

## Speakers



**Host: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
**Director General, WHO**

Dr Tedros was elected Director-General by WHO Member States in 2017, the first from WHO's African Region. He was re-elected for a second term in 2022. Previously, he was Ethiopia's Minister of Health (2005-2012) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2012-2016.) He was Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, and of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership; and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board. He has a Ph.D. in Community Health.



**Spotlight Speaker: Mr Ted Chaiban**  
**Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF**

Ted Chaiban was appointed as Assistant Secretary-General to serve as the Deputy Executive Director, Humanitarian Action and Supply Operations, for the Unicef in May 2023. Previously he was the Global Lead Coordinator for COVID-19 Vaccines Delivery Partnership. At Unicef, he was the Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Director of Programmes, Director of Emergency Programmes, Representative in Ethiopia, Sudan and Sri Lanka, Regional Emergency Advisor for the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office and Deputy Chief of Operations for the Operation Lifeline Sudan consortium.



**Spotlight Speaker: Dr Sania Nishtar**  
**CEO, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance**

Dr. Sania Nishtar was approved as the CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance in 2024. She has over 30 years of experience as a national and global leader, including serving as Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation and a Federal Minister in Pakistan. Dr. Nishtar has chaired various multilateral initiatives, including WHO's High-Level Commission on Non-communicable Diseases, the UN Secretary General's Independent Accountability Panel for Women's and Children's Health and the WHO's Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity.

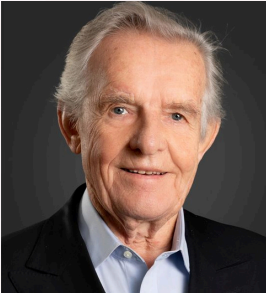
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### **Spotlight Speaker: Dr Budi Gunadi Sadikin Minister of Health, Indonesia**

Budi Gunadi Sadikin became Health Minister in 2020. He played a remarkable role in the transformation of childhood immunization, reducing the number of zero-dose children, and improving Indonesia's global ranking during the pandemic. He expanded vaccine coverage and pioneered the rollout of new vaccines, including the PCV, HPV, and rotavirus vaccines. During Indonesia's G20 Presidency in 2022, he helped launch the Pandemic Fund. With a background in nuclear physics and extensive executive training, he excelled in various roles before becoming Health Minister at IBM, the Bank Bali, Bank Mandiri, and the State-owned Enterprises.



### **Dr Tore Godal Former Advisor to Prime Minister, Norway**

Dr. Tore Godal is the former special advisor to the Norwegian Prime Minister on global health issues. He has worked for the WHO, served as Executive Secretary for GAVI, and spent time at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He was critical in founding the UNDP, World Bank, and WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) and launched the Roll Back Malaria Programme.



### **Spotlight Speaker: Hon. Khumbize Chiponda Minister of Health, Malawi**

Hon. Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, M.P is the Minister of Health in the Government of Malawi. She is a trained Biochemist, holding a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry and a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. She has previously worked for such entities as Malawi Pharmacies Ltd and City Pharmacies Limited, as well as serving as a member of the Pharmacy Medicine and Poisons Board, City Pharmacies Ltd. She entered politics by winning the Parliamentary seat for Kasungu Southeast Constituency in the 2014 General Elections, which she retained in the 2019 Elections, following which she was appointed Minister of Health by Malawi's President Chakwera in July 2020.

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### **Spotlight speaker: Dr Umit Kartoglu** **President & CEO, Extensio et Progressio**

Umit Kartoglu is a medical doctor with a doctorate in public health. He worked in the national health system in Turkey for over 10 years before joining UNICEF and later the WHO headquarters. During his career, Umit established various initiatives for vaccine management, including the WHO-UNICEF Effective Vaccine Store Management initiative, the Global Training Network for Vaccine Management, the Performance, Quality and Safety (PQS) initiative, and the Global Learning Opportunities (GLO) network. He received ten international recognition and awards in research and communication. He is also a professional cartoonist and author of five books on supply chain and learning, and writes weekly op-eds and popular science articles in T24.



### **Viviane Oke** **Youth Delegate, UNICEF Benin**

Vivian T. Oke, known as Dr. V, is a 23-year-old health advocate from Benin, West Africa. As the first woman to lead the Cotonou Medical Student Association and an active member of Women in Global Health, she champions gender-sensitive health policies and youth reproductive well-being. She created the ELLES app, connecting women and girls with healthcare professionals and confidential health information. Viviane also communicates on key health issues like HPV and cervical health. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in medicine, researching the impact of Beninese doctors' migration in healthcare systems to improve healthcare in Benin.



### **Nazifi Garba** **Youth Delegate, UNICEF Nigeria**

Nazifi Garba, a 24-year-old community health worker and UNICEF Young Influencer from Kebbi State, Nigeria who has been conducting routine immunizations since 2022. Trained at the Professional School of Health Science and Technology, he educates parents on vaccine safety and dispel myths about side effects. His door-to-door approach has maintained immunization rates, and during a recent measles outbreak, his efforts protected his community. Now, families in the village actively seek his assistance for vaccinations when children are born.



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## **Angélique Kidjo, singer-songwriter and actress**

Time Magazine has called her "Africa's premier diva", and named her one of the most influential people in the world for 2021; The BBC, Forbes Magazine, and The Guardian have all highlighted her importance to the people of the African continent. She is the recipient of the 2015 Crystal Award given by the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the 2016 Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award, the 2018 German Sustainability Award, the 2023 Vilcek Prize in Music, and the 2023 Polar Music Prize. As a performer, her striking voice, stage presence and fluency in multiple cultures and languages have won respect from her peers and expanded her following across national borders. Kidjo has cross-pollinated the West African traditions of her childhood in Benin with elements of American R&B, funk and jazz, as well as influences from Europe and Latin America. She also advocates on behalf of children as a UNICEF and OXFAM Ambassador, and created, a foundation Batonga, dedicated to support the education of young girls in Africa.