Expert Working Group: Brief Bios

Sir George Alleyne of Barbados is Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean Region. He was Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) from 1995 to 2003 (Regional Director WHO) and was appointed Chancellor of the University of West Indies in 2004. He was made Knight Bachelor by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to medicine in 1990 and was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community in 2001.

Professor José Carvalho de Noronha of Brazil is the former National Secretary for Healthcare of the Ministry of Health. He has also served as Special Assistant to the Minister of Health of the Cabinet. He has been State Secretary of Health of Rio de Janeiro and President of the Brazilian Association of Public Health. He is currently Researcher at the Institute of Scientific and Technological Information and Communications of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and Member of the Editorial Committee of the International Journal for Quality in Health Care. He is medical doctor by training and has a PhD in Collective Public Health.

Dr. Pedro Conceição of Portugal heads the Office of Development Studies (ODS), United Nations Development Programme. Prior to joining UNDP as deputy director of ODS, he was assistant professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST)-Technical University of Lisbon (teaching and researching on science, technology and innovation policy) and at the University of Texas Inequality Project (UTIP), the University of Texas at Austin. He has published on inequality, economic development, international cooperation, and science and technology policy.

Professor Nirmal Ganguly of India is the former Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research. Moreover, he has served as General President (Elect) of the Indian Science Congress Association and acting Director, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. He is Fellow at the Imperial College Faculty of Medicine, London; Royal College of Pathologists, London; International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences, Canada; Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy; and International Medical Sciences Academy, New Delhi. Currently, he is Distinguished Biotechnology Fellow and Advisor of the Institute of Transnational Health Sciences in India.

Professor Jean-François Girard of France is the President of L'Institut de recherche pour développement (IRD). He is the former Chairman of the National Committee of hospital doctors and Senior Member of the Council of State. Additionally, his experience includes serving as the Chairman of the WHO Executive Board, Director General of Health Services, and Commissioner to AIDS prevention. Dr. Girard published "Quand la santé devient publique," Ed. Hachette Littérature. He is a Chevalier in the Legion of Honour and a Commander of the French Order of Merit.

Professor Yan Guo of China is Professor in health policy, School of Public Health, Peking University Health Science Center. Additionally, she is Vice Chair of the Chinese Rural Health Association, Vice Chair of Chinese Health Education Association, Vice Director of the China Academy of Health Policy (PKU), and Board member of Chinese Health Economics Association. Over the years, she has been involved in large scale research projects of both national and international significance, including those on health service research and primary health care in rural areas.

Professor Nabil Kronfol of Lebanon is President of the Lebanese Health Care Management Association and Professor of Health Services Administration at several universities in Lebanon. Dr Kronfol is also a senior advisor to the Ministry of Health in Lebanon as well as to several
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**Dr. Cecilia Lopez Montaño** is Senator of the Republic of Colombia and currently is the official speaker of her party in the Senate. Additionally, she has served as Colombia's Minister of the Environment, Minister of Agriculture and Ambassador to the Netherlands. She was the founder of the foundation, Fundación Agenda Colombia, a private entity that aims to promote debate on topics, such as the economy, policy, social development and the environment. Dr. Lopez Montaño has written extensively on a broad range of issues, including macroeconomics, gender, and rural and social development policy-making.

**Dr. Sigrun Møgedal** of Norway is HIV/AIDS Ambassador and Special Adviser, Global Health Initiatives in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is currently a board member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Global Health Workforce Alliance. She is also a two-term board member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization and board member of UNITAID. Previously she served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Executive Director of UNAIDS, the State Secretary of International Development for the Government of Norway and has held various posts in health-care organizations.

**Dr. Mary Moran** of Australia is the Director of the Health Policy Division of the George Institute for International Health in Sydney, Australia. She founded the Pharmaceutical R&D Policy Project at the London School of Economics & Political Science, which is now located at the George Institute. She has contributed to numerous Working Groups and Committees examining R&D and neglected diseases, including the WHO Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (CIPIH); the Rockefeller Health Innovation Systems in Developing Countries Working Group; the European Union "Priority Medicines for Europe and the World" project; and the OECD Workshop in Innovative Finance in Health. She is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

**Professor Peter Ndumbe** of Cameroon is Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Buea . He is also Professor of Virus Immunology, Director of the Centre for the Study and Control of Communicable Diseases at the University of Yaounde . Currently, he is Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR). He is Chair of the Task Force on Immunisation of AFRO as well as the Chair of the IVR Vaccine advisory Committee.

**Dr. Sania Nishtar** of Pakistan is founder and President of Heartfile, a health sector NGO think-tank and Pakistan's Health Policy Forum. She is currently a trustee of the International Union for Health Promotion, member of the Board of Governors of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and chair of the Pakistan Lancet Series on Health Reform. She is also a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council and several WHO and other international task forces and initiatives. She is the recipient of many national and international awards and holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and a Ph.D.

**Ms Joy Phumaphi** of Botswana is Vice President, Human Development Network, The World Bank. She is the former WHO Assistant Director General for Family and Community Health. Additionally, she served as Botswana Minister for Health, where she oversaw the revision of the Public Health Act and put into action a multi-sectoral plan to combat HIV/AIDS. She is on the Board of GAVI and has served as a member of the UN Reference Group on Economics and a UN
Commissioner on HIV/AIDS and Governance. She is a member of the UNDP advisory board for Africa and the Accelerating Access Initiative.

**Dr. Mark Rohrbaugh** of the United States is Director of the National Institutes of Health Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Additionally, he serves as Vice-Chair of the Public Health Service Technology Transfer Policy Board and represents the HHS on the National Science and Technology Council Technology Committee. He is the former Director of the Office of Technology Development in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Prior to joining the NIH, Dr. Rohrbaugh conducted molecular and cell biology research in academic and industrial laboratories.

**Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss** of Germany is Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development. She is responsible for ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Economics and Research Department, and the Office of Co-financing Operations. Dr. Schaefer-Preuss is former Director General of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany. Her experience also includes serving as Chief of Cabinet of the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development. She has held postings in the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York, and the Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C.

**Dr. Sibusiso Sibisi** of South Africa is President & CEO of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. He is the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation at the University of Cape Town and Chair of the National Advisory Council on Innovation. In 2001, he co-founded iThemba Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd, which is focused on helping new technology business with analyses and strategies. He is the chairperson of the Denel Board and a board member of Liberty Life. Dr. Sibisi was awarded the Order of Mapungubwe: Silver by President Thabo Mbeki in September 2007.

**Dr. Sue Szabo** of Canada is Chief of Development Policy at the Department of Finance, Canada. She is an economist and an expert in international health and innovative finance. Her experience includes serving in several multilateral and non-governmental organizations, including the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, and the World Bank. Dr. Szabo has a PhD in economics from the University of Cambridge.

**Professor Keizo Takemi** of Japan is former Senior Vice-Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and Member of the House of Councillors. His experience also includes Serving as member of Secretary-General's High-level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence in the areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment. He played a leading role in 2006 in restructuring Japanese ODA system and integrating Japan’s aid implementation functions (technical assistance, grant aid and yen loan). In 2008, he was actively involved in the G8 Summit in Japan. Currently, he is Research fellow at Harvard School of Public Health.

**Dr. Lars Thunell** of Sweden is Executive Vice President and CEO of the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. He has had a successful career in the financial services industry, and has served on boards of several international companies and nongovernmental organizations. Before he joined IFC in 2006, he was the Chief Executive Officer of SEB, a North European bank. In the 1990s, he was CEO of Trygg-Hansa, a Swedish insurance company; and Securum, an asset management company established to address the Swedish banking crisis. He has served on the boards of the Swedish Bankers Association, Azko
Nobel NV, and the Mentor Foundation. He has a doctorate from the University of Stockholm and was a research fellow at the Harvard University Center for International Affairs.

**Dr Mark Walport** of the United Kingdom is Director of the Wellcome Trust. Before joining the Trust, he was Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Medicine at Imperial College London, where he led a research team that focused on the immunology and genetics of rheumatic diseases. He was appointed a member of the Council for Science and Technology in 2004.

**Professor Miriam Were** of Kenya is Chairperson of the National AIDS Control Council (NACC) Kenya, under the Office of the President, which coordinates the national HIV/AIDS response. Additionally, she is Co-founder and the first Chairperson of UZIMA Foundation. She was Director of the United Nations Population Fund Country Support Team (UNFPA/CST) for East and Central Africa and Anglophone West Africa. Prior to that, she was the World Health Organization (WHO) Representative and Chief of Mission in Ethiopia. She is former Chairperson of the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) Board.

**Mr Philip Yeo** of Singapore is currently the Special Advisor for Economic Development (Prime Minister's Office) and Chairman of SPRING Singapore (a government development agency with the mission of nurturing Local Enterprises especially Small and Medium Enterprises.) He was the Chairman of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR, formerly the National Science & Technology Board), former Chairman of the Economic Development Board. Mr. Yeo is recognized for his pioneering role in the promotion and development of Singapore's information technology, semiconductor, chemical industries and biomedical sciences. He has received numerous honours and awards in recognition of his work.

**Professor Yongyuth Yuthavong** of Thailand is former Thai Minister of Science and Technology and was the first President of the National Science and Technology Development Agency of Thailand (NSTDA). Currently, he is Senior Researcher at the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC). In 2004, he received the Nikkei Asia Prize for Science, Technology and Innovation from the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Japan, for his work on antimalarial drug targets, and the"Person of the Year" Award from Thailand's National Identity Board.

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**Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy** of France is Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Innovative Financing for Development, with the rank of UN Under-Secretary-General. In this role, he promotes sources of innovative financing for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on innovative financing solutions for the implementation of the Monterrey consensus. Additionally, he is the Chair of the Board of UNITAID. He served twice as the French Minister for Health, as well as the Minister of Culture and Minister of Foreign Affairs.