



Partnerships Clinic

“Innovative Partnerships to Address Research and Treatments for Neglected Tropical Diseases”

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BIOGRAPHIES

[Dr. Konji Sebati](#)

Dr. Sebati joined the Global Issues Sector at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in 2010 as a Senior Director heading the Department of Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges. She is a former Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to Switzerland, The Vatican and Liechtenstein; and most recently to France, UNESCO and the OECD. She is a Medical Practitioner by training, and has practiced as a medical practitioner in South Africa, later becoming a Regional Director for Health and a Hospital Administrator in Pretoria, South Africa. Before joining the diplomatic service, Konji Sebati worked within the pharmaceutical industry, first with Roche Pharmaceuticals as a Medical Advisor and moved on to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in South Africa where her career spanned from Medical Director in charge of Clinical Research, Product registration, Safety and Pharmacovigilance, Quality Assurance, and Sales force training, to Medical and Corporate Affairs Director. She was transferred to Pfizer Headquarters in New York as Public Affairs Director for Africa and Middle East, and soon appointed as Corporate Affairs Director in the Philanthropy Department, in charge of Pfizer’s HIV/AIDS Philanthropy programs worldwide.

[Dr. Solomon Nwaka](#)

Solomon Nwaka’s scientific and management career spans different academic and public institutions, biopharmaceutical industry, product development partnerships and international organizations, in several countries including Nigeria, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Japan, USA, Canada and Switzerland. He conceived the idea of regional innovation network at the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization (WHO/TDR), which resulted in the establishment of ANDI (African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation). Solomon is presently the interim Director of ANDI. He also headed drug discovery for infectious tropical diseases as well as product R&D and innovation in developing

countries at WHO/TDR. Prior to joining WHO, he served as Director of drug discovery at the Medicines for Malaria Venture and worked in other organizations in the areas of non/communicable diseases, basic and applied research. He has published widely on global health, product R&D, public-private partnerships, networks, access issues as well as capacity building in developing countries.

Dr. Roy F. Waldron

Roy F. Waldron is Senior Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel at Pfizer Inc. Roy represents Pfizer on various committees, including as chair of the International IP & Trade Committee of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IFPMA); on the International IP Policy Working Group of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA); on the Board of Directors of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO); and on the Executive Committee of INTERPAT. Roy has a JD from New York University (NYU) School of Law, a PhD in Organic Chemistry from Yale University and a BA from Dartmouth College.

Ms. Ellen t'Hoen

Ellen t'Hoen is a lawyer and an independent consultant in medicines policy and law. She has particular expertise in the area of access to medicines and intellectual property. Her most recent achievement is the establishment in 2010 of the Medicines Patent Pool to accelerate the availability of low cost HIV treatments in developing countries through patent licensing. She is a visiting fellow at the University of Amsterdam and an advisor to the Medicines Patent Pool. From 1999 until 2009 she was the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Médecins sans Frontières' (MSF) Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines. In 2009 she became the Senior Adviser for Intellectual Property and Medicines Patent Pool at WHO/UNITAID, where she set up the Medicines Patent Pool which aims at brokering and making available patent licenses to antiretroviral medicines with the purpose of increasing access to low-cost and better adapted ARVs in developing countries. She was the executive-director of the Medicines Patent Pool until June 2012.

Dr. Zafar Mirza

Dr. Zafar Mirza is a medical doctor with a post-graduation specialization in public health, focusing on pharmaceutical policies in developing countries. Currently he works at the World Health Organization at its headquarters where he heads the Department of Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property. The main work of this department is to coordinate the implementation of Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property; WHO Health Research Strategy; and International Trade and Public Health related work. Before assuming this important office, he served as a Regional Adviser for Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies in the East Mediterranean Regional Office of WHO based in Cairo, where he was responsible for 22 countries in his area of work. For 12 years before joining WHO, he was a founding Executive Director of a civil society organization in Pakistan, The Network for Consumer Protection. He is a well-

travelled Pakistani national, who has made extensive contributions at national and international level.

Dr. Neeraj Mistry

Neeraj Mistry, MD, MPH, joined the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases in July 2010 as Managing Director. With a focus on advocacy and resource mobilization, he creates partnerships and bridges cross-cutting development themes to grow and strengthen the movement of controlling and eliminating neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). A public health physician, Dr. Mistry was a founding member and former Vice President of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GBC), and brings extensive experience in global health policy and programming, having worked in developing and developed countries, in the public and private sectors, across clinical practice, health policy and social development. While at GBC, Dr. Mistry led the technical strategy of business engagement in global health and developed the Business AIDS Methodology (BAM™) and Best Practice AIDS Standard (BPAS™) and conceptualized and led GBC's work on co-investment and public-private partnerships with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund, where he continues to support the technical review panel. Dr. Mistry serves on the Board of African Services Committee and the International Advisory Board of the END Fund, the world's first private philanthropic initiative to combat the seven most common NTDs. He is also a professorial lecturer at The George Washington University School of Public Health. Following the completion of his medical training at the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School in Johannesburg, South Africa, Dr. Mistry focused on HIV/AIDS, occupational health, family practice and sexual and reproductive health. Dr. Mistry also worked at the National Health Service (NHS) in London and with Merck & Co. Inc. dealing with public affairs for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.