



Anders Nordström
Acting Director-General

Anders Nordström of Sweden is currently the Acting Director-General of the World Health Organization.

A medical doctor from the Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, his background combines development experience in the field, national and international health policy and planning, and strategic leadership.



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His first international assignments were with the Swedish Red Cross in Cambodia and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran. He worked for the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA) for 12 years, including three years as Regional Advisor in Zambia and four years as head of the Health Division in Stockholm. During this time the Agency was supporting programmes on health development and poverty reduction in some 18 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, working closely with United Nations agencies, and other global and international organizations.

During 2002 he was the Interim Executive Director for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In this capacity he laid the foundations for the Fund's present structure, through managing the Secretariat, preparing workplans, budget and recruitment.

Prior to joining WHO, he was strongly engaged in global health policy dialogue, with a special focus on issues relating to health systems and human resources.

Dr Nordström took office as Assistant Director-General for General Management in July 2003 with a mandate to support the implementation of Dr LEE Jong-wook's vision of a more effective and efficient Organization that is equipped to "do the right things, in the right place". Working closely with colleagues in headquarters, regions and countries, as well as Member States and partners, important progress has been made in strengthening the planning and budget processes, improving management of human resources, and ensuring greater transparency and accountability.

Appointed Acting Director-General in May 2006 by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Dr Nordström will hold this office until the election of a new Director-General in November 2006. His three priorities for this interim period are: to maintain momentum and direction in WHO's technical work; to manage the election process efficiently and transparently; and to continue work on management reforms.

Dr Nordström is married, with two children.



Anarfi Asamoah-Baah
Assistant Director-General - HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria

Dr Anarfi Asamoah-Baah, from Ghana, comes to the job with considerable experience in public health, health policy and health systems development. He has been working in WHO since 1998. Before that, he was the Director of Medical Services for Ghana. He started in WHO as a senior policy advisor to the Director-General. He has served as Executive Director for External Relations and Governing Bodies and Executive Director for Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals. Most recently, Dr Asamoah-Baah was the Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases.



Joy Phumaphi
Assistant Director-General - Family & Community Health

Joy Phumaphi, of the Republic of Botswana, holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Masters in Finance and Accounting. She is a distinguished African American Institute Fellow and served as government principal auditor responsible for local authorities before joining politics. During her term as Minister of Health of Botswana, she served as a member of the Africa Advisory Group for the UNDP Africa programme, and UNICEF's programme on orphans and children in difficult circumstances. Ms Phumaphi is also an HIV/AIDS commissioner appointed by the U.N. Secretary-General, and served as the President's deputy on Botswana's National AIDS Council.



Timothy G. Evans
Assistant Director-General - Evidence & Information for Policy

Tim Evans, of Canada, has a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Oxford, as well as Doctor of Medicine from McMaster University in Canada. He trained in internal medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard University. He was an assistant professor of international health economics at the Harvard School of Public Health, and most recently served as the Director of Health Equity at the Rockefeller Foundation from 1997 to present





Howard Zucker
Assistant Director-General - Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals

Dr Howard Zucker from the United States of America received his B.S. degree from McGill University and his M.D. from George Washington University School of Medicine. He trained in paediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, anaesthesiology at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, paediatric critical care medicine and paediatric anaesthesiology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and paediatric cardiology at Children's Hospital Boston at Harvard Medical School.

He was an Assistant Professor at Yale University School of Medicine, an Associate Professor at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Adjunct Associate Professor at Cornell University Medical School and on the faculty at the National Institutes of Health.

He received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his Masters in Law from Columbia Law School. Dr Zucker served as a White House Fellow and most recently was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He completed the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative Executive Education programme at the Kennedy School of Government / Harvard School of Public Health. Dr Zucker is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and listed in Best Doctors in America and Who's Who in the World.

