

## Testimonials



**"We have our future in our hands. Choices we make over the coming months and years will determine the future."**

Dr Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
WHO Health Emergencies Programme



**"It is healthy for the World Health Organization to be listening to diverse views and opinions."**

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director-General, WHO Health Emergency Preparedness



**"This foresight initiative is about shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach in addressing infectious threats."**

Dr Sylvie Briand, Director  
Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention, WHO



**"Foresight is a really powerful tool to bring people together, to look at different options, and for societies to pick the way forward that they would like to see happen."**

Dr William Kereh, Executive Vice President for  
Health and Policy, EcoHealth Alliance



**"This is more realistic than previous approaches."**

Dr Rick Bright, CEO  
Pandemic Prevention Institute & Senior Vice  
President, Pandemic Prevention & Response  
The Rockefeller Foundation



**"In the future, we are going to see more complex epidemics. COVID-19 is a symptom of the drivers we will live with throughout the 21st century."**

Sir Jeremy Farrar, Director  
Wellcome Trust



**"Vaccine nationalism cannot happen again. We need to turn this into a political commitment."**

Dr Bruce Gellin, Chief of Global Public Health  
Strategy, The Rockefeller Foundation



**"Right now, public health is in trouble because it tries to depoliticize itself as a discipline but every decision about the use of public resource is political. Public health is one of the most political disciplines around."**

Dr David Nabarro, Special Envoy of WHO  
Director-General on COVID-19



**"In the context of worldwide contagion, the biggest contagion may in fact be misinformation as it prevents us from being able to make the right interventions and from working together."**

Dr Seth Berkley, CEO  
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance



**"It is important to involve young people in the scenario thinking."**

Dr Marion Koopmans, Head of the Erasmus  
MC Department of Viroscience



**"We need to convince politicians that their interest lies in people and the planet first – tackling problems with global inequality – class, race, gender, or we won't survive as a species."**

Mr Owen Tudor, Deputy General Secretary  
International Trade Union Confederation



**"Epidemics begin and end in communities."**

Dr Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
WHO Health Emergencies Programme



**"We must leverage more of the youth and their connectivity."**

Dr Renz Argao, Coordinator  
Religions for Peace International  
Youth Committee



**"Distrust comes when people don't know what you are doing."**

Professor Akin Abayomi, Honorable  
Commissioner for Health of Lagos State



**"The pandemic is politically exploited."**

Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Director  
Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of  
International and Development Studies



**"Solutions without sharing will bring us to the worst case scenario."**

Dr Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
WHO Health Emergencies Programme



**"Faith leaders have influence and can raise awareness. They can help people connect with their governments."**

The Most Reverend Dr Stephen Kazimba Mugalu  
Archbishop of the Church of Uganda  
Chair, Council of President, Inter-religious Council  
of Uganda



**"Collaborative public-private partnerships are a critical tool to push the world towards the best-case scenario."**

Ms Allison Neale, Vice President of Public Policy  
Henry Schein, Inc.  
Managing Director  
Henry Schein Cares Foundation



**"Rather than returning to a pre-COVID era, we need to focus on building mature sustainable cities and strong societies."**

Ms Koike Yuriko  
Governor of Tokyo



**"We need a paradigm shift; from managing disasters, to managing risks."**

Mr Ricardo Mena, Director  
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk  
Reduction (UNDRR)



**"Government commitments are extremely important."**

Professor David Heymann  
Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



**"When it comes to the relationship between mental health and pandemics, we are not all in this together. Different groups are impacted differently. We need to be more proactive about mental health."**

Dr Steven Taylor, Professor and  
Clinical Psychologist  
University of British Columbia



**"In order for resources to continue to scale, get ahead of shortages, and keep systems warm, a surveillance base is critical."**

Dr Renee Wegrzyn, Head of Innovation  
Concentric by Ginkgo



**"I have been most impressed by the solidarity expressed by the African countries in the integration of public health efforts."**

Professor Richard Hatchett, CEO  
Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations  
(CEPI)



**"The four scenarios are all plausible. They are not predictions. Rather, they are invitations for achieving cross-sector, strategic dialogue."**

Professor Nahoko Shindo, Unit Head  
Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness  
and Prevention  
WHO



**"The foresight journey will stimulate our creativity and cross-pollinate our ideas into reality."**

Ms Margaux Mathis, Technical Officer  
Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness  
and Prevention  
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