

Speakers & Moderators

Opening Discussion

Mirai Chatterjee – India

Director, Social Security, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)



Mirai Chatterjee is the Director of the *Social Security Team for India's Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)*, a trade union of 1.9 million women workers of the informal economy in India. Its main goals are to organise women workers for full employment and self-reliance. For the past 30 years, Mirai Chatterjee has been at the forefront of improving the health and financial security of women, today being responsible for SEWA's Health Care, Child Care and Insurance Programmes. She has been a member of various national task forces in India on social security, health and poverty reduction as well as a member of the *WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health*.

Dr Lynn Nagle – Canada

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto



With more than 30 years of healthcare experience as a practitioner, administrator and educator, Lynn Nagle is recognized internationally for her work in nursing and health informatics. She was the Founding President of the *Canadian Nursing Informatics Association* and an inaugural member of the Board of Directors of Canada's largest telemedicine network. Lynn Nagle currently has her own consulting practice through which she engages with healthcare organisations in all sectors focusing on strategic planning, implementation and evaluation of health information systems. As an Assistant Professor at the *University of Toronto*, she teaches graduate level courses in informatics and health administration. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership*.

Dr Sameera Al Obeidli – United Arab Emirates

Medical Director, Abu Dhabi Telemedicine Centre



Sameera Al Obeidli is Medical Director at Abu Dhabi Telemedicine Centre. By using a teleconsultation approach to deliver immediate medical care across geographic distances 24/7, the Centre has transformed the way healthcare is delivered in the United Arab Emirates. With a background in medicine and surgery, Sameera Al Obeidli is responsible for managing the medical staff on-site and for ensuring clinical excellence. In addition, Sameera Al Obeidli is a practicing General Practitioner, working alongside the Centre's team of telemedical nurses and physicians to provide medical consultations and patient care over the phone.

Prof Harry Dugmore – South Africa

Director, Centre for Health Journalism, Rhodes University



HIV/Aids and Tuberculosis.

Harry Dugmore directs the *Centre for Health Journalism* at *Rhodes University* in Grahamstown, South Africa. An acknowledged expert in health and medical journalism, he co-authored the first four seasons of the TV series “Soul City”, South Africa’s first large-scale health behaviour change mass-media campaign in the 1990s. Having a long-standing interest in the media’s ability to influence health behaviour and shape health identities, Harry Dugmore was involved in the development and implementation of numerous educational campaigns in African countries, e.g. focussing on

Dr Denise Cardo – United States of America

Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Escola Paulista de Medicina, in São Paulo.

Denise Cardo is the Director of the *Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP)* in the *National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)* at the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*. An acclaimed expert in the design and implementation of action plans and initiatives in the health sector, Denise Cardo oversees *CDC*’s campaigns on infectious diseases, e.g. antimicrobial resistance. She has been involved in healthcare epidemiology and prevention of hospital infections since the 1980’s. Prior to joining *CDC*, Denise Cardo had a distinguished career in the division of infectious diseases at one of Brazil’s prestigious medical

Marcos Robert Mzeru – Tanzania

System Analyst, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children



Before, Marcos Robert Mzeru has been working with the *National Institute for Medical Research* as well as in software development.

Marcos Robert Mzeru is an e-Health solutions expert at the *Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children* in Tanzania where he supervises the implementation of the National e-Health Strategy 2013-2018. He has a broad expertise in developing health systems solutions and infrastructure management to sustain national programs, including last mile connectivity to hospitals. His involvement in mobile applications solutions has helped accelerate data flow from the most remote areas to the central level within the health sector, especially for disease surveillance and response.

Thematic Groups

Thematic Group 1: Using the potential of information and communications technology

Dr Kerstin Cuhls – Germany (Moderation)

Scientific project manager, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI



Kerstin Cuhls is a scientific project manager at *Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI*. As an expert for national and international foresight projects, she coordinated the *Foresight Process Cycle I* of the *Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)*. Kerstin Cuhls applies and teaches methods and concepts for foresight, delphi surveys, scenarios, roadmaps, priority-setting and innovation strategies. Since 2010, she has been teaching in the Masters program „Futures Research” at the *Freie Universität Berlin*. From 2011 to 2012, Kerstin Cuhls was an interim professor for Japanology at the *Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Heidelberg*.

Thematic Group 2: Improving the use of antibiotics

Prof Dr Petra Gastmeier – Germany

Director, Institute for Hygiene and Environmental Medicine, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin



Petra Gastmeier directs the *Institute for Hygiene and Environmental Medicine at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin* and the *German National Reference Center for Surveillance of Nosocomial Infections*. At *Charité* she is in charge of the project *Rational Use of antibiotics through information and communication (RAI)*, which started in 2015. In 2008, she took the scientific lead of the campaign *Aktion Saubere Hände* (clean hands) funded by the *Federal Ministry of Health* which seeks to improve hygienic hand disinfection in German healthcare institutions. Petra Gastmeier serves as a member in several committees of the *Robert Koch Institute* as well as the *European Centre for Disease Prevention* and advisory boards to the *WHO*.

Christian Bason – Denmark (Moderation)

CEO, Danish Design Centre (DDC)



Christian Bason is the CEO of the *Danish Design Centre (DDC)*, an independent, government-funded organisation working to strengthen design as a driver for innovation and growth. Amongst others, *DDC* examines how to use the potential of big data to make new healthcare technology and healthcare services more user-friendly and effective. Before, he was Director of *MindLab*, a cross-governmental innovation unit which involves citizens and businesses in creating new solutions for society. Christian Bason advises a wide range of governments on innovation in the public sector. He is on several advisory boards in Denmark and internationally, a regular speaker, moderator and columnist as well as the author of several books on leadership, innovation and design.

Thematic Group 3: Fighting neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)

Dr Dirk Engels – Switzerland

Director, Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization (WHO)



Dirk Engels directs the *Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases* at the *WHO* since 2014. He has a long-standing commitment to and experience with the control of neglected tropical diseases. After his studies of medicine, a Masters in health services research and a PhD in parasitology, Dirk Engels spent 15 years working in Africa. He was engaged in clinical tropical medicine, public health and tropical disease control, mostly serving people in poor rural settings in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Rwanda and Senegal.

Dr Oliver Gnad – Germany (Moderation)

Founding Partner & CEO, Bureau für Zeitgeschehen



Oliver Gnad is Founding Partner and CEO of the *Bureau für Zeitgeschehen (BfZ)*, a think-and-do-tank specialised in strategic forecasting and scenario planning. At *BfZ*, the graduated historian is primarily responsible for strategy development in uncertain and volatile environments. Oliver Gnad teaches structured analytic techniques at the *Hertie School of Governance* in Berlin and has long-standing experience in the field of international development cooperation.

Thematic Group 4: Mental health – overcoming the taboo

Prof Dr Armin Nassehi – Germany

Chair, Department of Sociology, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich (LMU)



Armin Nassehi teaches sociology at the *Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich (LMU)*. Specialized on cultural and political sociology as well as sociology of science and knowledge, Armin Nassehi analyses the complexity of modern societies. His particular focus lies on the genesis, exchange and role of knowledge as foundation of political decision-making, e.g. concerning design and regulation of health policy. His recent research project studies selected medical issues in order to analyse individual beliefs and public debates. Since 2012, Armin Nassehi has been editor of the cultural journal *Kursbuch*.

Natasha Walker – Germany (Moderation)

Director, Natasha Walker Associates



Natasha Walker is an independent communications advisor and moderator, specialised in participation and dialogue processes. With a focus on the implementation of change and strategy processes, Natasha Walker is a frequent moderator on a global level for dialogue formats on various topics, amongst others assigned by the *European Union*, the *United Nations*, German federal ministries, NGOs and private companies.

Innovation Spotlights

Bright Simons – Ghana

Founder and President, mPedigree Network



Bright Simons, a recipient of the *African Innovation Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award*, is a social innovator, entrepreneur, writer and researcher. Referred to as “Africa’s champion of safe medicine”, he is the Founder and President of *mPedigree Network*, a company keeping counterfeit medicine out of the market. The company is currently active in 12 countries and has labelled more than one billion product packets. Bright Simons has been a Director of Research at the think tank *IMANI Centre for Policy and Education* in Ghana and, amongst others, is on the *Microsoft Africa Advisory Council*. In 2016, he was named one of “50 World’s Greatest Leaders” by the *Fortune Magazine*.

Sofia Ahsanuddin – United States of America

Executive Director, MetaSUB International Consortium



Sofia Ahsanuddin is an aspiring physician and health policymaker. Having previously interned at *New York University Prevention Research Center* and the *Young Professional Chronic Disease Network (YP-CDN)*, Sofia Ahsanuddin currently serves as Executive Director of the *MetaSUB International Consortium* and works as a Research Associate at the *New York University Tandon School of Engineering*. As the Executive Director of *MetaSUB*, Sofia Ahsanuddin is leading an international research network dedicated to examining microbes in public mass transit systems in over 70 cities around the world. Sofia Ahsanuddin is a former *TEDxCUNY Speaker*, *Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) Commitment Maker*, *Rhodes Scholarship Finalist*, and *Macaulay Honors College Class of 2016 Commencement Speaker*.

Dr Dhesi Raja – United States of America & Malaysia
CEO, Artificial Intelligence in Medical Epidemiology (AIME)
& Director's Office, Institute for Medical Research Malaysia



Dhesi Raja is an epidemiologist that is passionate about data science. He completed his Masters and Doctorate in Public Health Medicine and received a *Google* scholarship to complete his graduate studies at *Singularity University*, at the *NASA Research Park* in Silicon Valley. Dhesi Raja co-founded *Artificial Intelligence in Medical Epidemiology (AIME)* during his graduate studies in the USA. It is an AI driven disease-prediction platform to predict deadly outbreaks three months in advance. This technology was used in the Rio Olympics, in Philippines as well as in Malaysia. Dhesi Raja was recently awarded Forbes Top 40 World Changers, winner of *Life Science Award* at *King's College*, Top 8 Young Health Innovator of *Harvard*, *MIT*, Top 10 Innovators under 35 and Top 10 exceptional scientist by the *UN* during the recent General Assembly in New York.

Inge Missmahl – Germany
Founder and Director, Ipso



Inge Missmahl is a psychoanalyst, founder and director of *Ipso*, a humanitarian organization specialised on mental health care in different cultural settings. In Afghanistan, *Ipso* has developed a training program for psychosocial counselling that provides support to people with mental and social problems. Over the last two years, 100.000 people have been provided with help directly as well as online. The project was also implemented in other countries: In Germany, *Ipso* currently trains 92 refugees coming from 13 countries in order to assist other refugees in their mother tongues and with cultural sensitive counselling to cope with their problems.

Jonathan Ledgard – Switzerland
Director, Rossums & Founder, Droneport



Jonathan Ledgard is a Scottish novelist, leading thinker on advanced technology and nature in emerging countries, and Founder of the *Droneport group*. Its goal is to build droneports in Africa to accelerate medical and emergency cargo transport using flying robots. The first droneport is planned in Africa under the architectural lead of Sir Norman Foster. Jonathan Ledgard was director of *Future Africa* at the *École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)* in Switzerland and for two decades an award-winning foreign and war correspondent of *The Economist*. His small *Rossums studio* seeks to identify futuristic opportunities for poorer communities. His second novel *Submergence* is being made into a Hollywood film by Wim Wenders for release later in 2017.

Discussion with the Federal Chancellor

Morten Elbæk Petersen – Denmark

CEO, sundhed.dk



Morten Elbæk Petersen is the CEO of *sundhed.dk*, the Danish public e-health portal. Being the backbone of the national e-health infrastructure, it provides Danish citizens and healthcare professionals with information and access to personal health data anytime and anywhere. *Sundhed.dk* is a global e-health reference, best known for having pioneered open access to medical records. Having been a first mover in digitalisation, *sundhed.dk* is currently the biggest public e-health portal in Europe. Morten Elbæk Petersen has been the driving force of the portal since its very beginning in 2003, driven by the desire to use the potential of digitalisation to modernise and improve healthcare systems, strengthen patient empowerment and produce better treatment and healthier citizens. Being an economist and social scientist by training, Morten Elbæk Petersen has a long-standing management experience in public administration and consults health authorities around the world on e-health implementation. In 2015, he received the e-Health Leadership Award of the *Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMMS) Europe*.

Prof Dr Alison Holmes – United Kingdom

Professor of Infectious Diseases, Imperial College London

& Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust



Alison Holmes is Professor of Infectious Diseases at *Imperial College* where she leads a multidisciplinary research programme. As an expert on antibiotic resistance and healthcare related infections, she also heads a research unit for the *National Institute for Health Research* and leads the Antimicrobial Research Collaborative *ARC@Imperial*, bringing together over 100 Principal Investigators from a number of disciplines. Antibiotic Stewardship - promoting the appropriate use of antibiotics - is one of her core research areas. In that context, Alison Holmes is also interested in innovations in behaviour change. She is an advocate for considering human behaviour and strengthening the implementation of social science insights in order to address infection prevention and antibiotic use. Alison Holmes sits on a variety of scientific advisory boards, editorial boards and international committees dealing with infectious diseases and antibiotic resistance. Furthermore, she has served to the *British Department of Health* as a National Clinical Champion and advisor on reducing hospital acquired infection and is a member of several British committees on antibiotic prescribing, education and surveillance.

Dr John Humphrey Amuasi – Ghana

Executive Director, African Research Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ARNTD)



John Humphrey Amuasi is the Executive Director of the *African Research Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ARNTD)*, whose secretariat is based in Kumasi, Ghana. The Network's mission is to support evidence-based control and elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases in Africa by empowering current and future generations of African researchers. John Humphrey Amuasi is driven by the vision of an African continent free of Neglected Tropical Diseases, which affect mainly the poor. Besides being a medical doctor by training, he holds a PhD in Health Research, Policy and Administration. John Humphrey Amuasi is a Senior Research Fellow at the *Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine*, an international platform for biomedical research, and a Lecturer at the *School of Public Health of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology*. Passionate about research to improve health outcomes, he regularly consults for a number of international organizations on a wide range of issues related to infectious diseases, health systems, services, and policy in Africa and beyond.

Prof Vikram Patel – United Kingdom & India

Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

& Co-Director, Centre for Control of Chronic Conditions, Public Health Foundation of India



Vikram Patel is a psychiatrist and renowned researcher dedicated to promoting global mental health. He co-founded the *Centre for Global Mental Health* at the *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)* with the mission to close the treatment gap in low resource settings. Vikram Patel is the founding Co-Director of the *Centre for Control of Chronic Conditions* at the *Public Health Foundation of India* and a member of the policy group which drafted India's first national mental health policy in 2014. He also co-founded *Sangath*, an Indian NGO dedicated to child and adolescent health, and mental health as well as the *Mental Health Innovation Network*, a community of innovators from around the world sharing innovative resources and ideas to promote mental health. Listed as one of the world's 100 most influential people by *TIME magazine* in 2015, Vikram Patel serves in several international committees and has published numerous scientific articles and books, e.g. *Where there is no psychiatrist*.

Conference moderation

Jana Pareigis – Germany

Deutsche Welle



Jana Pareigis is an anchor at *Deutsche Welle (DW)* and *ZDF-Morgenmagazin*. She also works as a freelance reporter for *ZDF*, *DW* and *Deutschlandfunk*. Before, she worked as an assistant of the chief editor of the TV news station *N24*. Jana Pareigis studied Political Science and African Studies in Hamburg, New York and Berlin.