

## Speaker Biographies

### Webinar

### Health in All Policies in Québec: Working Across Sectors to Promote Health and Equity

Monday, January 30, 2023

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. EST

#### Presenters



#### **Horacio Arruda**

Assistant Deputy Minister for the Québec Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Chairman of the Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP)

Horacio Arruda is a physician specialized in public health and preventive medicine. For many years, he has focused on epidemiology and the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

From 2012 to 2022, Dr. Arruda was National Director of Public Health in Québec's Department of Health and Social Services. In this capacity, he was a leader in the fields of infectious, communicable and nosocomial diseases, environmental and occupational health, and emergency measures, as well as in health promotion and prevention.

It was also under his leadership that the province launched its Politique gouvernementale de prévention en santé 2015-2025 (governmental health prevention policy 2015-2025), a first in North America in the field of preventive medicine. This policy represents the Québec government's commitment to promoting health, healthy lifestyles and the wellbeing of the population while fighting social health inequalities. This approach is part of a movement promoted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) called Health in all Policies. As a strategy, Health in All Policies is recognized as an effective way to sustainably influence the health status of a population, systematically taking into account the consequences on population health of decisions made in all sectors.

As Assistant Deputy Minister, Dr. Arruda was appointed Québec's ambassador for the Politique gouvernementale de prévention en santé. At the launch of the policy's second action plan in June 2022, he announced that, at that time, 27 departments and 80 partner organizations were already involved, including those dealing with families, transportation, education, culture and immigration, as well as many related organizations.

This action plan focuses on young people and on building their capabilities, creating healthy and safe communities, promoting wellbeing and healthy lifestyles, improving living conditions and health prevention among the most vulnerable populations, and strengthening prevention in health services.

Dr. Arruda is also helping to burnish Québec's reputation internationally. He is Chairperson of the Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP), created at the 70th World Health Assembly in May 2017. The Province of Québec participated in the first GNHiAP meeting alongside eight countries. At Dr. Arruda's initiative, Québec became a member of the network's steering committee.



**Denis Marion**

Project management and strategic communications  
consultant and former mayor  
Québec

Denis Marion was Mayor of Massueville, in the Montérégie region, from 2005 to 2021. Through his commitment and progressive vision of health, he became President of the Réseau québécois de villes et villages en santé (2017-2019). Denis Marion helped create Espace MUNI, formed in 2019 through the merger of the Réseau québécois des villes et villages en santé and the Carrefour Action municipal et familles. This organization supports municipalities as they make improvements to overall health and quality of life from a community development perspective. Today, this political science graduate works as a project management and strategic communications consultant. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec since 2011 and was recently appointed as its Chairperson. Denis Marion also chairs the strategic committee of Démarche Prendre soin de notre monde.

## Facilitator



### **Marianne Jacques**

Coordinator, Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP)  
Scientific Advisor, National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP)

Marianne holds a bachelor's degree in communication and political science and a Master's degree in political science from the Université de Montréal. She joined the NCCHPP in 2007. She coordinates the processes associated with the Centre's scientific program, accountability, evaluation and the projects that are co-led with the five other National Collaborating Centres. Marianne also provides project management on complex files. Finally, she coordinates the activities of the Global Network for Health in All Policies Secretariat and contributes to the Health in All Policies project.