WEBINAR: Releasing the WHO Council on the Economics of Health for All case study on: The mRNA Vaccine Technology Transfer Hub, 19 April 2024

List of speakers in order of appearance



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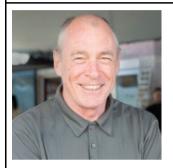
Dr Devika Dutt is a Lecturer in Development Economics at King's College London. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research focuses on economic theory and international economics, macroeconomics including trade and fiscal stability, government tax revenue, expenditure and debt, and role of the private banks in multinational corporations' tax avoidance. She was a member of the research team for the WHO Council on Economics of Health for All, supporting the case study on mRNA Vaccine TT programme, and is the first author on this case study (with Els Torreele and Mariana Mazzucato) on a forthcoming theme issue on economics and health, of the Bulletin of World Health Organization, to be released on 1 May 2024.



Professor Petro Terblanche is Chief Executive Officer, Afrigen Biologics, Cape Town, South Africa. She leads the mRNA Vaccine Technology Transfer Programme, has a demonstrated history of working in the biotechnology industry, and is skilled in Innovation Management, Leadership, Research and Development (R&D), Organizational Development, and Coaching & Mentoring. She is also Professor Business Development, Faculty of Health Sciences, North West University in South Africa. Her strong business development experience and skills, are complemented by training in Management of Technology focused on Engineering/Industrial Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Post Doctorate, International Public Health, Harvard University; and Research Doctorate, University of Pretoria.



Dr Abdul Muktadir, is Chairman and Managing Director of Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd.. He is an Industrial Pharmacist by training and studied Pharmaceutical Sciences in Dhaka University and in Long Island University, USA. His areas of research were anti-cancer drug, transdermal drug delivery and dosage form design. He later gathered knowledge on pharmaceutical factory design and manufacturing of inhalers and Dry Powder Inhalers (DPI). His current interest is in the area of manufacturing of bio-similar products and human & animal vaccines. He is currently serving as President of Bangladesh Association Pharmaceutical Industries and is currently working with various organizations and regulatory authorities to develop the capacity of Industry to eventually manufacture high quality pharmaceuticals and vaccines at competitive prices.



Dr Martin Friede leads the vaccine research unit at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. In this position Dr Friede provides leadership to WHO's activities on vaccine research including development of vaccine research policies, strategies and priorities, and assistance to countries to establish vaccine R&D and production. Prior to this position he held several positions within WHO including leading the organization's technology transfer activities as well as leading the research into therapeutic interventions for Ebola. Prior to joining WHO, Dr Friede held several senior management positions in the vaccine industry. Dr Friede earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Cape Town.



Moderator

Dr Ritu Sadana is Head of the WHO Secretariat that supported the Council on the Economics of Health for All, and guided the development of the Council's products and engagements with a wide range of stakeholders, including managing its research team. Previously she was the lead author of the WHO baseline report for the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, led the evidence arm of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health within WHO, and led WHO's Health Research Systems analysis efforts. She previously worked in WHO's Regional Office for Europe; with UNFPA and the Ministry of Health, in Cambodia; and in the USA, conducted research in the private and not for profit sectors with health maintenance organizations. She holds a Doctor of Science degree from Harvard University and Master of Science degree from UCLA, with expertise in economics, epidemiology, demography and health policy, and has over 200 scientific and policy publications.