H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik  
President of ECOSOC

DIALOGUE ONE

(Moderator)

Prof. Paul Farmer, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons Learned from Haiti and Harvard University Medical School Department of Global Health and Social Medicine

In December 2012, Dr. Paul Farmer was appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as the UN Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti. Dr. Farmer served as Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti (2009-2012). Dr. Farmer holds an M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he is a University Professor. He is also the Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Farmer is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH, 1987), an international non-profit organization that provides direct health care services, supports the building and strengthening of local health systems, and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. He began his lifelong commitment to Haiti in 1983 when still a student, working with villages in Haiti’s Central Plateau. Dr. Farmer is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award from the American Medical Association, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation “Genius Award.”

Panellists

Dr. Anthony Fauci,
Director, US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., is director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health. Since his appointment as NIAID Director in 1984, Dr. Fauci has overseen an extensive research portfolio devoted to preventing, diagnosing, and treating infectious and immune-mediated diseases. Dr. Fauci also is chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, where he has made numerous important discoveries related to HIV/AIDS and is one of the most-cited scientists in the field. He serves as one of the key advisors to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services on global AIDS issues, and on initiatives to bolster medical and public health preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats such as pandemic influenza. He was one of the principal architects of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which has already been responsible for saving millions of lives throughout the developing world. Dr. Fauci is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards for his scientific and global health accomplishments, including the National Medal of Science, the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He has been awarded 38 honorary doctoral degrees and is the author, co-author, or editor of more than 1,200 scientific publications, including several major textbooks.

Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti,
Regional Director for Africa, WHO

Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti from Botswana is the first woman WHO Regional Director for Africa. Dr Moeti is a public health veteran, with more than 35 years of national and international experience. She joined WHO’s Africa Regional Office in 1999 and has served as Deputy Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Director of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO Representative for
Malawi, and Coordinator of the Inter-Country Support Team for the South and East African countries. Prior to joining WHO, she worked with UNAIDS as a Team Leader of the Africa and Middle East Desk in Geneva (1997-1999); with UNICEF as a Regional Health Advisor for East and Southern Africa; and with Botswana’s Ministry of Health as a Clinician and Public Health Specialist. Dr Moeti qualified in medicine (M.B., B.S) and public health (MSc in Community Health for Developing Countries) at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, University of London in 1978 and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1986, respectively.

Mr. Gary M Cohen,
Executive Vice President and President of Global Health, Becton, Dickinson and Company

Mr. Gary M. Cohen serves as an Executive Vice President of Becton Dickinson Pty. Ltd. Mr. Cohen has been an Executive Vice President of the company since June 2006. He was also an Executive Officer of BD in various capacities since 1996. He serves as an Acting Chief Executive Officer of GBHealth. Mr. Cohen was President for BD Medical Systems, a part of Becton, Dickinson and Company from May 1999 to June 2006. He also serves as a Chairperson of the CDC Corporate Roundtable and an Advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative and the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health. Mr. Cohen is also Chairman of the Board of U.S. Centers For Disease Control And Prevention (CDC). In addition, he is a Commissioner on the UN Commission for Life-Saving Commodities. Mr. Cohen has been honored for his humanitarian work by MESAB (Medical Education for South African Blacks), B’nai B’rith International, the US Fund for UNICEF, the Nyumbani Home (an orphanage in Kenya for HIV positive children) and the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation. He earned a BA from Rutgers College and a MBA from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management, and previously served on the university’s Board of Trustees.

Mr. Jeffrey Wright,
Actor, and Founder, Ebola Survival Fund

Award-winning actor Jeffrey Wright enjoys a career that has spanned the worlds of theatre, film and television. He is also the founder of the Ebola Survival Fund that supports a coalition of community-based organizations working in Liberia and Sierra Leone in order to complement the efforts of the larger-scale programs being implemented by international organizations in combating Ebola. Troubled by the US public and media response to the Ebola outbreak, he created the Ebola Survival Fund, a coalition of NGOs working in Ebola stricken countries to respond to immediate needs and to strengthen the region’s health-care infrastructure. In addition to acting, Mr. Wright is Vice Chairman of Taia Lion Resources (TLR), a Sierra Leone-focused junior precious metal and mineral exploration company, and Chairman of Taia Peace Foundation, TLR’s social development arm. He also serves on the boards of directors of the Tribeca Film Institute and Resolve and on the advisory board of the UN Democracy Fund. He was named by the Government of Sierra Leone as the ‘Peace by Piece’ Ambassador for the country’s 2011 50th Anniversary Independence Celebration and is an honorary Paramount Chief of Penguia Chiefdom, Kailahun District, Sierra Leone. Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Wright graduated from Amherst College, receiving a B.A. in political science in 1987 and earned a doctorate of humane letters from his alma mater in 2004.
Dr. Rifat Atun is Professor of Global Health Systems at Harvard University, and the Director of Global Health Systems Cluster at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. From 2006-13, he was Professor of International Health Management and Head of the Health Management Group at Imperial College London. In 2008-12 he served as a member of the Executive Management Team of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as the Director of Strategy, Performance and Evaluation Cluster.

Prof. Atun has worked with several governments globally as well as the World Bank, World Health Organization, and the UK Department for International Development to design, implement and evaluate health system reform initiatives. He has led research and consultancy projects for GSK, Pfizer Inc., the Vodafone Group, Hofmann La Roche, PA Consulting, and Tata Consulting Services. Prof. Atun is a member of the MRC (UK) Global Health Group, the US Institute of Medicine Standing Committee on Strengthening Health Systems and the Research Advisory Committee for the Public Health Foundation of India. He served as a member of the PEPFAR Scientific Advisory Board, the Norwegian Research Council’s Global Health and Vaccination Research Board. He was a Member of the Advisory Committee for WHO Research Centre for Health Development in Japan and the Strategic Technical Advisory Group of the WHO for Tuberculosis. He chaired the WHO Task Force on Health Systems and Tuberculosis Control and in 2009-12 he was the Chair of the STOP TB Partnership Coordinating Board.
DIALOGUE TWO

(Moderator)

Mrs. Brenda Killen,
Deputy-Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

As Deputy Director of the OECD’s Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD), Brenda Killen leads DCD’s work in areas such as: development partnerships; private sector development; environment, green growth and climate change; the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and the G20 Development Working Group. Ms. Killen has led the DCD’s portfolio on development effectiveness since 2007, including working with partners from around the world to prepare the Fourth High Level Forum on Development Effectiveness in Busan (2011). Before taking up duties as Deputy Director, she was Head of DCD’s Global Partnerships and Policies Division, leading DCD’s activities on conflict and fragility, climate change and green growth, gender equality and other important policy areas.

Ms. Killen, a British citizen, worked from 2004 to 2007 at the World Health Organization (WHO) as Deputy Director of Health Policy, Development and Services, responsible for defining WHO’s role in development policy and accelerating progress towards the health Millennium Development Goals.

Prior to joining WHO, Ms. Killen worked for the Department for International Development (DFID) in the UK in a number of senior roles and was the lead author of DFID’s policy on middle income countries. An experienced development economist, Ms. Killen has extensive field experience, including several years in East and Southern Africa.

Ms. Killen has a MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics.

Panelists

Ms. Carolyn Miles,
President and CEO, Save the Children

Carolyn Miles is President & Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children, an organization that gives children in the United States and around the world a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. The global Save the Children movement currently serves over 143 million children in the US and in more than 120 countries. Miles joined the organization in 1998, was COO from 2004-2011, and became President and CEO in September 2011. Under her senior leadership, the organization has more than doubled the number of children it reaches with nutrition, health, education and other programs. Prior to Save the Children, she worked in the private sector in Hong Kong for American Express and as an entrepreneur. While in Asia, she confronted the deprivation of the region’s children, which motivated her to dedicate her life to their welfare.

Professor Rolf-Dieter Heuer,
Director-General, CERN

Rolf-Dieter Heuer studied physics at the University of Stuttgart, and then obtained his doctorate at the University of Heidelberg. From 1978 to 1983 he was a research physicist at the University of Heidelberg, working on the PETRA electron-positron storage ring as a member of the JADE collaboration. From 1984 to 1998 he was a staff member at CERN, working for the OPAL collaboration at the Large Electron Positron collider (LEP). From 1994 he was the collaboration’s spokesman.
Much of his career has been involved with the construction and operation of large particle detector systems for studying electron-positron collisions. On leaving CERN in 1998, he took up a professorship at the University of Hamburg, where he established a group working on preparations for experiments at a possible future electron-positron linear collider. On taking up his appointment as research director for particle and astroparticle physics at DESY in 2004, Dr. Heuer was responsible for research at the HERA accelerator, DESY’s participation in the LHC and R&D for a future electron-positron collider. He replaced Robert Aymar as Director-General of CERN in January 2009.

Mr. G.S. Krishnan,
President, Novozymes, India

G S Krishnan is Regional President for Novozymes India, the world leader in industrial biotechnology and microorganisms. As Regional President, Mr. Krishnan has been actively involved in strategic acquisitions in India, including the purchase of Biocon’s enzyme business and its subsequent integration. His role involves close coordination with external stakeholders on new business opportunities in India as well as driving and propagating the Novozymes Sustainability agenda, where he plays a key role for the organization in providing both insights and thought leadership. In a career spanning over 3 decades to date, G S Krishnan regularly engages and interacts with a number of public policy officials and key civil society stakeholders. He holds a number of external roles and is an active member of the Confederation of Indian Industry’s National committee on Bioenergy, as well the Bioenergy task force of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He is also a member of the Vision Group on Biotechnology, for the State Government of Karnataka, as well as a member of India’s Association of the Biotech lead enterprises.

H.E. Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota
Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, New York

Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota is a Brazilian career diplomat since 1983, currently serving as Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, posted in New York for the second time. He worked mostly with regional and multilateral institutions such as the Organization of American States, Mercosul, the WTO and World Intellectual Property Organization. He also served for three years in New Zealand. His main dossiers at the Foreign Service included economic development and trade, regional integration, scientific and technological diplomacy, information society and social issues. He was, until August of 2013, deputy advisor on international affairs to President Dilma Rousseff.

Dr. Mercy Ahun,
Special Representative for GAVI Eligible Countries, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

Dr. Mercy Ahun is the Special Representative for Gavi Eligible Countries. In this role she serves as a bridge between countries receiving GAVI support, advocacy partners and donors and plays a major role in developing customized approaches that deliver even more effective results on the ground in key Gavi countries. She has worked with Gavi since 2003 and served as the Head, Country Support and Managing Director, Country Programmes, responsible for supporting the application process and progress monitoring of 73 Gavi eligible countries with a total value more than $4 billion. Prior to joining GAVI, she was in charge of the Immunisation Programme in Ghana, led the successful introduction of the new pentavalent vaccine and worked successfully with other programmes to increase coverage and use immunisation service delivery as a platform for delivery of other reproductive and child health
services. She has also worked as District Director of Health Services for both urban and rural districts in Ghana and led the successful planning, implementation and monitoring of public health programmes including immunisation and maternal, neonatal and child health programmes in Ghana.