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## Speaker Programme

The **2021 Global Conference on Health & Climate Change**, with a special focus on Climate Justice and the Healthy and Green Recovery from COVID-19, will convene on the margins of the COP26 UN climate change conference. The aim of the conference is to call on governments, businesses, institutions and financial actors to drive a green, healthy and resilient recovery from COVID-19. The Conference will support and highlight countries' ambitious and just Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement that promote and protect health. It will also mobilize the rapidly growing movement of health professionals around the world who are now driving ambitious climate action.

The **conference** will be delivered in a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual speakers and attendees, using a dedicated hybrid conferencing platform. **Recordings and short videos** will be shared to complement the Programme. Additional materials may also be provided via a dedicated conferencing platform. The conference will include two **interactive segments** dedicated to roundtable discussions for those attending in person, and two breakout sessions for those attending virtually.

The **Global Conference on Health & Climate Change** is organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA), in close collaboration with the Glasgow Caledonian University and its Centre for Climate Justice, the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, the Centre on Climate Change and Planetary Health of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the Wellcome Trust.

With special thanks to each of the speakers involved, further information on the participants of the conference can be found enclosed.

## MODERATORS

**Dr Maria Neira, Director  
Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health  
World Health Organization**



Dr Maria P. Neira has been directing *the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health* at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland since September 2005. Throughout her tenure and up until now she has led and advised on policy and management in key areas of environmental health. Prior to that she served as Under-Secretary of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. From 1993-1998 she was Coordinator of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control.

Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in El Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). She then spent several years working in different African countries during armed conflicts.

Born in the city of Oviedo, Asturias, Dr Neira is a Spanish national, a medical doctor by training and specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases; and Public Health. Among many distinctions, she has been awarded the Médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite by the Government of France and received an "Extraordinary Woman" award by HM Queen Letizia of Spain. In early 2019, she was nominated among the top 100 policy influencers in health and climate change.

**Dr Fiona Godlee FRCP**  
**Editor in Chief, The BMJ; Editorial Director, BMJ**



Fiona Godlee is the Editor in Chief of The BMJ. She qualified as a doctor in 1985, trained as a general physician in Cambridge and London, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. She has written and lectured on a broad range of issues, including health and the environment, the ethics of academic publishing, evidence-based medicine, access to clinical trial data, research integrity, open access publishing, patient partnership, conflict of interest, and overdiagnosis and overtreatment.

Fiona is honorary professor at the Netherlands School for Primary Care Research (CaRe), honorary fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, a senior visiting fellow at the Institute of Public Health at the University of Cambridge, honorary fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and a by-fellow of King's College Cambridge. She is on the advisory or executive boards of the Health Improvement Studies (THIS)

Institute, Alltrials, the Peer Review Congress, the International Forum for Quality and Safety and Healthcare, Evidence Live, Preventing Overdiagnosis, the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change and the Climate and Health Council. She was a Harkness Fellow (1994-5), President of the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) (1998-2000), Chair of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) (2003-5), and PPA Editor of the Year (2014). Fiona is co-editor of Peer Review in Health Sciences.

She lives in Cambridge with her husband and two children.

## SPEAKERS

**Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
**Director-General, World Health Organisation**



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected WHO Director-General for a five-year term by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017. In doing so, he was the first WHO Director-General elected from among multiple candidates by the World Health Assembly, and was the first person from the WHO African Region to head the world's leading public health agency.

Born in the Eritrean city of Asmara, Dr Tedros graduated from the University of Asmara with a Bachelor of Biology, before earning a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London, a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health from the University of Nottingham and an Honorary Fellowship from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Following his studies, Dr Tedros returned to Ethiopia to support the delivery of health services, first working as a field-level malariologist, before heading a regional health service and later serving in Ethiopia's federal government for over a decade as Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs. As Minister of Health from 2005 to 2012, he led a comprehensive reform of the country's health system, built on the foundation of universal health coverage and provision of services to all people, even in the most remote areas.

Under his leadership, Ethiopia expanded its health infrastructure, developed innovative health financing mechanisms, and expanded its health workforce. A major component of reforms he drove was the creation of a primary health care extension programme that deployed 40 000 female health workers throughout the country. A significant result was an approximate 60% reduction in child and maternal mortality compared to 2000 levels. As Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2016, he elevated health as a political issue nationally, regionally and globally. 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 Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to his election as Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros held many leadership positions in global health, including as Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board. After taking office as WHO Director-General on 1 July 2017, Dr Tedros initiated the most significant transformation in the Organization's history, which has generated a wide range of achievements.

### **New strategy**

One year after Dr Tedros's election, at the World Health Assembly in 2018, WHO Member States adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of Work (GPW13), a 5-year-strategic plan with an emphasis on delivering a measurable impact in countries, to support countries in attaining the health-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals. WHO's work was built on a new mission statement, to "Promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable", and the ambitious "triple billion" targets: 1 billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage; 1 billion more people better protected from health emergencies; and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

### **Transformed WHO**

To enable WHO to support countries to deliver on these targets, and in close consultation with WHO's Regional Directors, Dr Tedros led the development of a new operating model, aligning the Organization's new structures and ways of working, and across the three levels of the Organization (Headquarters, Regional Offices and Country Offices). To support the new operating model, several new divisions were established, including the Division of Science, the Division of Data and Delivery for Impact and the Division of Emergency Preparedness.

### **New processes**

To make WHO more effective and efficient, 13 core processes were overhauled or initiated, in three areas: Processes relating to technical work like data, norms and standards and policy dialogue; External relations processes such as resource mobilization and communications; And processes relating to management and administration, including planning and budgeting, supply chain, recruitment and performance management.

### **New culture**

Strategies, operating models and processes will be ineffective without a talented and motivated workforce to implement them. These values drive everything WHO does, from recruiting new talent to evaluating performance, to training leaders and managers, and considering staff for promotion. Under Dr Tedros's leadership, WHO achieved gender parity in its senior leadership for the first time, and initiated a new programme to pay interns a stipend. Training and equipping health workers worldwide has been a priority area of work. Work is ongoing to launch the first WHO Academy, which aims to offer new and more effective methods of training, in multiple languages, across many areas of health to working people. Under Dr Tedros's leadership, WHO has also engaged staff in defining a new Values Charter, which identifies the five key values that are at the heart of who we are: public service; technical excellence; integrity; collaboration; and compassion.

### **New approach to innovative partnerships**

To achieve the ambitious targets in GPW13, a new approach to partnerships is essential. Under Dr Tedros's leadership, WHO has strengthened its relationship with traditional multilateral partners through the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All, and expanding its engagement with civil society.

WHO has also sought to complement its technical work with increased political advocacy to high-level political commitment at international and national levels – for example through the G20 and G7. Recognizing health for all requires partnership at all levels, and between all sectors of society, Dr Tedros has worked to engage stakeholders from a broad range sectors, from civil society and government, to the private sector and beyond. This approach to diversifying partnerships has brought up new ways of working, resulting in tangible gains.

Processed food manufacturers have committed to eliminate industrial trans-fats from their products to protect people from associated noncommunicable diseases. WHO has worked closely with digital and social media giants to more actively promote evidence-based health advice from the value of vaccines to preventing and controlling infectious diseases.

Manufacturers of medical supplies joined with WHO to scale up access to personal protective equipment for health workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Multilateral and health partners joined with WHO to develop and drive equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments through the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator initiative.

To address the constraints facing WHO to generate increased flexible resources for supporting the delivery of critical health services around the world, WHO has launched a series of strategic actions. These include the Organization's first investment case laying out the impacts on global health and development that WHO could achieve if fully financed; the inaugural WHO Partners Forum in 2019; and the launch of the independent WHO Foundation to open opportunities for increased partnership in funding public health activities.

WHO has also branched out into innovative partnerships to reach audiences it hasn't before, for example with FIFA and Google Fit.

**Prof Pamela Gillies CBE FRSE.**  
**Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow Caledonian University**



Professor Pamela Gillies CBE, FRSE has been Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University since 2006, having previously served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Nottingham. A public health epidemiologist by training, she has been seconded to the World Health Organisation's Global Programme on AIDS in Geneva (1989-90); been a Visiting Scholar in Residence at Cabot House, Radcliffe College, Harvard in Health and Human Rights (1992-3) and was seconded as the first Executive Director of Research at the Health Education Authority for England in London (1996-99).

She is a Founding Member of the Global Advisory Council for the African Leadership University; Trustee of the National University of Science and Technology in Muscat, Oman and a Founding Board member of the Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing in Dhaka, Bangladesh. She is also President of Glasgow Caledonian New York College (GCNYC) and a member of the Board of Trustees. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the British Council from 2008 to 2014 and a Founding Board Member of the RFK Human Rights UK Board (2018-2020).

She has also served on the Boards of the Scottish Institute for Enterprise, Grameen Scotland Foundation, STV, CBI, Saltire Foundation, Scottish Council for Excellence in Social Work and the Carnegie Trust. She has served as Chair of the European Commission Working Group on Human Rights, HIV/AIDS and Discrimination, Chair of the Glasgow Health Commission and Chair of UK Ministerial task forces on welfare and on unintended teenage conceptions. She is currently the Lead Member for Universities Scotland on the Student Mental Health Group and on the Student Misconduct Guidelines Review Group.

She was awarded the honour of CBE for services to education and public health in December 2012; an Abbott Fellowship for Aids Research (1988) and a Harkness Fellowship of the Commonwealth Fund of New York at the Harvard School of Public Health (1992-92)

and more recently awarded Social Mobility Champion of the Year in 2019. Pamela was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 2002; a Fellow of the Academy for Social Sciences in 2005; an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow in 2007 and became a Fellow of the Scottish Academy, the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2015. She holds an Honorary Professorship with the University of Jinan and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Aberdeen.

She is the founding patron of a school for children of sex workers in Domjur, Kolkata and has researched and written widely on HIV/AIDS, health development, and inequalities in health focusing on the potential of social action for health.

She is a keen associate member of the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association and a member of Glamis Castle Musicale, Glyndebourne Opera, the Royal Horticultural Society and the National Trust.

**Cllr Susan Aitken**  
**Leader of Glasgow City Council**



Susan Aitken has been Leader of Glasgow City Council since May 2017 and is the first SNP Leader of the Council. For her work to deliver equal pay justice for thousands of women in the city, she was awarded Scottish Local Government Politician of the Year.

Under her leadership Glasgow has been named the host of COP26, a Global Green City, and the European Capital of Sport for 2023. She is currently co-chair of UK100, a network of local leaders committed to delivering Net Zero, and an advisory board member of the Cities Climate Investment Commission, which is addressing the challenge of financing Net Zero transition in major cities across the UK.

Susan has worked in a variety of policy and research roles in the Scottish Parliament and the third sector, and as a freelance writer and editor specialising in health and social care policy. She is a graduate of both Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities.

**Dr Jeni Miller**  
**Executive Director, Global Climate and Health Alliance**



Jeni Miller is Executive Director of the Global Climate and Health Alliance, where she coordinates the joint efforts of national, regional and international health organizations addressing climate change.

The Alliance works to minimize the health impacts of climate change and to maximize the health benefits of climate solutions, through leadership, advocacy, policy, research, and engagement. On behalf of the Alliance, Dr. Miller co-chairs the WHO-Civil Society Working Group on Climate and Health. In addition to her work at GCHA, Dr. Miller currently serves as Immediate-Past-

Chair of the Environment Section of the American Public Health Association. She received her doctorate from the University of California – Berkeley.

**Prof. Tahseen Jafry,**  
**Professor and Director of The Centre for Climate Justice**  
**Glasgow Caledonian University**

Professor Jafry leads the pioneering Centre for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University. Her research interests include the justice and equity aspects of climate change, gender and poverty targeting, the management of natural resources, the geo-political nature of climate justice and the psycho-social impacts of climate change. Tahseen is a qualified engineer and social scientist and has over two decades of research and development experience. She lectures in environmental management, sustainability and climate justice and supervises Masters and doctoral theses.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

### Mary Robinson

Former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Chair of The Elders



Mary Roberson is Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice in Trinity College Dublin and Chair of The Elders. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honours and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. Between 2013 and 2016 Mary served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy in three roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa, then on Climate Change leading up to the Paris Agreement and in 2016 as his Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate. Her Foundation, the Mary Roberson Foundation – Climate Justice, established in 2010, came to a planned end in April 2019.

A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders she was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012. She was Chancellor of the University of Dublin from 1998 to 2019.

Mary Roberson serves as Patron of the International Science Council and Patron of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, is an Ambassador for The B Team, in addition to being a board member of several organisations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the Aurora Foundation. Recently she became joint Honorary President of the Africa Europe Foundation. Mary's memoir, 'Everybody Matters' was published in September 2012 and her book, 'Climate Justice – Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future' was published in September 2018. She is also co-host of a podcast on the climate crisis, called 'Mothers of Invention'.

**Prof. Sir Andy Haines**  
**Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health,**  
**Centre on Climate Change and Planetary Health,**  
**London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**



Andy Haines was formerly a primary care physician and Professor of Primary Health Care at UCL. He developed an interest in climate change and health in the 1990's and was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> assessment exercises and review editor for the health chapter in the 5<sup>th</sup> assessment.

He was Director (formerly Dean) of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine from 2001-October 2010. He chaired the Scientific Advisory Panel for the 2013 WHO World Health Report, the Rockefeller /Lancet Commission on Planetary Health (2014-15) and the European Academies Science Advisory Council working group on climate change and health (2018-19).

He currently co-chairs the InterAcademy Partnership (140 science academies worldwide) working group on climate change and health and is also co-chairing the Lancet Pathfinder Commission on health in the zero-carbon economy. He has published many papers on topics such as the effects of environmental change on health and the health co-benefits of low carbon policies. His current research focuses on climate change mitigation, sustainable healthy food systems and complex urban systems for sustainability.

**Dr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum**  
**Head of Climate Change & Health**  
**World Health Organisation**



Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum is the Head of the climate change and health unit at WHO Headquarters. He has worked on the issue for over 20 years, playing key roles in the first quantitative estimates of global health impacts of climate change, resolutions of the World Health Assembly, WHO global conferences, and the expansion of WHO's climate change and health support to over 30 low and middle-income countries. Diarmid is author of over 100 journal papers, reports, and book chapters, a lead author on three Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, and of the first health report to the UN Climate Negotiations.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**JULIA GILLARD AC**

**Former Prime Minister of Australia; Chair of Wellcome Trust**



The first woman to serve as Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Prime Minister (2007-2013), Julia was central to the successful management of Australia's economy following the global financial crisis. She delivered nation-changing policies, including the reform of education, emissions trading, and the provision and sustainability of healthcare. In 2017, Julia was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia.

Julia is Chair of Beyond Blue, Australia's leading mental health awareness body; Inaugural Chair of the pioneering Global Institute for Women's Leadership at Kings College, London and its sister institute at the Australian National University; and Chair of the Wellcome Trust, one of the key global funding bodies for health research and innovation. Julia also serves as Patron of CAMFED, the Campaign for Female Education. Julia recently completed her tenure as Chair of the Global Partnership for Education.

Prior to entering the Australian Federal parliament, Julia worked as an industrial relations lawyer, and as Chief of Staff to the Premier of Victoria, Australia.

AC: Companion of the Order of Australia.

**Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr Rachel Levine**  
**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**



Admiral Rachel L. Levine serves as the 17th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after being nominated by President Joe Biden and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2021. As Assistant Secretary for Health, ADM Rachel Levine fights every day to improve the health and well-being of all Americans. She's working to help our nation overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build a stronger foundation for a healthier future - one in which every American can attain their full health potential. ADM Levine also is the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned one of the eight uniformed services.

After graduating from Harvard College and Tulane University School of Medicine, ADM Levine completed her training in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. As a physician, she focused on the intersection between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults. ADM Levine was a Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. Her previous posts included: Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics, and Chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

In 2015, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf nominated ADM Levine to be Pennsylvania's Physician General and she was subsequently unanimously confirmed by Pennsylvania's state Senate. In March of 2018, ADM Levine was named Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health. During her time in state government, ADM Levine worked to address Pennsylvania's opioid crisis, focus attention on maternal health and improve immunization rates among children. Her decision to issue a standing order for the anti-overdose drug, Naloxone, saved thousands of lives by allowing law enforcement to carry the drug and Pennsylvanians to purchase it without a prescription from their doctor.

ADM Levine is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and the Academy for Eating Disorders. She was also the President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. In addition to her recent posts in medicine and government, ADM Levine is an accomplished speaker and author of numerous publications on the opioid crisis, adolescent medicine, eating disorders, and LGBT medicine.

**Nick Watts MBBS, MA, BSc Public Health (Hons), MFPH**  
**Chief Sustainability Officer, NHS England**



Dr Watts is the Chief Sustainability Officer of the NHS, responsible for its commitment to deliver a world-class net zero emission health service. Based in London, he leads the Greener NHS team across the country, which focuses on improving the health of patients and the public through a robust and accelerated response to climate change and the broader sustainability agenda.

Nick is a medical doctor licensed in Australia and the UK, and has trained population health and public policy. He is a Member by Distinction of the Royal College of Physicians' Faculty of Public Health, and an Honorary Associate Professor of University College London's Institute for Global Health.

Prior to the National Health Service, Nick worked internationally as the Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown and the Lancet Commission on Health and Climate Change, a collaboration of UN agencies and academic centres across the world. He has also focused on engaging the health profession on the links between public health and climate change, having founded both the Global Climate and Health Alliance and the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.

**Dave McConalogue**  
**Health adviser at the Foreign CommonsHealth and Development Office**

Dave McConalogue is a registered Consultant in Public Health, with a range of experience in domestic (UK) and global public health policy, service development and research. He has worked across high and low-income settings for a range of organisations. In his current role, Dave leads the climate and health agenda in the FCDO Climate Environment and Health Team, with a focus on delivering the COP26 Health Programme.

**Josh Karliner**  
**International Director of Program and Strategy, Health Care Without Harm**



Josh Karliner leads Health Care Without Harm's worldwide efforts on climate change. He has coordinated HCWH's global work since 2005, co-creating and developing of the organization's Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network, with members now in 72 countries. Closely collaborating with WHO, Josh also led HCWH's successful worldwide campaign to eliminate mercury in healthcare.

He is author of two books along with a wide variety of academic and popular publications on global environmental and health policy. Josh is a founding member of the board of directors of the Global Climate and Health Alliance.

He lives in San Francisco, USA.

## **Dr Poornima Prabhakaran**

Deputy Director,  
Centre for Environmental Health at Public Health Foundation of India



Poornima is an epidemiologist and public health researcher, with 18 years of experience, with current areas of work spanning environmental health and non-communicable diseases, research, technical consultation, teaching, community engagement and health sector leadership for environmental issues.

She is currently Additional Professor, Head, Environmental Health and Deputy Director of the Centre for Environmental Health at the Public Health Foundation of India where she leads a team of nearly 20 researchers and consultants on research, training, advocacy, capacity building and remediation for environmental health issues spanning air pollution, climate change, water, sanitation and hygiene, chemical and heavy metal exposures and children's environmental health. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the GCHA and Chair of the research sub-committee of the WHO-GCHA CSO working group.

**Rayan Kassem**  
**West Asia Regional Director for Youth4Nature;**  
**Regional Youth Focal Point for the MENA for UNFSS**



Rayan’s expertise span across food systems, nature-based solutions, youth advocacy, climate justice, and water consumption and diets in which he is an author to a publication. Rayan is also a core member on the youth pledge campaign Act4Food Act4Change in support of #GoodFoodForAll, and a Youth council member at Real Food Systems. He believes that advocating for the protection of nature through youth engagement on a continuous basis is necessary amid the region’s instability and is eager to grow the potential for nature protection in West Asia and Globally.

Rayan has a double master’s degree in Environmental Sciences attained in Austria and Denmark. He has previously worked with UNDP-Lebanon, Greenpeace, and corporate GHG emission accounting in Denmark, and is fluent in Arabic and English with beginner levels in French and German.

**Avikesh Kumar**  
**Founder & Director of Bula Pulse PTE Ltd**

Avikesh Kumar Fijian youth advocate and the Founder and Director of Bula Pulse, a start-up social enterprise in Fiji that focuses on bee keeping, vegetable farming and prioritizes community development through youth engagement.



**Jane Burston**  
**CEO, Clean Air Fund**



Jane Burston is Clean Air Fund's founding Executive Director. Before setting up the organisation Jane worked as Head of Climate and Energy Science in the UK Government, where she was responsible for the UK greenhouse gas inventory and a £45m science programme. Previously, as Head of Energy and Environment at the National Physical Laboratory she managed a team of 150 scientists working in air quality, greenhouse gas measurement and renewable energy. Jane has a background in social enterprise and management consulting and a first-class degree in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge.

Jane has spoken at Davos and the UN General Assembly. She has been interviewed about air pollution and the movement for clean air by the New York Times, BBC, Times Radio and for numerous podcasts. In January 2021, Jane delivered a Letter to the 21st Century on BBC Radio 4. In 2020, Jane was profiled as one of WIRED's changemakers of tomorrow. She was named as a 'Young Global Leader' of the World Economic Forum, as one of the '40 under 40 European Young Leaders' by Friends of Europe and was previously a UK Social Entrepreneur of the year. Jane is also a trustee of Parkinson's UK and a keen triathlete.

**Rhiannon Osborne**  
**Youth Advocate for Energy Access and Global Health**

Rhiannon Osborne is a 5th year medical student, climate activist and researcher in global health inequalities, in particular focusing on the intersection between economics, policy and health. She is a scholar with the Healthcare Leadership Academy; climate change lead at Students for Global Health and independent advisor for the mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.



**Dymphna van der Lans**  
**CEO, Clean Cooking Alliance**



Dymphna van der Lans is the Chief Executive Officer of the Clean Cooking Alliance. Dymphna brings more than 25 years of experience managing and leading global development, energy, and climate initiatives in the nonprofit and private sectors. Most recently, she led international corporate engagement with the World Wildlife Fund's Climate & Energy team. Previously, she worked with the Clinton Foundation as CEO of the Clinton Climate Initiative and has served as the senior director for public policy programs at the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Dymphna has also served as the director of global renewables, infrastructure, and energy efficiency at a specialist investment banking firm in London, and for seven years at BP, where her last appointment was as BP Alternative Energy's director of distributed energy markets.

Dymphna has worked and lived in China, India, and Kenya and engaged with island nations in the Caribbean and the Indian and Pacific Oceans to support their transition away from polluting diesel fuels to renewable sources of energy. Her native language is Dutch, and in addition, she speaks English and Chinese fluently and has conversation ability in both French and German. She holds advanced degrees from both Leiden University and the University of Beijing, and has earned a Master's in Business Administration from Rice University. She lives with her family and two dogs in Washington, DC, where she enjoys long walks in Rock Creek Park.

**Shelly Schlenker**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy Officer for Common Spirit Health.**



Shelly Schlenker, serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Advocacy Officer for CommonSpirit Health. Her accountabilities include creating and implementing a comprehensive, multi-faceted advocacy program within the largest Catholic health care system in the United States encompassing public policy strategy and implementation, legislative and regulatory policy matters at the state and federal levels, sustainability, violence prevention and socially responsible investing.

Presently, Shelly serves on the board of the Catholic Health Association of the United States and Trauma Centers of America. She is on the Executive Committees of the Health Care Transformation Task Force

Shelly received a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in communications and public relations from California State University, Chico.

**Dr Richard Smith**  
**President of the UK Climate Health Alliance**



Richard Smith is chair of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, the Point of Care Foundation, which promotes humane health and social care, Patients Know Best (a company that brings all medical and social care records together in one place under the control of patients), and of the Lancet Commission on the Value of Death. He was the editor of the BMJ and chief executive of the BMJ Publishing Group and in his youth the BBC Breakfast Time doctor.

**Mark Major**  
**Senior Advisor, SLOCAT Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport**

Mark Major provides support and advice to the SLoCaT Partnership, in particular in relation to their work on climate change and urban mobility. Previously Mark was the Team Leader for Sustainable Urban Mobility for the European Commission based in Brussels and also negotiated for the EU the transport aspects in the UNFCCC, IMO and UNCSD multilateral processes.

From 2003 – 2014 he was a Visiting Professor at the Chinese Academy of Transport Science (Ministry of Transport) in Beijing and has also been working in Morocco, Chile, Costa Rica and Mexico.

Mark has an MBA in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management (USA) and a Bachelor's degree (with Hons) in Civil Engineering from Oxford Polytechnic (UK).

Mark speaks English, French and Spanish and is based near Girona in the north of Spain.



**Heather Thompson**  
**CEO of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy**



Heather Thompson has been with ITDP for more than a dozen years, first serving on its Board of Directors and now as CEO. She has two decades of experience in the environmental non-profit sector, designing and carrying out strategies with large-scale impact.

She co-founded and served as VP of Programs at ClimateWorks Foundation, a network of foundations and expert teams which promote sectoral policies to mitigate climate change. Prior to that, Ms. Thompson was a Principal at California Environmental Associates where she led the firm’s work in philanthropic strategy, covering energy and climate change, marine resource management, biodiversity protection, and land conservation. She’s worked with clients such as the

Asian Development Bank, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and Environmental Defense Fund. She holds a Master of Science in environmental economics from the University of York, U.K. and has worked abroad in China, the U.K., and Denmark.

Ms. Thompson believes bold progress needs to be made toward more sustainable and resilient transport systems. ITDP’s work in making cities more equitable, liveable and environmentally conscious changes everything for the better – for people and the planet.

**Mohammed Eissa**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Year Medical Student, Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues 21/22 at the IFMSA**

Mohamed Eissa is a 6th-year medical student from Alexandria, Egypt. During his years of medical school, Mohamed discovered that his passion was not just for clinical medicine only, but also for Public Health. He believes in the importance of Public Health in ensuring healthier communities, built upon health equity and not health disparities. He has been volunteering in the Public Health field for the past 4 years and is currently holding the position of the Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues 21/22 at the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations and Youth Leadership Board Member at the Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety. Mohamed's experience focuses on different global health issues such as NCDs, AMR, Mental Health, Health systems and UHC, Climate Change, Road Safety, and much more. He believes there is always much more to learn and therefore he is always open to new experiences and challenges.



**Dr Asha Mohammed**  
**Secretary General of the Kenya Red Cross Society**



Dr Asha Mohammed is the Secretary General of Kenya Red Cross Society. She has over 25 years diverse experience working within Humanitarian and Government institutions. She has served in different capacities within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement including; Movement Partnerships Advisor for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Geneva, Head of Operations for International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Africa Zone office in Johannesburg, Head of Eastern Africa zone office in Nairobi and Deputy Secretary General and Head of Programmes in Kenya Red Cross, among others. Dr. Asha also served as Chair of the IFRC Health Commission at global level and a chair of the RCRC Pan African Coordination Team that is responsible for monitoring of commitments made by African National Societies. Before her role in the Red Cross, she served in various capacities in the Ministry of Health and National AIDS Control Council in Kenya.

Dr Asha has been instrumental in reshaping the strategic direction and growth of the KRCS Programming and institutional strengthening especially in building strong Red Cross branches as the fundamental units of delivering the services of the National Society. She is passionate about creating vibrant, authentic, and sustainable communities. She has led integrated and complex humanitarian and development programmes responding to community needs while exhibiting a flair of innovation, inclusion of marginalized groups, environmental sensitivity and emerging issues. She strongly believes that the most successful projects involve meaningful public engagement ensuring community voices are heard. She believes in the power of women and young people.

She holds a Master's degree in International Executive Management, a Master's degree in Public Health and a Bachelor's degree in Dental Surgery.