Enabling Policies and Investments for a Fit-for-Purpose Health Workforce in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Event and Reception
5:00 pm—5:30 pm Registration
5:30 pm—6:30 pm Formal Program
6:30 pm—7:30 pm Open Reception

Introductory Remarks
Vince Blaser
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Director, Frontline Health Workers Coalition

Dr. Saja Al-Falahi
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Keynote
Dr. Jim Campbell
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Director Health Workforce, World Health Organization

High-Level Panel
Hon. Dr. Jean Kalilani
@MalawiGovt
Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Malawi

Irene Koek
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Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health, US Agency for International Development (USAID)

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Chair, Frontline Health Workers Coalition, Jhpiego

Lightning Round
Massimiliano Pezzoli
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High-Level Speakers

Dr. Jim Campbell
Director Health Workforce, World Health Organization

Dr. Jim Campbell is the Director of the Health Workforce Department at the World Health Organization (WHO). Prior to taking on this role in July 2014, Dr. Campbell was the Director of the Instituto de Cooperación Social Integrare (ICS Integrare), a not-for-profit research institute in Barcelona, Spain where he worked for eight years.

He has worked as a specialist researcher/advisor on Human Resources for Health for governments, UN agencies and philanthropic foundations, including WHO, GHWA, UNFPA, World Bank, UK DFID, Norad, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Examples include the Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (2010), WHO policy recommendations on ‘Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention’ (2010), ‘A Universal Truth: No Health Without a Workforce’ (2013), and the State of the World’s Midwifery 2014 report.

Hon. Dr. Jean Kalilani
Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Malawi

Honorable Dr. Jean Alfazema Nachika Kalilani, MP, is an elected Member of Parliament in Malawi’s National Assembly, representing Dowa Central Constituency. She currently serves as the Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare and has previously served as Minister of Health as well as Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security. Hon. Dr. Kalilani is deeply passionate about economic empowerment of women, especially in the work sector and has emphasized this in her various representations at countless international and national fora. She has chaired several committees of the Malawi National Assembly, including the Parliamentary Women’s Caucus and the International Relations Committee. Hon. Dr. Kalilani formerly worked for WHO as a country representative in Gaborone, Botswana, prior to her political career.

Irene Koek
Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health, US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Irene Koek is currently the Acting Assistant Administrator in USAID’s Global Health Bureau. Prior to this, she was the Deputy Assistant Administrator, and prior to that she was the senior Infectious Disease Advisor for the Global Health Security Agenda lead at USAID. From 2010–2014 she was Director of the Health Office in USAID/Indonesia where she also served as Health Attaché and PEPFAR Coordinator. After her return to Washington from Indonesia and until April 2015, Ms. Koek was the Deputy Director of the Office of Population and Reproductive Health in the Global Health Bureau.

Ms. Koek joined USAID in 1986. Starting in the Office of Population, she moved to the Policy and Program Coordination Bureau in 1995 as a health advisor, addressing maternal and child health, family planning and infectious disease issues. In 1998, Ms. Koek became the Chief of the Infectious Disease Division in the Global Health Bureau, overseeing staff and programs for malaria, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases. In that role, she helped start up the President’s Malaria Initiative and served as Chair of the Stop TB Coordinating Board. Ms. Koek has a Master of Arts degree from George Washington University.