

“The Right to Health”

co-organized with UNAIDS on the occasion of World AIDS Day



 @MaherNasserUN

Mr. Maher Nasser has over 30 years of work experience in the United Nations System during which he has worked in various capacities in Gaza, Jerusalem, Amman, Cairo, Vienna and New York. In the last six years, Mr. Nasser was appointed three times as Acting Under-Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Public Information (April to August 2012, August 2014 to February 2015, and most recently as Acting Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications from 1 April to 31 August 2017). Mr. Nasser took up his current position as Director of DPI's Outreach Division in February 2011. He first joined DPI in January 2006 as Director of the UN Information Centre in Cairo. Before joining DPI, Mr. Nasser worked in various positions with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in Gaza, Jerusalem, Vienna, Amman and New York. From 1992 to 1994, he worked with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Nasser worked with two Jerusalem-based NGOs focusing on development and human rights. Mr. Nasser also attended the Middle East Peace Conference in Madrid in October 1991 and the subsequent bilateral negotiations in Washington DC as the personal assistant to Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi, the Head of the Palestinian Negotiating Team.



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Mr. Simon Bland joined UNAIDS in August 2013. Prior to joining UNAIDS, Simon was a senior civil servant in the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) where he spent most of the last thirty years working in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and led DFID country programmes in Russia, Ukraine, Kenya and Somalia. From 2008 to 2013 Simon worked with public-private partnerships in health and education based in Geneva. He represented the UK on the Boards of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, GAVI, UNITAID and the Washington-based Global Partnership for Education. Simon was elected Chairman of the Board of the Global Fund in 2011 and oversaw management reforms culminating in the introduction of a new funding model and strengthened partnership approach. In his role at UNAIDS, Simon led efforts to develop a strong post-2015 agenda culminating in the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, including a commitment to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 and to strengthen the interconnections between the AIDS response and global health, sustainable development, human rights and finance. He is now focused on strengthening partnerships to deliver the SDG including through financial innovations for sustainable development.



 @WHO

Dr. Nata Menabde is Executive Director of WHO Office at the United Nations, New York since May 2015. Prior to her current role, since 2010, Nata Menabde was WHO Representative to India where she has led a large team of thousands of dedicated professionals across India supporting the governments' efforts in tackling health and health systems challenges, such as eradication of polio and saving lives from vaccine preventable diseases, promoting universal health coverage for sustainable development, combatting TB, reversing growing trend of noncommunicable diseases, amongst others. Preceding her assignment in India Nata Menabde was the Deputy Regional Director of WHO's European Regional Office and, among other initiatives, has successfully led WHO's European work on Health Systems and their relationships with health and wealth, which culminated in the adoption of the Tallinn Charter on health systems in 2008. Before coming to India, Nata Menabde was in charge of WHO's extensive operations in 35 European countries, including emergency response and post-conflict recovery and rehabilitation (Peace through Health in Balkan countries). She was also involved in WHO's work to achieve polio - free European Region and has led WHO's (hosting partner) work in support of European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies – a partnership influencing policies and system reforms in Europe/OECD countries. As a leader, she has proven her ability to instill a clear vision, effective teamwork and high performance in the organizations she has led. She has successfully forged several partnerships with UNICEF, the World Bank, OECD, the Global Fund, the European Investment Bank, Council of Europe, the European Union, the European Commission, civil society and others to increase the effectiveness of WHO's work in bringing health higher on political and development agenda. Dr Menabde has a solid public health academic background and above 30 years of professional experience, during which she has built an extensive track record in public health and health systems at country and international levels.



 @UNHumanRights

Mr. Christian Courtis is a Human Rights Officer with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Based in OHCHR New York Office, he is a member of the Sustainable Development and Human Rights Section, working on sustainable development issues, economic and social rights and human rights mainstreaming. Born in Argentina, he is a former law professor at the University of Buenos Aires Law School (Argentina) and invited professor at ITAM Law School (Mexico). He has been visiting professor and researcher at different universities in Europe, Latin America and the United States. He has served as a consultant for the World/ Panamerican Health Organization, UNESCO, the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights. He was previously the coordinator of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Project of the International Commission of Jurists (Geneva). He has published several books and articles on human rights, constitutional law, legal theory and legal sociology.



 @AccessChapter2

Ms. Mmapaseka “Steve” Letsike is an activist, feminist, leader, mentor and vibrant human rights advocate. With high level experience on policy development and advocacy nationally and internationally with 14 years’ experience. She is the Co-Chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) a portfolio Co-Chaired with H.E Cyril Ramaphosa Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa. She is the National Chairperson Civil Society Forum of SANAC representing 18 Sectors. Ms. Letsike is also co-chair of the National Task Team established by the South African Department of Justice and Constitutional Development to address hate crimes and gender-based violence affecting LGBTI people. Ms. Letsike is a Founding Director of Access Chapter 2 (AC2), a human rights organization that focuses on LGBTI people and women in their diversities. The name Access Chapter 2 is derived from South Africa's Constitution referring to the Bill of Rights: Chapter 2, and seeks to make these rights a lived reality. Ms. Letsike serves as a member of the Commonwealth Equality Network, UN Women -Civil Society Advisory Group, and other national, regional and international structures. She previously has worked with: Anova Health Institute, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), OUT LGBT Well-Being and for Government- Department of Social Development. Steve is also a Social Entrepreneur.



 @UNDP

Mr. Tenu Avafia leads the Human Rights, Key Populations and Treatment Access team in the HIV within the Health and Development Group of UNDP’. He is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Global Commission on HIV and co-led the Secretariat of the United Nations Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines. Before joining UNDP, he worked at the Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa focusing on international trade negotiations and regional integration. Prior to that, Mr. Avafia was a lawyer at the Legal Assistance Centre in Namibia where he undertook rights-based litigation and research into socio-economic issues including the right to health. He holds an LLB from the University of Namibia, an LLM in international trade law from the University of Stellenbosch, and a PhD in intellectual property law from Queen Mary, University of London.

RIGHT TO HEALTH



As of June 2017, there were 20.9 million people living with HIV on treatment.

MY HEALTH, MY RIGHT.



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- ♦ 1 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses in 2016. #Myrighttohealth = access to HIV treatment. bit.ly/2AgMTlt #DPINGO #WorldAIDSDay
- ♦ When girls stay in school, their risk of acquiring HIV decreases. #Myrighttohealth = safe schooling #DPINGO #WorldAIDSDay
- ♦ #Myrighttohealth means having access to condoms, which are effective, cheap and easy to use. Watch #DPINGO #WorldAIDSDay Briefing LIVE: webtv.un.org
- ♦ 1 in 3 people living with HIV do not know their HIV status. #Myrighttohealth = access to HIV testing #DPINGO #WorldAIDSDay
- ♦ When women are empowered & their rights are fulfilled, HIV prevalence falls. #myrighttohealth means #Idecide. #DPINGO #WorldAIDSDay

