

## SPEAKERS

**Marina Carobbio**, *Marina Carobbio, Vice-President of the Swiss National Council and Co-President of AMCA*



Marina Carobbio is a general practitioner. She is vice-president of the Swiss Socialist Party and, as co-president of the Associazione Aiuto Medico al Centro America (AMCA) has an extensive experience on issues of economic cooperation and development.

Since 2007, she is a member of the National Parliament and currently serves as vice-president of the National Council. Beginning November 26, 2018, she will be president of the National Council for the 2018-2019 term. She serves on the Committee for social security and health and is a member of the Office of the National Council.

**Francisco Songane**, *Former Minister of Health of Mozambique, and Founding Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)*



Francisco F. Songane, former Minister of Health of Mozambique, has extensive involvement with the international community that has included serving as Executive Committee Member and Board Member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization. He was also a member of Task Force 4 of the UN Millennium Project (2002 – 2004), analysing the practicalities of achieving the goals related to maternal and child health, and a Member of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the International Vaccine Institute, and served in several Advisory Committees. He was the founding director of the Partnership of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health hosted at WHO, later Chair of the Forum 2012 on Research for Health organized by the Council on Health Research for Development, where he served as Senior Health Advisor. Further, he was UNICEF Representative in Angola from July 2013 to October 2016 where he was directly involved in the efforts to tackle a major yellow fever epidemic, the worst in the last decades that became a global public health threat.

Dr Songane trained as a medical doctor and obstetrician/ gynaecologist at the Eduardo Mondlane University and Maputo Central Hospital in Maputo, Mozambique as well as at St. James University Hospital in Leeds, England. He has a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University and Master of Science in Financial Economics from the University of London, England. He is married and has three children..

**Jacques Mader**, *SDC*



When I was young I wanted to be an astronaut, but the training in the centrifuge made me feel dizzy. So I decided to become a concert pianist, but I had a very imperfect pitch. Then I opted to become a Nobel Prize Winner, but I couldn't decide in what... After numerous other trials (and errors) I ended up in Global Health, and I'm passionate about it.

In fact, I no longer count the years I have been working in the health domain, and the many diverse positions.

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**Joel Heredia Cuevas, SADEC**



Joel Heredia Cuevas, a doctor, has been working in rural Chiapas for over 30 years. The organization SADEC, which he co-founded, has been working with the autonomous Zapatista governments since their beginning 24 years ago. Together with health promoters and traditional midwives, they guarantee the basic medical care of various communities. Over the years, Joel Heredia Cuevas has specialized in community health, right to health and maternal mortality.

**Ala Curteanu SDCs Healthy Life Project, Moldova**



Dr. Ala Curteanu is a Medical Doctor with a specialisation in paediatrics and neonatology and with a rich experience in public health and scientific research, as well as in project management, including senior project management positions for national institutions, bilateral cooperation and multilateral organizations, such as the UN.

Dr. Curteanu's areas of expertise include Health Systems reform, assessment of coverage and quality of mother and child health interventions, clinical audit and particularly regionalisation of services and referrals, Quality Management, CPG development and their local adaptation in local facility protocols (SOPs).

She is a recognised public health expert in the CIS region and contributed to regional progress through a number of teaching interventions and international consultancies.

In the period 2006-2014 she was the manager of the "Modernising Perinatal care in Moldova" project implemented by the Swiss TPH Institute. Currently she leads the Project Facilitation Unit of the „Healthy Life. Reducing the burden of noncommunicable diseases" Project (2016-2020) implemented by the SwissTPH

**Emanuele Capobianco, Director at International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies IFRC**



Emanuele Capobianco (@ecapobianco) is the Director of the Health and Care Department at the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). He leads a global team of health and wash experts to support 12 million volunteers in 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to build resilient communities, respond to health emergencies, and care for vulnerable individuals.

Emanuele brings to IFRC 20 years of experience in policy development and implementation of health programmes in low and middle-income countries with specific expertise in fragile settings, partnerships, maternal/child health and communicable diseases.

Emanuele has been Deputy Executive Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Senior Policy Advisor at the Global Fund, Chief of Health & Nutrition in UNICEF Mozambique, and Senior Health Specialist with the World Bank. He has a Medical Degree from Italy, an Erasmus Mundus' Master in International Humanitarian Action and a Master in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. He's married with three children.

**Jochen Ehmer, *SolidarMed***



Jochen Ehmer trained as general medical doctor in Germany and France and qualified in tropical medicine and epidemiology at LSHTM. He also holds a master's degree in humanitarian affairs (NOHA network). After a stint at the European Union Humanitarian Office in Brussels and some years working as general practitioner in Strasbourg, he moved to Mozambique to support health service development in Cabo Delgado Province. After his return to Switzerland, he worked in various functions for the NGO SolidarMed, where he now serves as executive director. His main interests are how to integrate research and programs, how to further develop the HIV/Tb response, and how to innovate health systems with focus on specifically vulnerable people. Jochen has 50 peer reviewed scientific contributions, amongst them 20 articles. He serves as guest lecturer at the Swiss TPH, is member of the French Board of Physicians, the Southern African Aids Society and the John Snow Society.

**Stefan Hofmann, *Kawazee Switzerland***



Stefan Hofmann is part of the founder team of Kwa Wazee. Since 2004 he has been a board member and the executive of Kwa Wazee Switzerland, which is also member of the HelpAge International Network. He has initiated and participated in various studies on older people, mainly based on the evidence from the Kwa Wazee programmes. Teacher and organisational developer by training, Stefan Hofmann has been involved in the setup and the management of various development or socio-cultural projects throughout his professional life..

**Thomas Schwarz, *Medicus Mundi International***



Thomas Schwarz is Executive Secretary of Medicus Mundi International – Network Health for All (MMI), a Network of organizations working in the field of international health cooperation and global health policy. MMI promotes access to health and health care as a fundamental human right (“Health for All”) and supports the efforts undertaken in this respect by its members. MMI is in official relations with the WHO and a member of various networks and partnerships including the People’s Health Movement and Beyond2015.

Thomas Schwarz is a Swiss national. He worked as director of the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland for 11 years (1996-2007). Thomas Schwarz is a dedicated civil society networker and global health advocate, focusing over the last years on issues such as global health governance and the WHO reform and political and economic determinants of health and health systems.

**Remco van de Pas, *Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp***



Dr. Remco van de Pas is an international public health specialist and global health scholar. He has a position as research fellow global health policy at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp and is the coordinator of the interdisciplinary Maastricht Centre for Global Health, Maastricht University. His PhD research (Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Maastricht University, submission in 2018) focuses on global governance of the health workforce.

He teaches at universities and in international courses on global health governance, diplomacy and foreign policy, with a special attention on health workforce development and migration, health system strengthening, social protection and health financing, the health impacts of globalization and health equity.

Remco is a board member of the Medicus Mundi International–Network Health for All!, a visiting research fellow at Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of International Relations and editorial board member of the academic journal *Globalization and Health*.

He worked as health policy adviser for Wemos, a public health foundation advocating for social justice and health equity and as medical coordinator for the NGO Médecins du Monde, of which the largest part in West-Papua, Indonesia. Remco practiced medicine in mental health services for refugees and migrants in Rotterdam

**Beat von Däniken, *Swiss Red Cross***



Mr. von Däniken is currently the Director for international cooperation of the Swiss Red Cross; born in 1965 in St. Gallen in Switzerland and is married. Until 2013 he used to be the Regional Director responsible for the Swiss Development and Cooperation (SDC) programme and activities in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq based in Amman.

During his career, he acted as Deputy of the Swiss Delegate for Humanitarian Aid and Chief of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit. He was the Chief of Staff for the Humanitarian Aid Domain at the headquarters of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SDC).

Before 2008, he conducted several missions for the SDC in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Moldavia, Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic. From 1994 to 1996 he was a Delegate for the ICRC in mission in Burundi and Afghanistan.

Beat von Däniken holds a Master degree in Geography

**Gabriela Wichser, *terres des hommes schweiz***



Gabriela Wichser is head of programme and member of the management team of *terre des hommes schweiz*. She has 10 years' experience in international development cooperation with a focus on youth, gender and social inclusion and a strong background in the Southern African region. She has a lic.rer.soc in Gesellschaftswissenschaften (University of Fribourg).



**Kate Molesworth, *Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Moderation***



Kate Molesworth, PhD, is Reproductive Health and Social Development Adviser of the Swiss Centre for International Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. She has 25 years' experience in integrative development with a special focus on health, gender, social inclusion and livelihoods, both in the development and humanitarian contexts. During this time she has lived and worked in Nepal, and provided technical support in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, China, Fiji, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Albania, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Côte D'Ivoire, Ghana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Lesotho, Sudan, Colombia, Panama and Mexico. Since 2011, she has led the health promotion component of the Health Promotion and System Strengthening project in Dodoma, Tanzania, piloting systematic approaches to participatory health promotion and community action for health. She is also currently Project Leader of the Swiss TPH Backstopping Mandate to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

**Martin Leschhorn Strebel, *Medicus Mundi Switzerland, Moderation***



Martin Leschhorn Strebel is the Director of the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland, which unites around 50 Swiss Organisations working in the field of international health cooperation and global health.