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## Webinar - Health in All Policies: Advancing Multisectoral Collaboration for Health Equity

### Speaker Biographies



#### **Etienne Krug**

**Director, Department of Social Determinants of Health, WHO**

Dr Krug is Director of the Department for Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. He leads global efforts to prevent violence and injuries, to address the social and commercial determinants of health, to improve urban health and promote healthy ageing. He oversees the development of intergovernmental resolutions and global reports, the implementation of multi-country development projects, and advocacy campaigns. He chairs the International Organizing Committee for World Conferences on Injury Prevention, the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration. He is a member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. Before joining WHO, Dr Krug worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, USA, with Médecins sans Frontières and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Dr Krug holds a degree as a Medical Doctor from the University of Louvain in Brussels, Belgium and a Masters Degree in Public Health from Harvard University.



#### **Sudhvir Singh**

**Unit Head, Department of Equity and Health, Social Determinants of Health, WHO**

Dr Sudhvir Singh is the Unit Head for Equity and Health at the WHO. Before working as a Technical Officer at WHO, he served the Co-Chairs of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, Helen Clark and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, as Special Advisor and Coordinator. Earlier, for five years he led the policy and programmatic work of the EAT Foundation focussed on working across sectors to improve the equity and sustainability of food systems. Prior to that, he co-led a youth climate and urban planning organisation Generation Zero, supported multilateral negotiations towards the SDG's including on a government delegation to Rio+20, and undertook research on the interactions between health equity and climate change. He has a clinical background as a medical registrar and has completed the postgraduate RACP examinations, necessary for advanced training as a medical specialist. He has since acquired Masters degrees in Health Economics and Public Policy from LSE and the University of Chicago.



## **Nicole Valentine**

**Programme Manager and Technical Officer,  
Department of Social Determinants of Health, WHO**

Dr. Valentine has over 25 years of experience working in public health. She currently leads the multi-country WHO Special Initiative for Action on the Social Determinants of Health for Advancing Health Equity, run from the Equity and Health Unit in the Department of Social Determinants of Health, WHO Geneva. She is the WHO focal point for guidance on the Health in All Policies approach, and has worked extensively on training and evidence reviews. She has authored over 25 peer-reviewed publications and produced more than 25 WHO publications covering health systems performance, intersectoral action, monitoring, equity, and social determinants of health. She served in the global WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (2005-2008), where she co-led the country action work stream. She holds Bachelor's and Master's (Economics) degrees from the University of Cape Town, a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington, Seattle, and a PhD in Public Health from the Erasmus Medical Centre, The Netherlands.



## **Tipicha Posayanonda**

**Director of Knowledge and Innovation Management  
Department, National Health Commission Office of Thailand**

Tipicha Posayanonda, PhD, is currently working as Assistant Secretary-General of the National Health Commission and Director of Knowledge and Innovation Management Department of the National Health Commission Office of Thailand (NHCO). Her responsibilities include facilitating the generation and management of knowledge and innovation related to the participatory healthy public policy processes focusing on those under NHCO mandates, aiming for 'mainstreaming health into public policies', 'Health in All Policies' and 'health equity' at all levels. She received her MPH in Toxicology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, and a PhD in Biopharmaceutical Sciences from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.



## **Gladys Mugambi**

**Acting Head of the Directorate of Health Promotion  
and Education, Ministry of Health, Kenya**

Gladys has a degree in Home Economics, an MSc in Food and Nutrition, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Health Systems Management. She has worked as a nutritionist with the Ministry of Health at both district and national level at leadership level and has worked with diverse communities. She has served as Co-chair of the Scaling up Nutrition Movement Executive Committee. The movement champions multisectoral approaches to tackle the triple burden of malnutrition. She leads a team of health promotion experts who implement advocacy, communication and social mobilization activities in the country and ensures that there are policies in place to address social determinants of health.



## **Gigja Gunnarsdottir**

**National Network Coordinator, Directorate of Health, Iceland**

Gígja Gunnarsdóttir has been working for the Directorate of Health (DOHI) since 2005, has Masters degree in Public Health (MPH) and has specialised in the use of planning models. She is program manager for the Health Promoting Community program (HPC) and has among other things lead the adaptation of the Dahlgren and Whitehead model for Icelandic context. HPC is Iceland's National network for WHO Healthy Cities. As part of the HPC work she has lead intersectoral groups with representatives from various ministries, governmental organisations, NGOs and other stakeholders. She was a member of the interdisciplinary, national Scientific committee on climate change 2020-2023 and such responsible for the chapter Public Health, the Health care system and Community in the 4th Scientific report on climate change for Iceland. She is currently co-leading WP9 on HiAP in JA PreventNCD. Gígja has over two and a half decades of work experience as public servant in different sector and as NGO employee and volunteer.

## **Facilitator Biographie**



## **Carmel Williams**

**Director, Centre for HiAP Research Translation at Health Translation**

Carmel Williams is Director of the Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation based in South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and the School of Public Health at the University of Adelaide. Carmel is Founding Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Advancing Health in All Policies and has overseen the establishment and sustainability of South Australia's Health in All Policies approach from its commencement in 2007 until 2021. Recently, Ms. Williams co-authored the newly released WHO guidance: Working Together for Equity and Healthier Populations: Sustainable multisectoral collaboration based on Health in All Policies Approaches. The approach works across government to influence public policy decision to improve health and wellbeing. Carmel led numerous collaborative projects on the social and environmental determinants of health, drawing research, policy and practice together to deliver evidence informed public policy outcomes. Carmel was awarded full academic status with Flinders University at the level of Associate Professor. Through, Carmel's extensive experience in the field of health promotion and public health, she has earned the honorary academic status of Associate Professor with the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide and has recently been appointed as a Visiting Fellow with University of Canberra. Carmel works extensively with the WHO and other international organizations, undertaking knowledge translation and capacity building programs, with researchers, policy makers and practitioners.