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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Professor Thomas Kearns
Interim Chief Executive Officer, International Council of Nurses



Thomas Kearns was appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer at the International Council of Nurses in September 2017, taking a sabbatical from his role as Executive Director of the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RSCO) which he has held since April 2014.

Prior to his role at RCSI, Kearns was Education Officer and Acting Chief Education Officer in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (formerly An Bord Altranais), where he conceptualised, scoped, developed and was responsible for managing the Board's on-line Continuing Education directory. His doctorate is in the regulation of CPD and professional competence. His focus in RCSI has been on blending an entrepreneurial and educational approach to meeting evolving service needs through meeting the education training and practice development needs of nurses and midwives and through innovative project development and research partnerships with multiple stakeholders.

Professor Sheila Tlou
Co-Chair of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition



Professor Tlou of Botswana is former UNAIDS Director of the Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa, and former Member of Parliament and Minister of Health of Botswana. She is also former Professor of Nursing at the University of Botswana and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in Primary Health Care for Anglophone Africa. As Minister of Health, she led a successful AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support program whose achievements are still some of the best in Africa. She holds a Ph.D in Nursing Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and has Membership of the American Academy of Nursing and the US National Academy of Medicine.

Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al Hussein of Jordan



HRH Princess Muna Al-Hussein takes a special interest in developing nursing and midwifery as a significant force for quality of health care in Jordan. She established Princess Muna College of Nursing at the Royal Medical Services in 1962. Ever since, HRH continuously responds to the needs and challenges of nursing and midwifery at the national level. In 2002 HRH founded The Jordanian Nursing Council, of which she was appointed as the President – a national regulatory body with strong partnerships with prominent nursing and health institutions at local, regional and international levels.

At the international level, HRH advocates eradicating poverty and promoting the health of mothers and infants, and for the SDGs focusing on no poverty, zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, quality of education and gender equality. HRH serves as the WHO patron of nursing and

midwifery in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and is the honorary adviser for the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Development.

HRH is the recipient of numerous distinguished awards, such as the Sigma Theta Tau International Archon Award for her exceptional leadership in advancing health and welfare throughout the world, and the Princess Muna Award for Global Advocacy for International Credentialing – created in her name by the American Nurses Credentialing Centre (ANCC), in addition to the ANCC President Award for her substantial work in supporting nursing globally.

In 2016, HRH was appointed as a commissioner to the UN on health employment and economic growth. The UN Commission on health employment released a report that focused on three key messages, among which a transformative agenda including reform and expansion of education, skill mix and an appropriate number and distribution of health workers; the need for effective international, cross sectorial cooperation. Throughout the years, HRH maintained a clear vision, strong commitment and advocacy to the health and wellbeing of the population and continued to believe that nurses and midwives are the driving force for change at all levels.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Director-General of the World Health Organization



Dr Tedros was elected as WHO Director-General by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017. He is the first WHO Director-General to have been elected from multiple candidates by the World Health Assembly, and is the first person from the WHO African Region to serve as WHO's chief technical and administrative officer.

Dr Tedros served as Ethiopia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012–2016. In this role he led efforts to negotiate the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in which 193 countries committed to the financing necessary to achieve the SDGs. Dr Tedros served as

Ethiopia's Minister of Health from 2005–2012, where he led a comprehensive reform of the country's health system. All roads lead to universal health coverage for Dr Tedros, and he has demonstrated what it takes to expand access to health care with limited resources. The transformation he led as Ethiopia's Minister of Health improved access to health care for millions of people.

Dr Tedros' global leadership on malaria, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health has been immensely impactful. He was elected as Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Board in 2009, and previously served as Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership Board, and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board.

Dr Tedros holds a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health from the University of Nottingham and a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London. Dr Tedros is globally recognized as a health scholar, researcher, and diplomat with first-hand experience in research, operations, and leadership in emergency responses to epidemics. Throughout his career Dr Tedros has published numerous articles in prominent scientific journals, and received awards and recognition from across the globe. He received the Decoration of the Order of Serbian Flag in 2016, and was awarded the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award in recognition of his contributions to the field of public health in 2011.

Bertrand Levrat **General Director of the Geneva University Hospitals**



Bertrand Levrat of Switzerland has been the General Director of the Geneva University Hospitals since 2013. Former lawyer, he worked at the International Committee of the Red Cross (1994 -2001), at the direction générale de l'action sociale (DGSA) as deputy director (2001 – 2004). After that, he was general director at the General Hospice (2004 – 2013).

A lawyer by profession, Bertrand Levrat started his career in the humanitarian field with the International Committee of the Red Cross in Asia and Latin America and was its representative at the United Nations in New York. Returning to Geneva he became Deputy Director of social services with policy responsibility for disability and for substance dependence, while also setting up the canton's social security benefits office. Having acquired a command of Geneva's social policies, he was appointed Director of the "Hospice General" the body in charge of social service provision and of asylum seekers. He profoundly reformed the then struggling institution, bringing it to financial sustainability through rigorous management in order for it to achieve its goal of dignity for individuals in difficulty."