplinary BSc honors program from the University of Utrecht. She did part of a MSc in Cancer, Stem Cells & Developmental Biology in the Clevers Lab combined with an interdisciplinary MSc honors program focused at social innovation/entrepreneurship at the University of Utrecht. After this, she completed a MPhil in Public Health at the University of Cambridge. Currently, she is conducting a PhD in Global Public Health as a Gates Cambridge Scholar focusing on the metal pollution and risk for cardiovascular disease. During her studies, she has always dedicated her time to work for non-profit organizations. This included the IFMSA as an executive at local and national level in both the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, and at an international level as part of the European Regional Team responsible for Public Health. She has also been part of the UAEM, UNFCCC YOUNGO and (co)-founded initiatives such as the People's Climate March 2017 in Amsterdam and Healthy Planet Cambridge. Next to her PhD she is currently a consultant at the Lancet Countdown and a research associate at Women in Global Health.



EAMONN FALLER

Eamonn is currently working as a specialist registrar in infectious diseases in Cork University Hospital. He graduated from medicine in Trinity College Dublin in 2012, completed a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in Liverpool in 2016 and currently enrolled in an MSc in health economics, policy and management in London School of Economics. He then worked with Médecins Sans Frontières in 2017 in Nyanza province, Kenya on a HIV focused project and participated in MSF response to election-related violence during his mission. He is also the first author on the case series describing the first community acquisition of COVID-19 in the Republic of Ireland. He has also previously published articles around other health advocacy issues including HIV and the National Children's Hospital.



EDEN BAKER

Eden is a recent graduate from Queen's University Belfast. She is due to start working as a children's nurse at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool. Eden was part of the 'class of COVID-19', qualifying early to support the NHS COVID-19 preparedness effort. Whilst at Queen's was the Students Union School Representative for Nursing and Midwifery and was heavily involved in activism and campaigns on issues that affected both nursing and midwifery students and the wider student body.

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ANTHONY COSTELLO

Anthony is a British paediatrician and Director of the Institute for Global Health, University College London. From 2015 to 2018 he was director of maternal, child and adolescent health at the World Health Organisation in Geneva. He has expertise in maternal and child health epidemiology and programmes in developing countries. He has contributed to papers on paediatrics, maternal health, health economics, health systems, child development, nutrition and infectious disease. He is a Board member on The Lancet International Advisory Board and at the Global Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. Anthony has been critical of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is one of the founding members of the Independent Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (Independent SAGE).



MODERATOR

DAVID WEAKLIAM

David is Global Health Programme Director in the Irish Health Service Executive (HSE). He is a Specialist in Public Health Medicine and has worked in global health for more than thirty years, including twelve years in Nepal, Liberia, Sudan, DRC and Ghana. From 2003 to 2007 he was Health Advisor with Irish Aid. Since 2010 he has been leading the HSE Global Health Programme. David manages a collaboration programme between the HSE and Irish Aid and provides technical support in a number of policy areas. He manages bilateral programmes between the Irish health service and Ministries of Health in Mozambique, Ethiopia, Sudan and Zambia. David represents Ireland in the ESTHER Alliance for Global Health Partnerships. He is Adjunct Professor in global health at University College Dublin.



JOE GALLAGHER

Joe is a GP in The Palms GP Surgery in Gorey, County Wexford. The surgery is involved in a partnership with St John's Hospital in Malawi, focusing on non-communicable diseases. During the pandemic the partnership has pivoted to COVID-19 with unexpected results. Joe is also the Cardiovascular Lead with the Irish College of General Practitioners and a clinical associate professor in the School of Medicine in University College Dublin.



CHARLOTTE MCARDLE

Charlotte started nurse training in 1988 at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. In 1998, Charlotte moved to the Royal Group of Hospitals to take up a Ward Sister post where she achieved the Nursing Times/Foundation of Nursing Studies Leadership Award in 1999. She also completed an MSc in Nursing at Queen's University Belfast in 1999. At the end of 1999, Charlotte moved into Senior Management at the Royal Group of Hospitals and remained in senior management posts until 2004, where she was appointed Deputy Director of Nursing at the Royal Group of Hospitals. In 2007, Charlotte was appointed Director of Primary Care, Older People and Executive Director of Nursing in South Eastern Trust, and in April 2013, Charlotte took up post as Chief Nursing Officer with the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. Charlotte has a strong commitment to person centred practice and evidencing improved outcomes for patients and clients, particularly regarding safety, quality and experience.



TIM LANG

Tim has been Professor of Food Policy at City University London's Centre for Food Policy since 2002. He founded the Centre in 1994. After a PhD in social psychology at Leeds University, he became a hill farmer in Lancashire which shifted his attention to food policy, where it has been ever since. Tim Lang has engaged in academic and public research and debate about the direction of the topic, both locally and globally. His abiding interest is how policy addresses the mixed challenge of being food for the environment, health, social justice, and citizens. Tim has been a consultant to the WHO and the United Nations, as well as a special advisor to four UK House of Commons Select Committees. He was also a Commissioner on the UK Government's Sustainable Development Commission (2006-11), reviewing progress on food sustainability. He has been Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health since 1999 and is currently special advisor to the Food Research Collaboration on Food and Brexit.



LESEGO TLHWALE

Lesego is a South African human rights activist who works with the Sex Workers Education and Advocacy Taskforce (SWEAT); a leading non-profit organization in Cape Town. Lesego participated in the leadership tract at the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. In 2018, she was named as a Mail & Guardian 200 Young South Africans. Lesego has extensive experience advocating for the human rights of LGBTQ and sex workers in South Africa, contributing heavily to the national conversation on the call for the Decriminalisation of Sex Work. Her aspiration is using communication and storytelling as tools to achieving social change in a world that is marred by hyper-masculinities and a heteronormative society. Lesego also sits as a member of the Hate Crime Working Group, and served as a steering committee member in 2015.



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ROBERT MASH

Robert is Head of the Department of Family and Emergency Medicine in Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Robert is the editor-in-chief of the African Journal of Primary Health Care and Family Medicine (www.phcfm.org) and co-ordinator of the sub-Saharan Primary Care and Family Medicine network. He is also a researcher within the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases and a founder of the Chronic Disease Initiative for Africa. He chairs the steering committee for the global Primary Health Care Research Consortium.



KARL BLANCHET

Karl is the Director of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, and professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva. Karl has been working in health systems research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine since 2010 and was appointed as the co-director of the Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre in 2016. Karl's research focuses on resilience issues in global health, specifically in post-conflict and conflict-affected countries. He has developed innovative research approaches based on complexity science and system thinking, and is currently focused on developing and testing people-centred methodological approaches for refugee populations in the Middle East.

KHUAT THI HAI OANH

Khuat is a medical doctor who graduated from Hanoi Medical University, with a Master Degree in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She co-founded the Institute for Social Development Studies (ISDS) in 2002, and the Center for Support Community Development Initiatives (SCDI) in 2010 – both are Vietnamese non-governmental organizations. Oanh is currently the Executive Director of SCDI. In her other capacities, Oanh is the Chair of Vulnerable Community Support Platform of Vietnam (VCSPA), as well as Chair of Council of Representatives of APCASO – an Asia Pacific network of civil society organizations working on health and human rights. She is a member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV and Viral Hepatitis for the WHO.



ODETTE NYIRAMILIMO

Odette is a Rwandan physician and senator. She served as Minister of State for Social Affairs in the government of Paul Kagame from March 2000 to October 2003. At age three many members of her family were killed in the power struggles following independence. She later married Jean-Baptiste Gasasira, also a physician, and the two later founded a private maternity and pediatrics practice in Kigali called Le Bon Samaritain (“Good Samaritan”). Nyiramilimo’s life story was profiled at length in Philip Gourevitch’s book ‘We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families’.



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MIRIAM ORCUTT

Miriam (MBBS, MSc) is a Senior Research Fellow in Global Public Health and Forced Migration at the Institute for Global Health, University College London. She is also an Executive Director of Lancet Migration: global collaboration to advance migration health. Her main areas of academic and policy interest are: global health policy and governance, health system and medical-humanitarian resilience and response, forced migration and health, structural and political determinants of health for migrants. She worked as a Migration Health Specialist for Médecins sans Frontières for a year between 2018 and 2019, and as a Public Health and Migration Consultant at the WHO. Miriam previously worked as a medical doctor in the UK's National Health Service (NHS), on the Academic Clinical Foundation Programme in Epidemiology and Global Public Health, in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. She holds an MSc in Medical Anthropology with Distinction from Durham University and is a doctoral candidate on health system response in Lebanon to the mental health and wellbeing of forcibly displaced populations. Miriam has over five years of humanitarian consultancy and project management experience, including with The Lancet, the World Health Organisation and the World Bank, and is skilled in leading research projects and policy work. In 2018, she was named as "Canadian Woman Leader in Global Health" on the inaugural list by The Lancet.



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