

# SPECIAL EVENT ON PHILANTHROPY AND THE GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA

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## **BIOGRAPHIES**



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## **Opening**

**Sylvie Lucas**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations, is the sixty-fifth President of the Economic and Social Council. Ambassador Lucas is the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations. She presented her credentials to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on 25 August 2008. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Lucas served as the Director for Political Affairs in Luxembourg's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also held the post of the Ministry's Deputy Director for Political Affairs from 2000 to 2003. In 1995, she was appointed, for a five year period, as Luxembourg's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Ms. Lucas has also served as Luxembourg's Ambassador to Portugal (2003-2004), and, simultaneously, as non-resident Ambassador to Cape Verde. She began her Government career in 1990, when she joined her Foreign Ministry's Directorate for Political and Cultural Affairs. From 1991 to 1995, she served in the Directorate for International and Economic Relations. Ms. Lucas was born on 30 June 1965. She received a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Human Sciences in Strasbourg in 1988, and a Master of Arts in European political and administrative studies in 1989 from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. She speaks five languages: Luxemburgish, French, English, German and Portuguese.

**Ban Ki-moon** of the Republic of Korea, the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations, brings to his post 37 years of service both in Government and on the global stage. At the time of his election as Secretary-General, Mr. Ban was his country's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. His long tenure with the Ministry included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C. and Vienna, and responsibility for a variety of portfolios, including Foreign Policy Adviser to the President, Chief National Security Adviser to the President, Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and Director-General of American Affairs. Throughout this service, his guiding vision was that of a peaceful Korean peninsula, playing an

Klaus Leisinger is the President and CEO of the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development. Mr. Leisinger studied economics and social sciences at the University of Basel, Switzerland, earned his doctorate in Economics, and did his post-doc (habilitated) in Sociology ("Health Policy for Least Developed Countries"). Klaus Leisinger's professional career took him for several years to East Africa as CEO of the former Ciba Pharmaceuticals regional office. After his return to headquarters in Switzerland, he was responsible for the company's international relations. During that term Klaus Leisinger profoundly engaged in corporate responsibility issues and actively promoted a corporate culture of public dialog. The extensive relationships and networks he established over many years with stakeholders in international policy, development cooperation and business ethics still work down to the present day as a mutual sounding-board in sensitive and complex business matters that require general consensus. Additionally, Klaus Leisinger has been the head of the company's philanthropy and development assistance programs for more than 25 years. Under his leadership these initiatives pursued a coherent strategic direction and adopted a mission that has benefited millions of poor people in developing countries in very concrete ways, be it through the cure of leprosy and other diseases, agricultural development or socio-economic development. The historic Foundation and its successor, the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development, have been and continue today to be unique in the private sector. Klaus Leisinger has been its Chief Executive Officer and Delegate to the Board of Trustees; since July 2002 he also serves as President of the Board of Trustees of the foundation. The Foundation has consultative status with the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations. In addition to his position at Novartis, Klaus Leisinger is Professor of Sociology at the University of Basel. He continues to pursue his academic and practical field work on a wide range of development-related topics, among them business ethics, corporate responsibility, human rights and business as well as general topics of international development and health policy in less developed countries. He nlfion atuunomic dev the foademi tgscSaateMsp-sohlrinetoday to 1onerv8tc.c dMerofgic 2pm

## Leadership Dialogues

Business School's 'Corporate Social Responsibility' executive education program, and the World Bank Institute's executive program on 'Inclusive and Sustainable Business', and was recipient of the Keystone Center's 2005 'Leadership in Education' Award. She has degrees from the University of Natal in South Africa and Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

#### B. Raising the profile of neglected tropical diseases

**Matthew Bishop** (Moderator) is the Chief Business Writer and US Business Editor of *The Economist*. Mr. Bishop and Michael Green are both authors of *Philanthrocapitalism*, the book on the business of philanthropy. Mr. Bishop is also the author of *Essential Economics*, the official Economist layperson's guide to economics.

**Lorenzo Savioli** is the Director of the Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases of the World Health Organization. He graduated in Rome in Medicine in 1977, in Tropical Medicine in 1979 and in Infectious Diseases in 1985 in Rome. He has an MSc in Parasitology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the DTM&H from the Royal College of Physicians of London. In the 1970s he developed a fascination for classical clinical semeiology and tropical medicine and in 1979 decided to go to Zanzibar to work in the small district Hospital of Chake Chake on the island of Pemba. In 1986 he started the Pemba Island Schistosomiasis Control Programme that a few years later was extended to include the control of soil-transmitted helminthiasis. In 1991 he joined WHO in Geneva as the Medical Officer in charge of the Programme on Intestinal Parasitic Infections and in 1996 was appointed Chief of the Schistosomiasis and Intestinal Parasites unit. He is Senior Associate in the Department of International Health of Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA, and a Fellow of the Islamic Academy of Sciences, Amman, Jordan. In 1986 he received the 1st Prize of the Rorer Foundation for Medical Science for *Italian Medicine for Developing Countries*.

**Rakesh Nangia** is currently the Director, Strategy and Operations for the Human Development Network at the World Bank. In his current role, he manages the day-to-day operations of the network. Specifically, his key priorities are to: (i) provide strategic leadership to the HD Network operations and policy advice to the VP ensuring high quality delivery of the work program; (ii) promote HD and corporate priorities ensuring efficient management of the network; and (iii) coordinate internal and external partnerships with key stakeholders including governments, international organizations, foundations and private sector. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Acting Vice President for the World Bank Institute (WBI) since March 2007. During this period, he has been instrumental in providing strategic direction to WBI in its time of transition. Mr. Nangia also served as Manager, Portfolio and Country Operations, in Vietnam from December 2001 through August 2006. Before moving to Vietnam, Mr. Nangia was based in Tanzania. As Lead Operations Officer, he was responsible for managing the Bank's lending portfolio and the Operations team. Mr. Nangia's is an Indian national and attended the Indian Institute of Technology, the University of London, and Harvard University and holds degrees in business administration and engineering.

**Bernard Pécoul**, MD, MPH, is the Executive Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi). Dr. Pécoul's has led DNDi since its founding in 2003. DNDi and its partners have built the largest and most robust R&D portfolio ever for three of the most neglected diseases (leishmaniasis, human African trypanosomiasis, and Chagas disease), and launched ASAQ and ASMQ, two low-cost, non-patented antimalarial combinations. He played a key role in the formation of DNDi as part of the Access to Essential Medicines Campaign of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Prior to his involvement with the campaign, Dr. Pécoul was the Executive Director of MSF-France, a co-founder of Epicentre, and a MSF field physician in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Bernard Pécoul obtained his MD from the University of Clermont Ferrand in France and his MPH from Tulane University in the USA.

**Rich Bagger** is the Senior Vice President, Public Affairs for Pfizer's Worldwide Pharmaceutical Operations. Prior to joining Pfizer in 1993, he was Assistant General Counsel of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey, and, before that, practiced law with McCarter and English. His record of public service includes ten years in the New Jersey General Assembly, where he was Chairman of the

and government agencies on numerous occasions; acted as specialist advisor to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology's enquiry into the use of science in UK international development policy; was a member of WHO's Commission on Macro-economics and Health and co-chair of its working group 'Improving the health outcomes of the poor'; wrote the communicable disease paper for the first Copenhagen Consensus; and was a member of the US Institute of Medicine committee on the economics of anti-malarial drugs. In 2006 she was awarded a CBE for services to medicine and elected Foreign Associate of the IOM.

### **Closing**

**Amir Dossal**, Executive Director, UN Office for Partnerships, guides the development of strategic alliances for the United Nations with corporations, foundations and philanthropists aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Amir is the UN's Chief Liaison for Ted Turner's \$1 billion donation for UN causes, (www.un.org/unfip), which involves over 450 programmes in the areas of children's health, women and population, climate change and biodiversity. This includes "investments" from other donors and partners (such as the American Red Cross, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CDC, the Coca-Cola Company, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Rotary International, etc.) which to date total to over \$550 million. He also oversees the management of the UN Democracy Fund (www.un.org/democracyfund) which aims to strengthen democratic institutions and enhance democratic governance in new or restored democracies. Mr. Dossal has developed numerous partnerships for the United Nations, including with the Commonwealth Business Council, the European Foundation Centre, Google.org, the LTB Foundation, the Synergos Institute, the US Chamber of Commerce, and others. He has also spearheaded the UN's engagement in new areas including the technology sector working with Cisco Systems, Ericsson, Microsoft and Vodafone. Mr. Dossal has lived and worked in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

President Bill Clinton is the Founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States of America. William Jefferson Clinton was the first Democratic president in six decades to be elected twice – first in 1992 and then in 1996. Under his leadership, the country enjoyed the strongest economy in a generation and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs. After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. Today the Foundation has 800 staff and volunteers around the world working to improve lives through several initiatives, including the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative which is helping 1.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS access lifesaving drugs. Other initiatives -- including the Clinton Climate Initiative, the Clinton Hunter Development Initiative, and the Clinton Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative -- are applying a business-oriented approach worldwide to fight climate change and develop sustainable economic growth in Africa and Latin America. As a project of the Foundation, the Clinton Global Initiative brings together global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. In the U.S., the Foundation is working to combat the alarming rise in childhood obesity, and is helping individuals and families succeed and small businesses grow. In addition his Foundation work, President Clinton has joined with former President George H.W. Bush three times – after the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008 - to help raise money for recovery efforts. He also served as the U.N. Envoy for Tsunami Recovery to help people "build back better." President Clinton was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. He and his wife Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton have one daughter, Chelsea, and live in Chappaqua, New York.