



# Healthy World Conference | Un Monde en bonne santé

## Speaker bios | Biographies des intervenant

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024 // Mardi 14 mai 2024**

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9:00 am to 10:30 am: Opening Keynote Address and Remarks

9 h à 10 h 30 : Allocution d'ouverture et remarques



**Onome Ako (Co-Emcee)**, CEO, Action Against Hunger (CanWaCH Board Chair)

Onome Ako is the CEO of Action Against Hunger Canada, a global organization that combats hunger and its underlying causes. She brings her passion for community-led approaches to address one of the most basic human rights—the right to food—through fighting hunger and malnutrition.

Ako holds several degrees including a B.A. in English from Obafemi Awolowo University Nigeria, an M.A. in International Affairs and Diplomacy from Ahmadu Bello University Nigeria, and an M.Sc. in Management of NGOs and Social Policy from the London School of Economics. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH) and member of the advisory committee for the Centennial College International Development program.

Her achievements have garnered recognition, including receiving the 2021 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award, World Vision Canada's prestigious "Voice of the Children" Award in 2022,

and most recently the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award for her impact in Social Change. Ako's dedication and accomplishments continue to inspire and engage future leaders. Onome is also a Mom to an 8-year-old, and published author of a leadership book collaborative titled, "Embracing Ambition," and children's book, "My name is Cherished."

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**Onome Ako**, directrice générale, Action contre la faim Canada

Onome Ako est directrice générale d'Action contre la faim Canada, une organisation mondiale qui lutte contre la faim et ce qui la cause. Elle met sa passion pour les approches communautaires au service du droit à l'alimentation, un des droits humains les plus fondamentaux, en luttant contre la faim et la malnutrition.

Madame Ako est titulaire de plusieurs diplômes, dont un baccalauréat en anglais de l'Université Obafemi Awolowo au Nigeria, une maîtrise en affaires et diplomatie internationales de l'Université Ahmadu Bello au Nigeria et une maîtrise en gestion des ONG et des politiques sociales de la London School of Economics, au Royaume-Uni. Elle est présidente du conseil d'administration du Partenariat canadien pour la santé des femmes et des enfants (CanSFE) et membre du comité consultatif du programme de développement international du Centennial College.

Primée pour ses réalisations, elle a notamment reçu le prix 2021 du Top 100 des plus influentes femmes du Canada, le prestigieux prix « Voice of the Children » de Vision mondiale Canada en 2022 et, plus récemment, le Prix canadien de l'entrepreneuriat féminin de la Banque Royale du Canada pour son impact dans le domaine du changement social. Le dévouement et les réalisations de madame Ako continuent d'inspirer et de motiver de futurs leaders.

Madame Ako est autrice d'un livre sur le leadership intitulé « Embracing Ambition » et d'un livre pour enfants intitulé « My name is Cherished ». Elle est également la maman d'un enfant de 8 ans.



**Julia Anderson (Co-Emcee)** , Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH)

Julia is the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH). With a background in international development, non-profits and civil society, and a steadfast commitment to a world where women, children and their communities can thrive, Julia is driven by a firm belief in the power of collaboration. At CanWaCH's helm, Julia passionately advocates for bold, innovative, even disruptive approaches to advance the health and rights of women and girls worldwide. She connects with stakeholders and decision makers at every level, forming new and unexpected partnerships, harnessing the strongest data, and sharing fresh ideas to co-create transformative solutions to global health issues. Julia earned her Master of Arts degree in Canadian and Indigenous Studies from Trent University, along with an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor Law School. As a visionary leader, she embodies the spirit and values of CanWaCH – shaping a future where every woman and child can realize their right to thrive in full health.

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**Julia Anderson**, Chef de la direction, Partenariat canadien pour la santé des femmes et des enfants.

Julia est cheffe de la direction du Partenariat canadien pour la santé des femmes et des enfants (CanSFE). Dotée d'une expérience dans le domaine du développement international, des organisations à but non lucratif et de la société civile, et résolument engagée en faveur d'un monde où les femmes, les enfants et leurs communautés peuvent prospérer, Julia croit fermement au pouvoir de la collaboration. À la tête du CanSFE, Julia défend avec passion des approches audacieuses, innovantes, voire révolutionnaires, pour faire avancer la santé et les droits des femmes et des filles dans le monde entier. Elle travaille avec des parties prenantes et des décisionnaires à tous les échelons, formant des partenariats nouveaux et inattendus, exploitant les données les plus solides et échangeant des idées nouvelles afin de cocréer des solutions

transformatrices à des problèmes de santé mondiale. Julia est titulaire d'une maîtrise en études canadiennes et autochtones de l'Université de Trent, ainsi que d'un certificat en gestion des conflits de la faculté de droit de l'Université de Windsor. En tant que leader visionnaire, elle incarne l'esprit et les valeurs du CanSFE, à savoir façonner un avenir dans lequel toutes les femmes et tous les enfants pourront exercer leur droit à s'épanouir en pleine santé.



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**Kehkashan Basu M.S.M.**

Environmentalist, Human Rights Activist, TEDX Speaker, Author

Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M. is an iconic global influencer, educator, environmentalist, champion of women and children's rights, TEDx speaker, Climate Reality Mentor, author, musician, peace and sustainability campaigner.

She is the recipient of Canada's Meritorious Service Medal and the only Canadian to win the International Children's Peace Prize, a Forbes 30 Under 30, the first-ever winner of the Voices Youth Gorbachev-Schultz Legacy Award for her work on nuclear disarmament, a United Nations Human Rights Champion, a National Geographic Young Explorer, a UNCCD Land Hero, a UN Habitat Young City Champion, the Regional Organizing Partner for North America for the NGO Major Group and one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence.

Kehkashan is the Founder-President of global social innovation enterprise Green Hope Foundation, that works at a grassroots level in 28 countries, empowering over 500,000 young people and women, especially those from vulnerable communities, in the sustainable development process. She has spoken at over 500 United Nations and other global fora. She is the youngest Trustee of the Parliament of the World's Religions, Co-Lead of UN Women Generation Equality Forum's Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice and a member of the World Humanitarian Forum Youth Council.

She is the recipient of several awards that include the Gold Stevie Award for Women in Business for Gender Equality, World Literacy Award for Significant Contribution to Literacy by a Young Person, Canada's Global Energy Show Emerging Leader Award and the Pax Christi Toronto Teacher of Peace Award. Kehkashan was named as one of the Top 100 SDG Leaders in the world in 2019. She continues to work tirelessly to amplify the voices of young people, women and girls in decision-making processes.

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**Khekashan Basu M.S.M.**

Environnementaliste, militante des droits de la personne, conférencière TEDX, autrice

Khekashan Basu, M.S.M., est influenceuse de renommée mondiale, éducatrice, écologiste, championne des droits des femmes et des enfants, conférencière TEDx, mentore du projet Climate Reality, autrice, musicienne et militante pour la paix et le développement durable.

Elle a reçu la Médaille du service méritoire du Canada et est la seule Canadienne à avoir remporté le Prix international de la paix pour les enfants. Elle fait partie du palmarès Forbes 30 Under 30. Elle est la toute première lauréate du prix Gorbatchev-Schultz de la Voix des jeunes pour son travail sur le désarmement nucléaire, est championne des droits de la personne des Nations Unies, jeune exploratrice National Geographic, héroïne terrestre de l'UNCCD, jeune championne urbaine d'ONU Habitat, partenaire d'organisation régionale pour l'Amérique du Nord de l'ONG Major Group et l'une des 25 femmes les plus influentes du Canada.

Khekashan est la présidente fondatrice de l'entreprise mondiale d'innovation sociale Green Hope Foundation, qui travaille sur le terrain dans 28 pays, permettant à plus de 500 000 jeunes et femmes, en particulier ceux et celles issus de communautés vulnérables, de participer au processus de développement durable. Elle a pris la parole dans plus de 500 forums des Nations Unies et autres forums mondiaux. Elle est la plus jeune administratrice du Parlement des religions du monde, coresponsable de la Coalition d'action féministe pour la justice climatique du Forum de l'égalité des générations d'ONU Femmes et membre du Conseil de la jeunesse du Forum humanitaire mondial.

Elle a remporté de nombreux prix, dont le Gold Stevie Award for Women in Business for Gender Equality, le World Literacy Award for Significant Contribution to Literacy by a Young Person, le Canada's Global Energy Show Emerging Leader Award et le Pax Christi Toronto Teacher of Peace Award. Khekashan a figuré sur la liste des 100 meilleurs leaders mondiaux en matière d'ODD en 2019. Elle continue à travailler sans relâche pour faire entendre la voix des jeunes, des femmes et des filles dans les processus décisionnels.

	She is currently an MBA Candidate at the Cornell University SC Johnson Graduate School of Management.
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11:00 am to 12:30 pm: Climate crossroads: Migration, displacement and opportunity

11 h à 12 h 30 : Carrefour climatique: migrations, déplacements et opportunités



**Dr. Modupe Oladunni Taiwo**, Programme Director, Save the Children International

Dr. Modupe Oladunni Taiwo is a Public Health and Development Specialist with over 20 years of experience. She specializes in health program management and is committed to promoting gender equality and child participation in development programs using a rights-based approach. Dr. Taiwo excels in community-based programming in resource-limited settings, focusing on improving the lives of children and vulnerable groups, particularly women and girls. Her work emphasizes health policy advocacy, quality improvement, and gender equality, with a particular focus on reproductive health, maternal and child health, and interventions for HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, and nutrition. Dr. Taiwo holds a MSc from Sheffield University, UK, and both an MPH and a PhD in Public Health from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria. A fellow of the Consortium for Advanced Research and Training in Africa (CARTA), her research has been published in national and international journals. Currently, she leads the GAC-funded Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health program at Save the Children's Sierra Leone Country Office.



**Antoine Lissorgues**, Coordinateur générale, Médecins du Monde

J'ai 40 ans et je suis originaire de Marseille. Après des études de communication, d'administration publique et un master coopération internationale en poche, je prends le large direction l'Amérique Latine et plus particulièrement le Pérou. Ce continent est devenu ma terre d'accueil puisque j'y réside depuis plus de 18 ans. J'ai collaboré pendant 10 ans avec la Fondation Terre des hommes-Lausanne, puis j'ai décidé d'explorer le monde de la culture et de l'éducation, en rejoignant le réseau des Alliances Françaises. Depuis un an et demi je suis coordinateur général de Médecins du Monde Suisse au Mexique. Ma vie professionnelle m'a donné la possibilité de mettre mon engagement au service des gens. Au gré de mes diverses missions (Pérou, Haïti, Équateur, Colombie...), j'ai pu m'enrichir de la diversité que réserve notre monde. J'ai pu m'impliquer sur des thématiques aussi diverses que la justice juvénile, la santé communautaire, la migration, les crises humanitaires, la culture ou encore l'éducation.



**Caroline Blais**, Travailleuse sociale, Médecins du Monde

Caroline est travailleuse sociale à Médecins du monde depuis 5 ans, à la clinique pour personnes migrantes à statut précaire. Elle travaille présentement principalement au volet de santé sexuelle et reproductive. Caroline détient une expérience de plus de 10 ans comme intervenante et organisatrice communautaire. Elle s'intéresse particulièrement aux questions de justice sociale, de violences liées au genre, de droits d'accès à la santé et droit liés aux migrations ainsi qu'à l'éthique dans la pratique du travail sociale et des approches anti-oppressive.



**David Morley (Moderator)**, CanWaCH Board Member, Retired - Former CEO of UNICEF Canada

From the narrow alleys in Brazilian favelas to behind rebel lines in the Republic of Congo and into the corridors of power in Ottawa, David Morley has spent 45 years working for international development and the rights of children.

A Member of the Order of Canada and recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of British Columbia, David is an internationally recognized expert on development, humanitarian response, and child well-being who led UNICEF Canada, Save the Children Canada and Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) Canada. He has written two books, both of which were Canadian bestsellers. He is Co-Chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Network for Women and Children's Health, Catalyste+, and the Green Durham Association. He teaches in the Masters of Global Affairs program at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto.

David is married to Elizabeth, an internationally recognized early childhood educator. They have two sons and six grandchildren, who all live near them in Toronto. As often as possible, David loves to play hockey.

11:00 am to 12:30 pm: Indigenous leadership, learning and solidarity

11 h à 12 h 30 : Leadership autochtone, apprentissage et solidarité





**Michelle Brass**, speaker, writer, and wellness coach

Michelle Brass is a speaker, writer, and wellness coach deeply committed to the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples and communities. Her work focuses on the areas of Indigenous food sovereignty, climate change, Indigenous health and wellness, and community well-being. Michelle is the creator of the SHAWL Program, an Indigenous-based wellness program that focuses on foundational wellness practices that strengthen kinship connections, enhance community care, create sustainable habit change, and deepen our connection to Mother Earth and natural cycles of life.

Michelle served on the Executive Steering Committee for Indigenous Climate Action (ICA), a national organization that inspires action for climate justice by supporting Indigenous communities to develop Indigenous-led solutions to climate change, and has been delivering climate change presentations in Indigenous communities over the past six years. Michelle is a member of the Yellow Quill First Nation in Treaty Four Territory and resides in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK with her son.



**Rosemary Cooper**, Executive Director, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada

Rosemary Cooper was promoted to Executive Director of Pauktuutit on February 14, 2022, following a 2-year term as Interim Executive Director. Since joining Pauktuutit in 2016, Rosemary has built a legacy of providing inspiring leadership to Pauktuutit's policy, programs, and communications teams to achieve progress on the Board's resolutions and priorities. As well, she has deep experience advocating for the interests of Inuit women and girls to officials in federal government departments and agencies. Rosemary also has a strong track record of working collaboratively with Inuit partners in Inuit Nunangat, in urban centres and at the national level.

Rosemary led Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami's work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She also represented Pauktuutit from the inception of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered



Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) through to the release of the final report, with 46 Inuit-specific Calls for Justice. Rosemary is now Pauktuutit's representative on the Core Working Group for the co-development of the MMIWG National Action Plan, with the Government of Canada.

Prior to joining Pauktuutit, Rosemary held senior portfolios in the Government of Nunavut, including Director of Social Programs at the Office of the Interim Commissioner; Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Health and Social Services; and Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. She has also served as a Political Advisor at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK). Born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Rosemary is Inuk and fluent in Inuktut and English. Her progressive career achievements have contributed to her profile as an expert in Inuit affairs. This experience includes advocacy and leadership for the development of policy, legislation, and programs to strengthen violence prevention, community policing, investments in social services and health care and the promotion of Inuit arts and culture.

Over the past 30 years, Rosemary's work with international, national, territorial, and regional organizations and bodies has included: The United Nations Commission on Status of Women, The United Nations Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, The Federation of Councils, the Office of the Governor General of Canada, the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee, the National Inuit Housing Working Group and the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation. Championing the human rights of Inuit women and girls, including the protection and support of women and children fleeing violence, are passions central to Rosemary's work.



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**Larissa Crawford**, Founder and Managing Director, Future Ancestors Services

Larissa proudly passes on Métis and Jamaican ancestry to her daughter, Zyra, and is a published Indigenous, anti-racism, and climate justice researcher, policy advisor, and restorative circle keeper with over 15 years of experience.

Larissa is also the Founder of Future Ancestors Services, an Indigenous and Black-owned, youth-led professional services social enterprise that advances climate justice and systemic barrier removal with lenses of anti-racism and ancestral accountability. Through an intergenerational, disabled, and queer team of professionals and advisors, they provide speaking, training, research and consulting services, and influencer and interview services to +400 diverse clients. They do this while centering decolonized and Indigenized practices, and are constantly reimagining how we can learn, relate, and work together in healthy ways.

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: Spotlight on the global hunger crisis

13 h 30 à 15 h : Le point sur la crise mondiale de la faim



**Lilian Dodzo**, Vice President & Regional Director, World Vision International – East Africa

Lilian Dodzo is Vice President & Regional Director, World Vision International – East Africa Region, overseeing 9 countries, namely Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, Lilian has over 25 years' experience in international development and humanitarian leadership in Africa, 10 years of which were spent in leadership positions in West Africa (namely Benin, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone). She also has worked in international relations leadership roles for the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), the United Cities & Local Governments of Africa (UCLGA), the World Bank Institute's Municipal Development Partnership for Africa (MDP-A), the Africa Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and the United Nations Development Programme's Regional Service Centre for Africa (UNDP-RSCA). As such, she has a wealth of knowledge and experience in working in fragile contexts, leading development programs, humanitarian relief operations including conflict sensitive and IDP/refugee/returnee programming, communication and advocacy work, as well as faith and development engagement.

Lilian strongly believes in building a culture of risk management in all her work, including championing agility and flexibility to respond to any changing landscape or context. She holds an MBA and is undertaking PhD studies.



**Elly Vandenberg, Director, Global Office Canada, World Food Programme (WFP)**

As Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Global Office in Canada Elly Vandenberg is a champion for global sustainable food security and nutrition. WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization saving lives in emergencies and building resilient communities that can respond to the shocks of conflict, rising costs and impact of climate change. WFP works in over 120 countries and territories and assisted more than 160 million people in 2022.


In 2020, Elly established an official WFP presence in Canada by formally opening a national Global Office based in Ottawa, reaffirming the longstanding partnership between WFP and the Government of Canada. This enables WFP to engage more directly with Canadian parliamentarians, civil servants, non-governmental organizations, universities, research institutions, foundations, private sector and the Canadian public and to leverage Canadian philanthropy, innovation, technology, evidence, and expertise. Elly leads an effective Canadian hub that provides WFP visibility and builds Canadian partnerships.

Elly has over three decades of international humanitarian and development and advocacy experience including roles in national, international and multilateral global development organizations and field work in peace building and human rights. Elly holds a degree in international development from the University of Toronto and professional executive coaching certification from Integral Coaching Canada. Elly is mother to three grown sons. She enjoys spending time in her large vegetable garden and collecting eggs from her chickens.



**Jean Philippe Marcoux, CEO, Société de coopération pour le développement international (SOCODEVI)**

Jean-Philippe Marcoux holds a master's degree in international relations and international law. He has more than 20 years of experience in the field of international cooperation, both in humanitarian aid and in development. With almost 15 years of experience in Africa as well as in Haiti, mainly in positions of Country Director and Deputy Regional Director, he has led and supervised numerous

	<p>projects and programs in several sectors, notably health and peace education; food security and agricultural development; economic development for youth and women; water, hygiene and sanitation; and good governance. Jean-Philippe Marcoux has been CEO of SOCODEVI for 4 years.</p>
	<p><b>Jacquelyn Wright</b>, CEO, Canadian Feed the Children</p> <p>Jacquelyn has served as the President &amp; CEO of Canadian Feed The Children (CFTC) since 2018, bringing with her over 30 years of profound international development and humanitarian experience. Her journey, including notable roles at CARE Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), reflects a career dedicated to driving positive change on a global scale.</p> <p>During her extensive career, Jacquelyn has drawn on her skills in building partnerships, resource mobilization, and mentoring diverse teams in multi-stakeholder, cross-cultural environments to leave a lasting impact in regions such as Sudan, Uganda, Tajikistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Indonesia. This breadth of experience has not only shaped her leadership style but also instilled a deep understanding of the nuanced issues affecting communities worldwide. Her dedication to global well-being is underscored by a Master's Degree in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University.</p> <p>Now at the helm of CFTC, Jacquelyn continues to channel her strategic leadership and passion into leading transformative change to create a more equitable world. Focusing on decolonization, anti-racism, and anti-oppression, she is committed to achieving global food security through innovative programming and community-led development.</p>





**Merydth Holte-McKenzie**, Senior Gender Advisor, World Vision Canada

Merydth Holte-McKenzie is World Vision Canada's Senior Gender Advisor. She has over 25 years of experience in international development designing, managing and evaluating community health and gender equality programming as well as advising on gender equality integration in policy development and accountability frameworks. Merydth joined World Vision in 2018. In her current capacity she provides leadership on World Vision's external engagement on gender equality and SRHR including in the areas of policy, strategy and operational priorities.

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: Global partnerships and multilateral collaboration on climate and health

13 h 30 à 15 h: Partenariats mondiaux et collaboration multilatérale sur le climat et la santé



**Jean-Bernard Parenteau (Moderator)**, Director General, Health and Nutrition Bureau, Global Affairs Canada

Jean-Bernard Parenteau is the Director General for Health and Nutrition at Global Affairs Canada since August 2023, following a four-year assignment overseeing health sector international development funding through Canadian civil society organizations. Over the last 26 years, he has held various positions related to development assistance and diplomacy covering Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe.



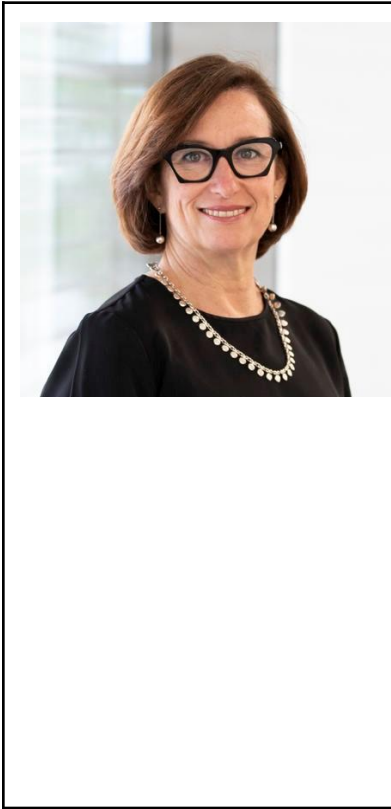
**Lasha Gogvadze**, Health Department Lead, Health Climate, Migration and Risk Communication, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Lasha Gogvadze, MD, MPH, Lead Health, Climate, Migration and Risk Communication. Working in the Health and Care Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Medical Doctor, Master in Advances of Sciences in Public Health. Lasha has spent over 20 years with the IFRC in different positions at country, regional and HQ levels. He coordinates activities in health & migration, health & climate, HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Substance Abuse. Lasha manages global partnerships. He developed several tools and guidelines in related areas.



**Chloë Cooney**, Director, U.S. Strategy, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance

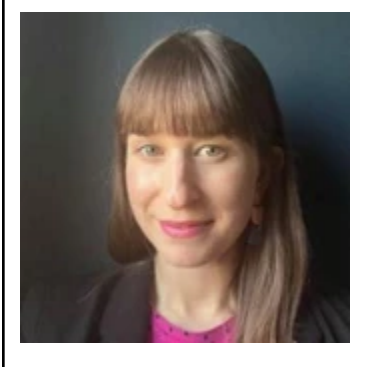
Chloë Cooney is Director, U.S. Strategy at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, where she leads Gavi's engagement with the U.S. Government. Chloë has been leading global health policy and advocacy efforts for more than 15 years. She comes to Gavi from Planned Parenthood Global, the international arm of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), where she worked for the past decade. Most recently, she served as the Senior Director of Strategy and Programs, where she oversaw programs to expand access to sexual and reproductive health and rights through innovative advocacy, service delivery and social norms strategies in 12 countries in Africa and Latin America. Previously, Chloë launched PPFA's foreign policy advocacy work where she interfaced with the U.S. Congress, Executive Branch and other key stakeholders to protect U.S. support for international family planning funding and policies. Before Planned Parenthood, Chloë helped launch several global health organizations and campaigns, including the Malaria Policy Center and the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases. She also worked in high-impact philanthropy, supporting donors to make strategic progressive policy investments.



**Dianne Stewart**, Deputy Director for External Relations, The Global Fund

Deputy Director, External Relations and Communications Division Head, Donor Relations Department Dianne Stewart, a South African national, Dianne rejoined The Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in October 2017 as Head of the Donor Relations Department. She plays a key role in working with donor governments and leading the replenishments of the organization. Dianne also has a leading role in strengthening the Global Fund's partnerships, including deepening alignment and coordination with key external partners and enhancing the organization's voice in multilateral processes and platforms. She previously worked at the Global Fund from its creation in 2002 until 2009. She was responsible for donor relations, governance and coordination of the Global Fund's wider consultation processes, such as the Global Fund Partnership Forum.

From 2015 to 2017, Dianne worked at the start-up of the Global Financing Facility for Women and Children's Health at the World Bank, guiding the establishment of its governance and partnership processes. She previously served as Director of the Information and External Relations Division at the United Nations Population Fund and as Vice President at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, overseeing fundraising, advocacy, and communications. Dianne started her international career in various capacities at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, including assignments in the Democratic Republic of Congo (then Zaire) and in several West African countries.



**Cicely Thomas**, Health Financing Lead, Global Financing Facility

Cicely Thomas is a senior health economist with nearly 20 years of experience supporting countries across Africa and Asia to strengthen health financing and reach universal health coverage (UHC). She currently leads the health financing portfolio at the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) – a global multistakeholder partnership hosted in the World Bank, supporting 36 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to ensure sustainable and equitable health financing for women, children and adolescents. Prior to joining the GFF, she was a program director at Results for Development where she led a portfolio of work focused on sustainable health

financing and the integration of private sector and innovations in government-led mixed health systems.

Cicely was also a technical facilitator of the Joint Learning Network for UHC, focused on primary health care financing, health benefits policy, and private sector engagement, and she continues to support peer-to-peer learning, incubating networks of local organizations, coaches and mentors across several countries. Through her work at Mathematica Policy Research, she focused on both international health and U.S. health policy on innovative models for health care delivery and quality of care indicators. Cicely holds an MSc focused on health financing from the London School of Economics and currently teaches a health financing course at The George Washington University Milken School of Public Health.

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: Effectively taking into account environmental considerations in health programming  
 13 h 30 à 15 h: Une prise en compte efficace des enjeux environnementaux dans les programmes de santé



**Sheila Riordon**, Environment Specialist, Global Affairs Canada

Global Affairs Canada – Environment Specialist Ms. Sheila Riordon has supported global environmental sustainability, climate resilience and social justice in Canada and overseas for over 30 years, with a strong interest in planetary and human health linkages. She has worked with Global Affairs Canada in environment policy and as an environment specialist over two decades, currently advising on the department's international assistance partnerships programming. Ms. Riordon holds a master's degree in environmental studies from York University, and an honours bachelor of science degree from Trent University.





**Isabelle Jetté**, Spécialiste en environnement, Affaires mondiales Canada

Isabelle travaille comme spécialiste en environnement au sein d'Affaires mondiales Canada depuis maintenant 7 ans. Elle détient un baccalauréat en géographie-physique de l'Université de Sherbrooke et une maîtrise en développement internationale de l'Université Laval. Son travail actuel lui permet de rallier deux grands champs d'intérêt, soit le développement international et l'environnement. Isabelle aspire à une planète saine pour tous. Elle est le point focal en santé pour son équipe.



**Pascal Dehoux**, Affaires Mondiales Canada – Division de l'environnement – Directeur adjoint de l'équipe des spécialistes en environnement

Monsieur Pascal Dehoux travaille à Affaires mondiale Canada (AMC) depuis plus de 25 ans, tout d'abord comme spécialiste en environnement, puis comme directeur adjoint d'une des deux équipes de spécialistes en environnement du ministère. Les spécialistes en environnement d'AMC s'assurent que les initiatives en développement financés par le ministère ne nuisent pas à l'environnement et que les opportunités liées à l'environnement soient identifiées et saisies. Les spécialistes en environnement donnent également des avis techniques pour la réalisation de projets en environnement notamment dans des secteurs tels que la lutte aux changements climatiques et la préservation de la biodiversité. Monsieur Dehoux s'intéresse aux liens entre la santé, l'environnement et les changements climatiques notamment à l'impact de la pollution de l'air sur la santé. Monsieur Dehoux possède un baccalauréat en sciences biologiques de l'Université de Montréal et une maîtrise en sciences de l'environnement de l'Université du Québec à Montréal.



**Jean-Michel Calvé**, Senior Development Officer, Global Affairs Canada

Over 20 years working for the Government of Canada, including 13 years with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)/Global Affairs Canada. Occupied various positions within GAC, including results-based management specialist, international assistance analyst and development officer, in multiple sectors, including policy, international institutions, humanitarian assistance, geographic programs (Haiti, Mozambique) and the Canadian Partnerships for Health and nutrition. He holds a master's degree in political science (international Relations) from l'Université de Montréal, and a Bachelor of Arts (History) degree from Ottawa University.

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm: Advancing dialogue on climate, health and gender in increasingly volatile times  
 15 h 30 à 17 h: Faire avancer le dialogue sur le climat, la santé et le genre dans une période d'instabilité croissante



**Julia Anderson (Moderator)**, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health

Julia is the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH). With a background in international development, non-profits and civil society, and a steadfast commitment to a world where women, children and their communities can thrive, Julia is driven by a firm belief in the power of collaboration. At CanWaCH's helm, Julia passionately advocates for bold, innovative, even disruptive approaches to advance the health and rights of women and girls worldwide. She connects with stakeholders and decision makers at every level, forming new and unexpected partnerships, harnessing the strongest data, and sharing fresh ideas



to co-create transformative solutions to global health issues. Julia earned her Master of Arts degree in Canadian and Indigenous Studies from Trent University, along with an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor Law School. As a visionary leader, she embodies the spirit and values of CanWaCH – shaping a future where every woman and child can realize their right to thrive in full health.



**Prof. K. Srinath Reddy**, Founder (Past) President and Honorary Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)

Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, a cardiologist and epidemiologist by training, is the founder and past President of the Public Health Foundation of India (2006-2022). He presently serves as an Honorary Distinguished Professor of PHFI. Under his leadership, PHFI established five Indian Institutes of Public Health, to advance multi-disciplinary education and research for multi-sectoral application. He was earlier Head of Cardiology at the All Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Prof. Reddy was the first Bernard Lown Visiting Professor of Global Cardiovascular Health at Harvard (2009-13) and is presently an Adjunct Professor at Harvard, Emory, Sydney and Pennsylvania universities. He is the first Indian to be elected as an International Member of the US National Academy of Medicine. He was President of the World Heart Federation (2013-14) and is co-chair of the Health Thematic Group of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He chaired the High-Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage constituted by the Planning Commission of India (2010-11). He is a member of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition.

He has served on several expert panels of the World Health Organisation, Indian and international scientific agencies. He is an Advisor on Health to the state governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, with a cabinet rank. Prof. Reddy has 575 scientific publications in peer reviewed Indian and international journals. He has published two books “Make Health in India - Reaching a Billion Plus” and “Pulse to Planet: Long Lifeline of Human Health”. Among the several honours received by him are the WHO Director General’s Award and the Luther Terry Medal of the American Cancer Association for ‘outstanding contributions to global tobacco control, the Queen Elizabeth Medal for

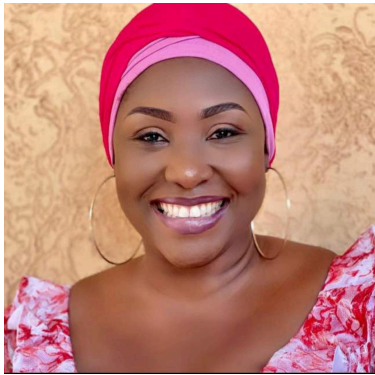
Health Promotion and Padma Bhushan, the prestigious civilian award conferred by the President of India.



**Caroline Brouillette**, Executive Director of Climate Action Network Canada

Caroline Brouillette is the Executive Director of Climate Action Network Canada, the country's largest climate network bringing together over 150 organizations operating from coast to coast. CAN-Rac's membership represents environmental groups, labour, First Nations, social justice, development, health and youth organizations, faith groups and grassroots initiatives. With the CAN-Rac Secretariat team, Ms Brouillette works tirelessly to create strong social consensus for climate solutions that address the convergence of crises the world is faced with, through national policy development, in international diplomacy fora and convening of CAN-Rac's diverse membership.

Ms Brouillette is the first francophone director of CAN-Rac. She is a columnist for L'actualité, Canada's leading French-language public affairs magazine, where she writes about climate issues. Her commentary has appeared in CBC-Radio-Canada, the Washington Post, Reuters, Al Jazeera and many other current affairs television, radio and written press media internationally and in Canada. She joined the climate movement in 2018, when she represented Canadian youth at the G7 summit in Charlevoix. Ms Brouillette holds a Masters in Public Policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of the National University of Singapore, where she majored in Economics.



**Apolline Traore**, Burkinabé Director

Apolline TRAORE, is a Burkinabé director, winner of several distinctions and awards. After traveling the world with her father who was a diplomat, she entered the prestigious Emerson College School of Art in Boston, United States where she obtained the bachelor degree in Fine Art. At 25, she directed and produced the cult series “Monia and Rama”. Her first short film “Kounandi” was selected at the Sundance Film Festival and the Toronto film festival in 2004. She worked for a few years on independent films in Hollywood, and then decided to return to the country in 2008.

Her work places a particular emphasis on the voice of women and the scourges that plague the African continent. After "Frontières" (2017), "Desrances" (2019), his fifth feature film, Her last film “Sira” received the audience award at the Berlin International Film Festival and the silver stallion at Fespaco in 2023. She was distinguished in 2019, Knight of the Order of Merit, Arts, Letters and Communication and in 2020, she was installed Ambassador of the National Museum.

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm: The business of partnerships

15 h 30 à 17 h: Une affaire de partenariat



**Lori Kerr**, Chief Executive Officer, FinDev Canada

Lori Kerr joined FinDev Canada as Chief Executive Officer in June 2021. A Canadian national, she is a widely experienced international development finance professional with more than two decades of leadership in private investment in emerging markets with a focus on sustainable infrastructure, climate finance, and blended finance. Ms. Kerr joined FinDev Canada by way of the Global Infrastructure Facility at the World Bank in Washington, DC, where she was responsible for corporate strategy, thought leadership, partnerships, and international engagement for the largest global fund advising developing country governments on the preparation and structuring of commercially viable infrastructure projects.

Previously, Ms. Kerr served as Senior Director at Climate Finance Advisors developing low-carbon, climate-resilient investment strategies and blended finance solutions to mobilize private capital in developing countries. She also spent 18 years at the Inter-American Development Bank Group serving in management and senior investment roles where she spearheaded strategic initiatives to support the expansion and development impact of private sector activities as well as private sector transaction origination, structuring, and asset management. Ms. Kerr also spent 14 years as an Adjunct Professor of International Project Finance and Investment at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. Ms. Kerr holds an Honours Bachelor degree from the University of Western Ontario and an International MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.

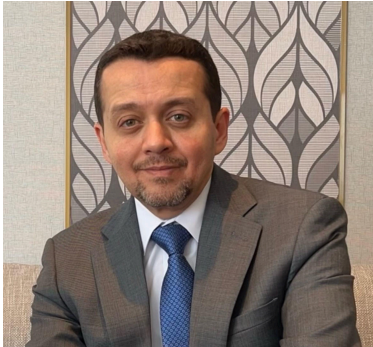



**Patricia Peña**, Assistant Deputy Minister – International Development Partnerships and Operations, Global Affairs Canada

Patricia Peña leads a multi-faceted team at Global Affairs Canada responsible for consolidating expertise and excellence in the delivery of international assistance, and increasing impact, innovation and engagement with a wide range of Canadian partners. She has a rich and long-standing history working with Canadian, multilateral, civil society, private sector, philanthropic and diplomatic partners globally.

Since joining the Government of Canada in 2007, she held a number of senior positions at Global Affairs Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). She served as Canada's Ambassador to Chile (2017-2020), Director General Foreign Policy and Director General Economic Development. From 2007 to 2011, Patricia held various policy and operational positions at CIDA, including as Director Democratic Governance and Human Rights, and Director of the Economic Development and Natural Resources.

Prior to joining the Canadian public service, Ms. Peña lived for almost ten years in London, England and worked in various public sector agencies, including the UK Electoral Commission where she oversaw political financing regulation in the United Kingdom. Patricia Peña has an undergraduate

	<p>degree in Political Science from the University of Toronto and a Master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science</p>
	<p><b>Tamer Samah Rabie</b>, Global Program Lead for Climate and Health, World Bank</p> <p>Tamer Rabie, MD, is the Global Program Lead for Climate and Health at the World Bank. He joined the Bank in 2005 and has since been leading lending as well as advisory services programs across more than thirty countries across all regions, including those characterized by fragility, conflict and violence. He has over twenty-five years of wide-ranging policy, public health and health systems experience including in climate change, nutrition, reproductive health, service delivery, governance, the private sector, and environmental health. As a medical doctor and public health specialist, he has always remained acutely aware that addressing global health challenges transcends the confines of healthcare alone and necessitates a comprehensive approach encompassing social, economic, and environmental policies, among others. Having worked on the nexus of climate and health since 2008, he has helped the World Bank shape its vision on climate action. In his current role as the Global Program Lead for Climate and Health, Dr. Rabie leads the World Bank's efforts in addressing the climate-health crisis by scaling country tailored solutions, delivering global public goods, and forging partnerships with other development partners, the private sector and civil society organizations.</p>
	<p><b>Jocelyn Mackie (Moderator)</b>, Gilberts LLP</p> <p>Jocelyn is a partner at Gilberts LLP, an innovative firm based at the Waterfront Innovation Centre in Toronto, with offices in New York and soon London, UK. Jocelyn leads Gilbert's Solutions, a business advisory working in partnership with clients to solve complex problems at the intersection of innovation, industry, impact and policy. Jocelyn works with large multinationals to create and execute global access and ESG strategies, advises impact investment firms to realize the impact of their portfolio, and provides strategic advice to not-for-profit and for-profit corporations working in innovative sectors. She works in the areas of global health, climate adaptation, blended finance, impact investing, and intellectual property strategy and monetization.</p>



Jocelyn was formerly co-CEO of Grand Challenges Canada, and one of the early members of the management team that helped establish GCC as a leading innovation-for-impact platform. She was named one of Canada's Top 40 under 40 (2019), and a Canadian Leader in Global Health. She attained an HBA from the Ivey School of Business, an MSc and JD from the University of Toronto, and is called to the Ontario and New York Bar. She loves to take dance lessons and spend time with her husband and their five children. Jocelyn is a proud member of the Board of Directors of CanWaCH, and serves as the Chair of its Governance & HR Committee.

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm: Resilience: An intersectional lens

15 h 30 à 17 h: La résilience : une optique intersectionnelle



**Bella Lam**, Chief Executive Officer, Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

Bella has worked in the NGO sector in sustainable development and international cooperation for over twenty years, amplifying voices of local partners in Sub-Saharan, South Asia, and Latin America. She joined the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada in 2016 working with the Programs team in community-centred conservation through the lens of gender and climate justice. In June 2022, Bella was appointed as the CEO to lead the Institute in forging a strategic path to address the three crises we face in our world today: climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental inequity. Her background in sustainable development is centred on the understanding that all aspects of the ecosystem: people, wildlife and the environment, are deeply interconnected. Bella is also the Vice-President of the Ontario Council of International Cooperation Board of Directors, supporting civil society organizations based in the province. She is a strong advocate of working in a multi-stakeholder environment and leveraging collaborative partnerships to scale up impact. "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together".





**Marie Meloche**, Director of Programs, Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

Marie Meloche is the Director, Programs with the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada. Since 2018, she supports JGIC's programs in Canada and Africa to implement community-centered conservation initiatives through a holistic approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of animals, people and the environment. She works in close collaboration with teams of JGI conservation experts across Chimpscape countries to amplify the local knowledge of communities on climate change adaptation and resilience, sustainable nature-based solutions, and equity-based participation mechanisms.



**Emmanuel Mtiti**, Senior Program and Policy Director, JGI Tanzania, Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

Emmanuel Mtiti has worked as the Senior Director for Programs and Policy for JGI Tanzania since 2018, and has been working for the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) since 1996. He is one of the key founders and pioneers of JGI's community-centered conservation approach, started in Western Tanzania through the TACARE model. He has extensive experience leading community engagement and involvement in developing community-based conservation projects and integrated natural resource management, conservation, and health. After almost 30 years with JGI, Emmanuel Mtiti is a driving force behind JGI's capacity to improve the welfare of chimpanzees and people who live around the shared landscape.



**Gabrielle Fayant, Co-founder, Assembly of Seven Generation (A7G)**

Gabrielle Fayant is an off-Settlement Metis woman from Fishing Lake Métis Settlement, AB. Gabrielle is an award-winning woman for her work in her community, her dedication to supporting young people, and amplifying grassroots efforts. Gabrielle is passionate about cultural resurgence, revitalization and restitution for all Indigenous peoples. She has been working in community for 10+ years to help improve the lives of Indigenous peoples and has a diploma in Indigenous Healing and Wellness Counselling. Gabrielle is a helper and co-founder of a non-profit Indigenous youth organization called Assembly of Seven Generation (A7G) and a co-manager for a social enterprise retail store called Adaawewigamig.

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9:00 am to 10:30 am: Climate and reproductive rights

9 h à 10 h 30: La résilience :Le climat et les droits reproductifs



**Samukeliso Dube**, Executive Director, FP2023

Dr. Samukeliso Dube has more than 20 years' experience in health care, including several senior roles in the delivery and financing of health services. Dr. Dube's career spans geographies, spent delivering various models of health care across Africa. She came to FP2030 from Afrocentric Health where she worked as a General Manager, leading Health Policy and Medical Advisory. She previously worked at Royal Philips as Medical Counsel for Africa and Business Development Manager for Southern Africa. Her experience in global health includes her role at ArK as Head of Healthcare Investments, prior to which she was Africa Program Director at PATH, leading the Global Campaign for Microbicides.

Dr. Dube has a Degree in Medicine and Surgery (MD) from the University of Zimbabwe, a Master's in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Limpopo, a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases (DTMH), and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), and a Masters in Finance and Investments from the University of the Witwatersand.



**Carina Hirsch**, Head of Advocacy & Policy, Margaret Pyke Trust

Carina has worked for the Margaret Pyke Trust since 2015 and currently serves as the Head of Advocacy & Policy. She has been committed to improving the status of women and girls for over 10 years within UN agencies and international NGOs. She has field experience implementing projects to improve the lives of rural women in Niger, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso and India. She advocates on the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights to improve the health, well-being and lives of women and girls, and also as part of climate resilience and biodiversity policy and programming. She is the co-chair of the Biodiversity & Family Planning Task Force of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), a member of IUCN's Commission on Environmental, Economic & Social Policy and a Steering Committee Member of the UK SRHR Network.



**Abebe Shibru**, Country Director, MSI Ethiopia Reproductive Choices

Abebe Shibru has 20 years of experience in large-scale public healthcare programs in Africa focusing on Maternal & Child Health, Reproductive Health & Gender. Since July 2020 Abebe is working as a Country Director for MSI Ethiopia Reproductive Choices. Prior to that, he served MSI Cambodia as SRH performance improvement specialist; Marie Stopes Zimbabwe as a Country Director and Chief of Party for USAID project from 2016 to 2020. Abebe has also served as an Associate Peace Corps Director for the US Peace Corps Ethiopia Office; a Team Leader & Project Manager for IntraHealth/USAID, and a Senior Program Officer for ActionAid Ethiopia's community development Program. Currently, he also serves as a board member for the FP2030 global partnership. Abebe held a Doctorate Degree in Business Management specialized in health, MPH, MBA specialized in health management, BSC degree in health science, and Advance Diploma in Comprehensive Nursing from Addis Ababa University college of medical science.



**Erica Belanger**, Associate Director - Government Partnerships, MSI Reproductive Choices

As the Associate Director Government Partnerships, Erica leads on MSI Reproductive Choices' strategic relationships with European donor governments and the Government of Canada. She has been committed to improving the rights of women and girls for over 15 years. Previously, she worked at the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in advocacy and resource mobilization and most recently led the co-design of innovative tech solutions for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at SafeHands. She is passionate about the interlinkages between gender, SRHR and climate resilience.

9:00 am to 10:30 am: One Health Today

9 h à 10 h 30: Une seule santé, dès aujourd'hui



**Brian Bedard**, Director, Food Safety and Animal Health, Alinea International

Brian Bedard is a veterinary epidemiologist, food safety and one health specialist with more than 30 years of first-hand international experience in Central Asia, China, Southeast Asia, India, Africa, Eastern Europe, Türkiye, and Mongolia. His experience includes the technical aspects of animal health and production aligned with human health and the environment, sustainable agriculture, and the development of robust agri-food supply chains to improve market access and the livelihoods for livestock producers to ensure sustainable development. At the World Bank he coordinated global programs for avian influenza (HPAI), H1N1 (swine flu) and operational aspects to support implementation of the One Health Agenda and the Global Food Safety Partnership.

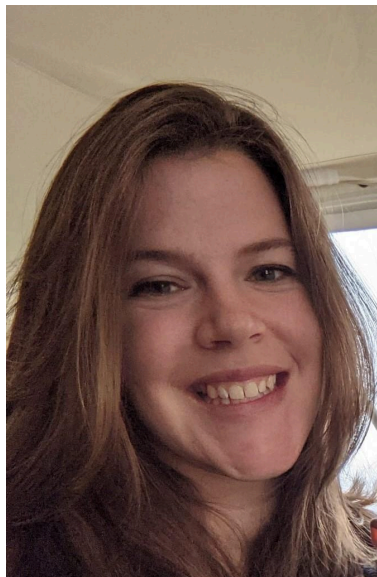
From his early days of One Health related research on zoonoses in Africa, he has provided support in many countries for local, national, regional and international programming related to endemic and



	<p>emerging zoonotic diseases, food safety, and resilient agri-food systems. He has been involved in management of national and regional One Health programming, including hands-on training for zoonotic disease control programming and capacity building among herders, pasture management groups, veterinarians, and community health workers. He has been involved in facilitating global, regional, national and local strategies that have provided a regulatory framework for more effective, science-based, grassroots sustainable animal health, food safety and integration of human, animal and environmental aspects of One Health.</p>
	<p><b>Deborah Ola</b>, Youth Working Group Member, CanWaCH</p> <p>Deborah is graduating from the University of Calgary with an Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences. Previously, she served as the Student and Young Professional Ambassador for the Canadian Network for NTDs, and is now a member of the steering committee. With previous research experience in malaria and Leishmania research, as well as an advocate for NTDs, she is passionate about serving vulnerable populations and spreading awareness on the impact of NTDs.</p>
	<p><b>Abdikadir Dakane</b>, National Director, SOS Children's Villages Somalia.</p> <p>Abdikadir Dakane was born in Mogadishu in the early 80s and moved to Kenya in 1991 after the collapse of Somalia's government. He completed his education in Kenya, where he pursued a series of studies that prepared him for a career in humanitarian and development work. Abdikadir holds a higher diploma in project management, a bachelor's degree in development studies, and a master's degree in human rights and conflict management.</p> <p>Abdikadir witnessed his home country, Somalia, endure over two decades of lawlessness, people continuously affected by ongoing internal armed conflicts, civil war, and natural disasters. His inspiration to pursue a career in humanitarian work was deeply influenced by his late father, who</p>

was also a humanitarian worker before his passing. Motivated by a strong desire to contribute positively to community development, Abdikadir began his professional journey in child protection with the Danish Refugee Council. He later advanced to become a Child Protection Specialist at Save the Children and World Vision International. Since December 2017, he has been serving as the Country Director for SOS Children's Villages in Somalia. Over the past 15 years, Abdikadir has worked across Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Syria.

Abdikadir's career reflects his deep commitment to enhancing the welfare of communities and leading strategic humanitarian efforts in some of the world's most challenging settings.



**Kristen Rodrigues**, Director, International Programs, Veterinarians Without Borders

Kristen is an international development practitioner with over 15 years of experience in international cooperation, with a specialized focus on One Health. She holds a Master's in Development Practice, specializing in Global Health and Sustainable Development, alongside a Bachelor's in Environment, Resource, and Business Studies. At Veterinarians Without Borders (VWB), Kristen has led the practical implementation of One Health initiatives, emphasizing the interconnected health of people, animals, and ecosystems.

Her career spans across Africa and Asia, where she has developed a profound understanding of the importance of cross-sectoral and cross-cultural collaboration. Kristen brings a wealth of knowledge in food security, monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and women's economic empowerment, gained from her previous roles with WUSC, CIDA and the Guyana Red Cross. Kristen is dedicated to strengthening community relationships with animals and their environments, underscoring her passion for sustainable development and inclusive growth.



**Mark Brender, National Director, Partners in Health Canada**

Mark Brender is the National Director of Partners In Health (PIH) Canada. Mark led the establishment of PIH Canada in 2011 to strengthen the work of PIH globally and add PIH's voice to the Canadian movement for health as a human right. Partners In Health (PIH) was founded in 1987 to support a one-room health clinic serving a destitute squatter settlement in rural Haiti. PIH's founders believed the conditions in the settlement — the crushing poverty, absence of modern health care and pervasive poor health — were not inevitable. These were social conditions subject to human intervention and so could be changed — in Haiti or anywhere in the world.

In the more than three decades since, having served millions of patients across four continents, created thousands of jobs and transformed global health, the work of PIH has proved our founders right. Previous to Mark establishing Partners in Health Canada he was the VP of Business Development for Prostate Cancer Canada and also the Deputy National Director for Right to Play Canada.

9:00 am to 10:30 am: Innovation and technology: Implications for people and planet

9 h à 10 h 30: Innovation et technologie : quelles en sont les incidences sur les populations et la planète?



**Dr. Jeanette Vega**, Senior Adviser, Minister of Health, Chile

Jeanette Vega Morales is a Medical Doctor and Pediatrician from the University of Chile. A Doctor of Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago, she has more than 20 years of experience in managerial positions at national and international levels. In Chile, she has served as Undersecretary of Health, as Director of the National Health Insurance Agency and as Minister of Social Development and Family. Internationally, she has served as Director of the Department of Poverty, Equity and Determinants of Health at WHO, and as Global Health Director at The Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Vega has been involved with many international agencies in various capacities. She has served as temporary advisor to the World Health Organization. In addition, she continues to hold several board positions. She is a regular speaker or keynote speaker at international meetings and speaks at different national and international forums. Currently she serves as a Senior Adviser to the Minister of Health in Chile.



**Jennifer Garard**, Deputy Director, Future Earth Canada and Sustainability in the Digital Age

Jennifer Garard, PhD, is the Deputy Director of Sustainability in the Digital Age and Future Earth Canada and an Affiliate Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University. Her work focuses on bringing people together from different communities and research domains to cultivate mutual understanding and to create collaborative work environments where global challenges are tackled collectively. Her areas of expertise include stakeholder engagement at the interface of digital technologies and environmental sustainability and addressing divergent viewpoints through collective foresight and intelligence. Jennifer is also the North America Regional Facilitator for the United Nations Environment Programme and sits on the Board for the International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technology (OBVIA).



**Karlee Silver (Moderator)**, Chief Executive Officer, Grand Challenges Canada

Karlee Silver is Chief Executive Officer for Grand Challenges Canada. She is a mission-driven leader committed to addressing inequity through innovation, powershifting and partnerships.

Dr. Silver is an active member of the Grand Challenge network and the International Development Innovation Alliance. Dr. Silver has been with Grand Challenges Canada since it launched, and led the process of selecting the organization's prioritized grand challenges. Holding various roles, she set strategy for global health, development and humanitarian innovation initiatives, and enabled the GCC team to source, support and transition to scale promising innovations for social impact in low- and middle-income countries. Dr. Silver received her doctorate from the University of Oxford, where she attended as a Rhodes Scholar and trained in genetics and immunology

10:45 am to 12:15 pm: Building resilience in a changing climate: Youth perspectives on health, gender, and climate action

10 h 45 à 12 h 15: Développer la résilience dans un climat en changement : regards de jeunes sur la santé, le genre et l'action climatique





**Ineza Umuhoza Grace**, Global Coordinator, Loss and Damage Youth Coalition

Ineza is an Eco-Feminist and impact-driven actor in the climate change/environment sector based in Rwanda. She believes in the power of sharing community voices to achieve climate justice. She is the co-founder of the "Loss and Damage Youth Coalition " a coalition of more than 1000 youth from 100 countries advocating and taking concrete action to address loss and damage. She also founded "The Green Protector " a Rwandan NGO aiming to increase active youth participation in protecting the environment through climate action, climate education and engagement in climate policy; the organization has reached more than 3,000 children and youth, implementing 10+ activities and host 10+ youth engaged in climate policy negotiation on the international level. She has been on the Rwanda negotiation team since 2018 following loss and damage. She is a Global Citizen Winner 2023, An Obama Leader 2022, and a Nat-Geo 2020, to name a few.



**Stu Solomon**, Senior Advisor, Economic Empowerment & Resilience, Plan International Canada

Stu Solomon leads Plan International Canada's climate change programming covering both national and international projects. He has worked on integrating young people's needs and perspectives into climate change, disaster risk reduction, economic development, livelihoods, and development programs for more than 15 years, and has designed and implemented development assistance programs, advocacy and capacity building initiatives for communities, government officials, parliamentarians and civil society organizations through his various assignments. His focus looks at catalysing local action through community engagement and building capacity of local organisations to develop, manage and monitor development interventions. He is passionate about working with young people to help them use their stories to make change. He has lived and worked overseas in several countries in Africa and Latin America.



**Theo Gibbs**, Senior Climate Strategy Advisor, Y-labs

Theo Gibbs works at the intersection of human well-being and planetary health, bringing over 10 years of experience in the design, systems innovation, and technology fields. In her current role as Senior Climate Strategy Advisor at YLabs, she provides strategic guidance to YLabs' global portfolio of programs and technologies. Joining YLabs in 2017, she previously held the role of Design Director and helped build the organization into its present global state. She also led the vision and creation of YLabs' climate-health-gender portfolio, supporting the organization to integrate an understanding of the extraordinary risks climate change poses to young people's health and economic futures.

10:45 am to 12:15pm: Riding the wave: A workshop on integrating climate action into your organizational strategy

10 h 45 à 12 h 15: Prendre la vague : un atelier sur l'intégration de l'action climatique dans votre stratégie organisationnelle



**Lauren Alcorn (Moderator)**, Senior Director of Strategic Partnership and Government Relations, One Drop Foundation

Lauren Alcorn is the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Government Relations at One Drop. With over 20 years dedicated to Social Impact work, and 15 years specifically focused on the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector. In her roles, she leads efforts to cultivate partnerships with business/industry and philanthropic actors, working to accelerate the progress of SDG6.

As a passionate advocate for social change, Lauren also serves as a spokesperson for One Drop's WASH in Health Care Facility initiatives. She advocates for Indigenous rights, gender equality, and inclusion, believing strongly in the transformative power of community-based, participatory action, as well as the ability of art to mobilize and inspire change. A self-motivated lifelong learner, Lauren is dedicated to ongoing personal development and active citizenship. She holds a Masters of Social Science, in Development and International Relations from Aalborg University, Denmark, and a Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Environmental Law Association.



**Daria Hobeika**, Chief Legal Officer - Transition Risk, Climate Law, and Governance, Clearsum

Trained as a lawyer and strategic advisor, Daria helps organizations understand and manage complex societal issues and increase the resilience of their models. At Clearsum, her work focuses on transition risks, climate law, and governance. In particular, she helps private and public corporations identify current and future climate issues through risk assessments and scenario analysis, set and implement their climate ambitions, establish adequate climate governance structures, and develop and implement disclosure strategies. She also provides bespoke training to boards of directors, C-suites, executive program participants and other groups in private, public, or not-for-profit organizations.

A former Chief of Staff to a minister of the Government of Quebec, Daria has intimate knowledge of the workings of the highest levels of policy and decision-making, as well as of the legislative and

	<p>regulatory processes. Daria currently serves on the boards of directors and governance committees of the Centre Québécois du droit de l'environnement and of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.</p>
	<p><b>Tania Vachon</b>, Senior Director of Programs, Social Art for Behaviour Change, One Drop Foundation</p> <p>Bringing over 25 years of experience to the development sector, Tania manages a team of creatives that co-design behaviour change strategies with social art alongside communities and artists. They accompany local change processes making sure creativity and positive emotions are at the center of sustainable individual and collective transformation. Apart from her contributions in developing the Social Art for Behaviour Change Approach, she has also organized 6 international events bringing hundreds of people from around the world into a community of practice. She has also managed multiple projects in the development field for 20 years.</p> <p>She has delivered workshops and speeches in various international events and recently co-created an online course accessible to anyone wanting to better understand how system change, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), are related to human behaviours. Her background in social and cultural anthropology and sociology has laid the foundation for a lifelong dedication to social innovation and change. She is trained as a Strategic Advisor and speaks French, English and Spanish.</p>

10:45 am to 12:15pm: Roundtable Conversations on Intersectionality, Environment, and Health

10 h 45 à 12 h 15: Tables rondes sur l'intersectionnalité, l'environnement et la santé



**Iris Bernheim**

Iris Bernheim is a dedicated policy advocate having completed a Double Master in Public Administration and one in Global Affairs at the London School of Economics and Munk School with emphasis in Development and Human Rights. With a BA in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from the University of Warwick, Iris aims to devote her career towards project and policy implementation with particular focuses on gender equality, education, and conflict prevention and transition.



**Keziah N.A.B Ofori-Atta, Consultant, Munk School Global Affairs & Public Policy - University of Toronto**

Keziah N.A.B Ofori-Atta is a Policy professional and a recent Graduate of the Munk School with an emphasis in International Development and Global Security. She is an innovative and resourceful thinker with interest in Global Health, Women, Peace & Security Agenda, AI for Social Impact as well exploring how advocacy and multi-sectoral relationships can lead to an equitable and sustainable future. As a recent Grad, she intends to devote her time to advocacy and to propose strategic solutions to public policy challenges in foreign and development policy.

**Ayesha Ali, Student, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy - University of Toronto**

Ayesha Ali is a recent graduate of the Master of Global Affairs program at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, where she emphasized in Global Justice and Markets. She previously attended the Rotman Commerce program at the University of Toronto and graduated with a





Bachelor of Commerce and minors in Economics and Women and Gender Studies. She is interested in labour justice, women's empowerment, and climate change - and the inherent linkages that lie within all three of these thematic areas. Before pursuing her master's degree, Ayesha conducted market research within various professional marketing and advertising roles to strategically plan and optimize digital campaigns. Looking forward, she seeks to build on her expertise in the private sector to propel into the public sphere where she can make a real, reaching impact on issues that matter.



**Yashree Sharma**, Student, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy - University of Toronto

Yashree Sharma is a Global Affairs graduate from the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Minnesota. Most recently, she worked for Engineers Without Borders in the Policy and Advocacy team researching and writing policy briefs on the Loss and Damage fund, Public-private partnerships, and the increased need for transparency in the climate finance space. Fun fact – She grew up in Dubai, UAE, and can read and write in Arabic along with being fully fluent in English and Hindi. She aims to work as a policy analyst on sustainability and climate issues implementing policy changes that address these global challenges.



**Erin Jex (Moderator),** Acting Director, Programs and Operations

Erin Jex (she/her) is the Acting Director, Programs and Operations at the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children’s Health (CanWaCH). For the past 5 years’ she has worked extensively to support the coordination and implementation of CanWaCH’s GE projects, including supporting the development of programs to deliver gender transformative approaches to programming at both domestic and international levels. She has an M.A. in International Development with a specialization in Women’s Studies and a deep passion for advancing reproductive justice and comprehensive sexuality education for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. When she’s not working she is spending time outdoors with her wife, 3-year old daughter and giant dog.



**Jhoanna Gonzales Miners,** CEO & Principal Consultant, SEASONOVA

Jhoanna is the founder and CEO of SEASONOVA, a social enterprise based in Ottawa, Ontario. She started her career in the Canadian public service in 1999 and has since worked in the municipal, provincial, and federal governments. Jhoanna helped develop and launch Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) in 2010/2011 through the national network of Status of Women Ministers and Senior Officials. She is a GBA Plus and EDIA expert and practitioner in the public sector and civil society, specializing in research, evaluation, public engagement, and experiential learning.

In the past five years, Jhoanna has designed over 70 courses and facilitated 175 learning sessions for 3,650 learners in EDIA and GBA Plus including learners from the health sector. She has also led the development of numerous research and resources focused on supporting immigrant and racialized women in the Canadian labour force, addressing workplace sexual harassment in the mining industry, addressing barriers to the career progression of scientists from equity groups, and increasing women’s access to participate in the emerging space sector.

Jhoanna completed her MA in Public and International Affairs from the University of Ottawa, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Manitoba, and an Adult Education certificate from

	OISE, at the University of Toronto. She has lived in five Canadian provinces and three continents and continues to explore the world and cultures with her spouse and child.
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1:15 pm to 2:45pm: Gender responsive climate financing: Implications for global health

13 h 15 à 14 h 45: Financement climatique sensible au genre: implications pour la santé mondiale

	<p><b>David Schwartz</b>, Senior Advisor to CEO and Strategic Partnerships, Convergence Blended Finance</p> <p>David has over 20 years of experience developing partnerships that bring together the private sector, government, and civil society to help solve the world’s most challenging development problems. Prior to joining Convergence David was the Director of Donor Partnerships at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) - A Canadian Crown Corporation. While at IDRC, David helped build global partnerships that addressed issues such as food security, climate change adaptation, global health and social economic policy. He also managed a capacity building program that supported research institutions to improve their resource mobilization capacities. David began his career working at CIBC World Markets. David holds a Masters of Environmental Studies from York University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Western University.</p>
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**Brian Tomlinson, Executive Director, AidWatch Canada**

Brian Tomlinson is based in Nova Scotia, Canada. He is the Executive Director of AidWatch Canada, which focuses on issues related to Canadian and global aid priorities as well as global trends in the development effectiveness of civil society organizations (CSOs). Brian is an adjunct professor in the Department of International Development Studies at Dalhousie University. He facilitates several civil society Working Groups with the OECD Development Assistance Committee's CSO Reference Group focusing on issues relating to donor policies and practices for Official Development Assistance (ODA).

Brian has been working with international civil society organizations in international development since 1973. He retired in June 2011 as Senior Policy Analyst (Aid Policy) at the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC), the platform for Canadian CSOs in development cooperation, where he worked for 16 years.

He is widely published on Canadian and global international cooperation, with particular emphasis on issues related to trends in international assistance. He has written extensively on enabling conditions for civil society organizations as development actors. He follows closely and analyzes data on development cooperation and financing the SDGs through a new metric, Total Official Support for Sustainable Development. He produces a biannual global aid trends chapter for the Reality of Aid global report. He closely monitors and follows Canada's international climate finance for the CSO Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D).



**Elena Bagnera, Senior Climate Finance Analyst, Climate Policy Initiative**

Elena Bagnera is a Senior Analyst at CPI, based in Washington DC. Her work centers around international financial architecture reform through initiatives such as the [FiCS Lab](#), with a particular focus on how public financial institutions can mobilize private capital in emerging markets and developing economies. She has authored papers on the relationship between multilateral and national development banks and on how multilateral development banks can accelerate urban

climate finance. Elena also worked on the first Gender Equality stream of the [Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance](#) (the Lab), helping to mainstream gender considerations in the Lab. Prior to CPI, Elena worked as a consultant at the World Bank and at the Boston Consulting Group's Centre for Public Impact.



**Mukesh Chawla**, Former Adviser, Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank

Mukesh Chawla, PhD (Economics), has worked for over 30 years with governments and international development partners on health system reforms and pandemic preparedness and response. He has held senior positions at the World Bank, research faculty at Harvard University and key roles in the Indian Administrative Service in the Government of India. At the World Bank, he played a pivotal role helping low- and middle-income countries respond rapidly and effectively to the Covid-19 pandemic, and led the team helping countries prepare for the population-wide rollout of Covid-19 vaccines. Earlier, he championed the development of the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility at the World Bank, which leveraged private financing for responding to dangerous disease outbreaks. Dr. Chawla co-founded the International Working Group on Financing Preparedness and the International Vaccines Task Force, bringing together global agencies, academics, think-tanks, governments, and the private sector. The taskforces produced two flagship reports, "From Panic and Neglect to Investing in Health Security: Financing Pandemic Preparedness at a National Level" and "Money and Microbes," which present strong economic case for sustainable financing of pandemic preparedness and R&D capacities in low- and middle-income countries. He represented the World Bank on the Steering Group of the Global Health Security Agenda, a partnership of over 64 countries and international organizations to help strengthen countries' pandemic preparedness.





**Lindsay Glassco** (Moderator), President & CEO of Plan International Canada

Lindsay Glassco is a dynamic leader with over 30 years of experience developing and managing social policies and programs in diverse environments worldwide. Driven by a passion to make a meaningful contribution to sustainable development and social change, her work has spanned across sectors, including not-for-profit, government, the UN and the private sector.

With a strong interest in people and a desire to deepen her understanding of the common threads that bind us as global citizens, Lindsay's work has taken her around the world. Since beginning her international career teaching at a high school in rural Lesotho, she has lived and worked globally – visiting over 65 countries. Before joining Plan International Canada as president and CEO, Lindsay was based in Switzerland acting as Secretary General of CARE International. Prior to her time at CARE, she held executive roles, which included Director of International Cooperation and Development for the International Olympic Committee, President and CEO of Special Olympics Canada, and Global Director of Policy and Strategy for Right to Play International. Earlier in her career, Lindsay spent close to a decade working for the Government of Canada, including at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. She also worked as a food security consultant for UN organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization and UN Volunteers. For her contributions to society, Lindsay received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013, McGill's Distinguished Leader Award in 2023 and the Women of Influence+ Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024.

1:15 pm to 2:45pm: Measuring impact & (Re)Designing research

13 h 15 à 14 h 45: Mesurer l'impact et (re)concevoir la recherche



**Danielle Alakija**, Founder & CEO, The SOLI Group

Danielle Alakija is a barrister, multidisciplinary artist, Olympic athlete and the Founder & CEO The SOLI Group, an advocacy-based think tank and creative studio that operates at the intersection of community, culture and crisis. She is a member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, and has worked with the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, UK Young Artists and is a Goalkeeper Global Goals Ambassador for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Danielle has a multifaceted background, working across legal, humanitarian, communications and artistic spaces. Her work primarily focuses upon highlighting systemic inequalities between the Global North and South, as well as documenting the human effects of climate change on Global South populations.



**Kohima Daring**, Senior Country Director, World Renew Bangladesh

Kohima Daring has worked for World Renew for over 25 years and currently serves as the Senior Country Director, based in Bangladesh. Kohima, who is from the Garo ethnic community, has a B.A. Degree in History and M.A. in Sociology. Kohima has extensive experience in designing, piloting, strengthening, and scaling a community-led approach known as the People's Institution model which promotes leadership, gender equality, and sustainable transformational development at the community level.

Kohima is a contributing author to an article in the Christian Journal of Global Health on the implementation of a Very Young Adolescents Program. Under Kohima's leadership World Renew has implemented programming in Bangladesh and India that has included USAID Child Survival grants (2004-2014), a Global Affairs Canada the Muskoka Initiative grant (2011-2015), and a

Canadian Foodgrains Bank 6- year nutrition grant in Durgapur (2016-2021).



**Natacha Lecours**, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Natacha Lecours is a Senior Program Specialist for the Global Health Division of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). She joined IDRC in 2010, where she is managing a portfolio of funded research on non-communicable and infectious diseases prevention and on climate change and health. Her work is primarily focused in Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) and in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). She is passionate about policy-oriented research that sheds light on social norms, power imbalances, political economies, and governance processes, and how these affect development and human and planetary health. Natacha is particularly committed to supporting the vibrant and diverse low- and middle-income country research and thought leadership that is so needed to address the root causes of inequalities globally. She works relentlessly to bring unheard voices to the fore, wherever and whenever possible.



**Yaovi Mahuton Gildas Hounmanou**, Researcher

Gildas Hounmanou is a Researcher in Microbial Genomics, focusing on One-Health and the impact of climate change on disease transmission. He employs advanced omics techniques and Bioinformatics tools in his research. His current projects include using Machine Learning to analyze shotgun metagenomics data to better prepare for climate-sensitive waterborne epidemics like Vibrios, with a particular focus on gender correlations. Gildas earned his PhD in Molecular Microbiology from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, where he also serves as an Assistant Professor in Bioinformatics. He is currently a visiting fellow at the National Institutes of Health in the USA, working on epidemic strain tracking using shotgun Metagenomics. Additionally, he is a Lecturer-Researcher at the University of Abomey-Calavi in Benin, and he coordinates the CLARE-IDRC funded project "A stakeholder-inclusive, targeted early warning and response system for climate-sensitive waterborne disease outbreaks in Benin" (<https://www.idrc.ca/en/CLARE>). More

about his research can be found here: <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3991-0864>.



**Bart Dickinson (Moderator)**, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Bart Dickinson has been working in the international cooperation sector for 15 years, and has been the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) for the past nine years. Bart specializes in project management, applied social research, evaluation, and adaptive learning methodologies, and is the current co-Chair of the CanWaCH Metrics Working Group. Bart lives in Manotick, Ontario with his plants, bees, and fish.

1:15 pm to 2:45pm: Becoming a planetary health leader: Co-designing opportunities for action & impact through your organization

13 h 15 à 14 h 45: Devenir un leader de la santé planétaire : cocréer des possibilités d'action et d'impact au sein de votre organisation



**Tina Lines**, Advocacy and Policy Officer at the Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Tina has an MSc in Global Public Health, with more than three years of global health advocacy experience and 10 years of experience in international development; primarily supporting projects in education and health in countries in Africa and the Americas. Tina is a member of the Climate Change and Health Working Group, and a Board Member of the Canadian Association for Global Health.



**Maëlle Marchand**, Founder and Social Impact Strategist at Symbiocene Collective

Maëlle Marchand (she/her/elle) is the Founder and Social Impact Strategist at Symbiocene Collective. She has a MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Toronto and brings over five years of experience as a health innovation and implementation specialist. Through design and strategic thinking, she empowers researchers, practitioners, and communities to co-create responsible and sustainable innovations that support healthy people, places and the planet. Maëlle is committed to bridging research, policy, and practice across disciplines to drive evidence-informed planetary health action. She has been an active contributor of the Climate Change and Health Working Group with the Canadian Association for Global Health since 2021.





**Adetola Oladimeji**, Manager of Impact and Learning & Co-Coordinator, WGCCH, Stephen Lewis Foundation Climate Change and Health Working Group

Adetola Oladimeji is a Nigeria-trained medical doctor with diverse work experience in clinical medicine, international development, management consulting, digital health, and health systems research. She currently works as the Manager of Impact and Learning at the Stephen Lewis Foundation and also serves as Co-Chair for the Canadian Association for Global Health (CAGH) Climate Change and Health Working Group.



**Sara Marshall**, Business Development Manager, WaterAid Canada

Sara Marshall is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with over 15 years of professional experience in the health and international development sectors, managing and leading projects in Canada, Sub-Saharan Africa and southern Asia. Currently, she builds relations and partnerships as Business Development Manager for WaterAid Canada to develop strategic opportunities for funding of locally led, inclusive and sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Sara draws on her multi-disciplinary background to facilitate collaboration between practice, policy and research and between different sectors/disciplines to address social inequalities and health, and is a member of the [Canadian Association for Global Health \(CAGH\) Climate Change and Health Working Group](#).



3:00pm to 4:00pm: Plenary & Closing Remarks: Inter-generational action on climate, health and rights  
15 h à 16 h: Séance plénière et mot de la fin : Action intergénérationnelle sur le climat, la santé et les droits



**Sheila Watt-Cloutier**

Nobel Peace Prize-nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier is in the business of transforming public opinion into public policy. Experienced in working with global decision makers for over a decade, she offers a new model for 21st century leadership.

In 2007, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy work in showing the impact of global climate change on human rights — especially in the Arctic, where it is felt more immediately, and more dramatically, than anywhere else in the world. Watt-Cloutier is an Officer of the Order of Canada and the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award; the UN Champion of the Earth Award; the Norwegian Sophie Prize; and the Right Livelihood Award, which is widely considered the "Nobel Alternative."



**Dr. Chúk Odenigbo**

Proudly Franco-Albertan, Dr. Chúk Odenigbo (PhD) is passionate about how the environment impacts human health and the issue of justice in our understanding of how our societies work. As a result of his passion, Chúk is very active in the networks for change in Canada and internationally. His formal training includes the environment, chemistry, public health and medical geography. In his work, he focuses on environmental and climate justice, and outside of his work, he is involved on a number of councils, committees, conferences and movements to re-imagine and recreate our systems for the well-being of all beings – human and non-human. He has just started as Consulting Director of Evaluating Impact at the Tamarack Institute Learning Centre.