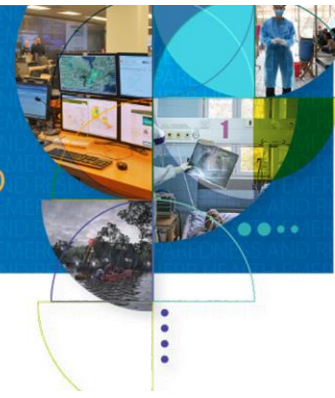




HEALTH EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE  
UMBRELLA PROGRAM

# BREAKING THE CYCLE OF PANIC AND NEGLECT

THE ROLE OF THE HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND  
RESPONSE PROGRAM IN IMPROVING HEALTH SECURITY



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To launch the HEPR Program's first-ever annual report and to recognize the efforts of countries in health emergency preparedness and response, the World Bank convened a high-level event that brought together a distinguished panel of speakers to learn about their perspectives on the future of health emergency preparedness (bios below), moderated by **Dena Ringold**, Human Development Director, Africa West and Central Region, World Bank:

- **H.E. Senator Lizzie Nkosi**, Minister of Health, Eswatini
- **H.E. Dr. Frank Anthony**, Minister of Health, Guyana
- **H.E. Professor Moustafa Mijiyawa**, Minister of Health and Social Security, Togo
- **Professor Christian Happi**, Director of Africa Center of Excellence in Genomics of Infectious Diseases
- **Mr. Scott Pendergast**, Director of Health Emergencies, World Health Organization
- **Mr. Niels Holm-Nielsen**, Practice Manager, GFDRR program, World Bank
- **Ms. Geeta Sethi**, Advisor and Global Lead for Food Systems, World Bank

Chaired by **Mr. Juan Pablo Uribe**, Global Director: Health, Nutrition and Population and Director: Global Financing Facility, World Bank, the event also featured opening remarks by **Ms. Mamta Murthi**, Vice President for Human Development, World Bank, and additional remarks by **Mr. Kentaro Ogata**, Deputy Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Japan, and **Mr. Robin Davies**, First Assistant Secretary, Global Health Division and concurrently Head of Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.

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## BIOGRAPHIES



**KENTARO OGATA, DEPUTY VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, JAPAN.** Kentaro Ogata, assumed the current position in July 2021 after serving as Director of Planning and Administration (2020) and Director of International Organizations (2018-2020, in charge of the G20 Finance Track and the first Joint G20 Finance and Health Ministers Meeting under the Japanese presidency) of the International Bureau. Prior to these, he served as Director in Tax Bureau (2014-2017, in charge of international tax policy) and Director for Development Issues in the International Bureau. As Japan's IDA Deputy, he is taking the lead on development issues at MOF, including the IDA20 replenishment. He worked twice at the IMF (Fiscal Affairs Department) from 2001 to 2005 and from 2010 to 2013 and is an expert on international tax issues. He holds a Bachelor of Law (LLB) from the University of Tokyo (1992) and an MBA from Maryland University (1996).



**ROBIN DAVIES, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DFAT'S GLOBAL HEALTH DIVISION | HEAD OF DFAT'S INDO-PACIFIC CENTRE FOR HEALTH SECURITY.**

Robin Davies is the First Assistant Secretary of DFAT's Global Health Division and concurrently the Head of DFAT's Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security. He is leading the implementation of Australia's Health Security Initiative for the Indo-Pacific region and the Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Health Security Initiative.

Robin was previously Associate Director of the Development Policy Centre at the Australian National University. Robin worked at the former Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) for almost twenty years, both in Australia and overseas, including ten years as a member of its senior executive service. He was Australia's delegate to the OECD Development Assistance Committee for 1999 to 2022 and managed Australia's development cooperation program in Indonesia from 2003 to 2006. Until late 2011, he headed AusAID's international programs and partnerships division.

Robin was Australia's representative on the G20 Development Working Group from its establishment in 2010. He played an active role in shaping the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth and subsequent work on "growth with resilience". As founding head of AusAID's Sustainable Development Group from 2007 to 2009, he represented Australia in negotiations leading to the establishment of the multilateral Climate Investment Funds in 2008 and oversaw the development and implementation of a series of Australian climate change funding initiatives, including the International Forest Carbon Initiative and the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative.

Robin served on the board of UNICEF Australia from 2013 to 2017 and chaired its Programs, Policy and Advocacy Committee. Robin holds an honours degree in philosophy from the Australian National University



**H.E. SENATOR LIZZIE NKOSI, MINISTER OF HEALTH, ESWATINI.** Senator Lizzie Nkosi has a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Boston University, USA. She started her career as an occupational therapist, where she took a lead to build a rehabilitation team, the cadre and expand services across all regions in the country, and was instrumental for introduction of community-based rehabilitation services. She taught at the University of Witwatersrand as a senior lecturer (in the Faculty of Medicine) Occupational Therapy Department for a year. She then joined Save the Children

Swaziland at a time when they were managing the national expanded programme of immunization. She was later appointed as country program director for Save the Children UK for 3 years in Malawi where the assessments and mapping services programme focus was district health services, vulnerability assessment and food security. She moved on to Ethiopia where she was country program director for HelpAge International for five years. The program focus was on empowering local civil society organization on issues of aging. Upon return to Eswatini she joined the private sector where she ran her own business, with a very active involvement with the surrounding communities. She was then appointed Senator and Minister for Health.



**H.E. DR. FRANK ANTHONY MD, MPH, MINISTER OF HEALTH, GUYANA.**

Dr. Frank Anthony graduated from the People's Friendship University, Russia, and has been practicing medicine in Guyana since 1993. In 2000, he graduated with a Masters of Public Health from the Braun School of Public Health (Hebrew University), in Israel. On his return to Guyana, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Health Sector Development Unit, which was responsible for the reorganizing of the

health sector in Guyana. During his tenure, Dr. Anthony served as the Project Manager for the World Bank-funded program on HIV Prevention and Control, the Inter-American Development Bank-funded Health Sector Program, Basic Nutrition Program, Health Sector Policy and Institutional Development Grant, and also the Global Fund Grant on HIV, TB, and Malaria.

In addition to being in clinical practice over the years, Dr. Anthony taught at the University of Guyana as an adjunct professor in Public Health. He also consulted for several organizations in the area of public health, and served as an elected member of the Guyana Medical Council.

Dr. Anthony possesses many years of parliamentary experience, having served the people of Guyana as the Minister of Culture Youth and Sports (2006–2015) and as the shadow Minister of Health (2015–2019).

Dr. Anthony has functioned in various capacities including as a Member of the Constitution Reform Commission, Member of the University of Guyana Council, Vice-Chair of the Ethnic Relations Commission, Chairman of Georgetown Prisons Visiting Committee, and Member of the Guyana Medical Council, among others. He currently serves as a member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Chair of the Guyana Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism, and as the Caribbean representative on the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board.



**H.E. PROFESSOR MOUSTAFA MIJIYAWA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY, TOGO.**

Professor Moustafa Mijiyawa studied medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lomé after obtaining a Baccalaureate Series D with honors. He was first in the competitive examination for the internship in the hospitals of Lomé, first in the Diploma of Specialization in Rheumatology at the University René Descartes Paris V, and senior Professor of Rheumatology at 37 years. Professor Moustafa Mijiyawa has been a member of the jury for the last eight CAMES aggregation competitions. He has been the head of the rheumatology department of the Sylvanus Olympio University Hospital for 25 years, and for 22 years, that of the National School of Medical Assistants of Lomé.

Rheumatology and medical writing are the two main areas of teaching that he provides at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Lomé and in other African universities. Passionate about human sciences (history and literature in particular) and adept at the holistic approach to the patient, he is interested in the non-medical aspects of medicine. He is the initiator of the project to contract large health facilities, the objective of which is to improve management and offer quality health care to the greatest number of people.

Professor Moustafa Mijiyawa is respectively Officer of the Order of Academic Palms, Knight of the Order of Mono, and Officer of the Order of Mono. Since June 2015, he has served as Minister of Health and Social Protection.



**DIRECTOR, AFRICAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR GENOMICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ACEGID) IN REDEEMER'S UNIVERSITY, EDE, OSUN STATE, NIGERIA.**

Christian Happi, is a Professor of Molecular Biology and Genomics and Director of the World Bank funded African Center of Excellence for Genomics of infectious Diseases (ACEGID) in Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria.

Professor Christian Happi, did his postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University from 2000 to 2003. He subsequently worked at Harvard University as a Research Scientist (2004-2007) and became an adjunct Professor at Harvard University School of Public Health between 2007 and 2011.

Professor Happi in an unprecedented way, recently used next generation sequencing technology to perform the first sequence of the new SARS-CoV-2 in Africa, within 48 hours of receiving sample of the first case in Nigeria. This seminal work not only provided an insight into the detailed genetic map of the new coronavirus in Africa, not only confirm the origin of the virus, but also pave the way to the development of new countermeasures including new diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.

He received the Merle A. Sande Health Leadership Award in 2011; the 2016 Award of Excellence in Research, by the Committee of Vice- Chancellors of Nigerian Universities; the 2019 Human Genome Organization (HUGO) Africa Prize for his seminal work on infectious diseases genomics in Africa, including Ebola and Lassa fever and the 2020 Bailey K. Ashford Medal by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). In 2021, he received The Trinity Challenge Award: Sentinel forecasting systems for Infectious Disease Risk, Africa Lives-Development Award and became a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine Specialties of Nigeria.

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**SCOTT PENDERGAST, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH EMERGENCIES, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.**

Scott leads the overall strategy and partnerships for WHO Health Emergencies to prepare for, prevent, detect and respond to global health threats and humanitarian crisis. Scott has led the global strategy, planning and financing for recent health emergency events including COVID-19, Ebola DRC and West Africa and Zika. Scott started his career working with the World Bank in Cambodia, Bosnia, Uganda, Laos, and Thailand establishing Social Investment Funds to facilitate community-driven projects schools, health clinics, roads, and irrigation infrastructure reconstruction in post-crisis settings.

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**NIELS HOLM-NIELSEN, PRACTICE MANAGER, GLOBAL FACILITY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION AND RECOVERY (GFDRR), WORLD BANK.**

Niels Holm-Nielsen is the Practice Manager for GFDRR, which is a multi-donor partnership within the World Bank that funds technical assistance and advisory services to improve climate and disaster risk management (DRM) at country, city, and community levels.

Prior to taking up his current position, Niels was the World Bank's Global Technical Lead for Resilience and DRM, supporting team leads and managers to deliver the highest possible technical quality of DRM services to our clients. He has led and co-led the creation and implementation of a series of global technical assistance and knowledge service partnerships, including risk reduction for education facilities as well as the City Resilience Program. He joined the World Bank in 2006 as Junior Professional Officer in Middle East and North Africa region after working for the Inter-American Development Bank for five years, and

has also been Lead DRM Specialist for the Africa region, and the Latin America and Caribbean region for the World Bank. He holds a M.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

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**MS. GEETA SETHI, ADVISOR AND GLOBAL LEAD FOR FOOD SYSTEMS, WORLD**

**BANK.** Geeta Sethi is the Advisor and Global Lead for Food Systems at the World Bank. She is the lead architect of the World Bank’s Food System Transformation agenda, a food system that provides the triple bottom line—prosperity, sustainability, and healthy people. She also manages the World Bank’s program on Food Loss and Waste Reduction. She has more than 20 years of experience working as an economist on fragile, low-, and middle-income countries. Her work has focused on issues of rural development, service

delivery, and intergovernmental fiscal policies around the world. She has delivered many lending programs to the World Bank Board and published books and articles in refereed journals on issues relating to rural labor markets, trade policy, and fiscal decentralization. Previously, she was the Chief of Staff to the Climate Change Vice President and Special Envoy, the Operations and Strategy Manger for Climate Change, and worked as the Program Manager for the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program. She has an MBA and PhD in Economics.