



Director-General's announcement of the new departmental Directors at HQ

(1st July 2025)

Dear Colleagues,

Following the announcement of the new organizational structure for the departments in headquarters and as part of the second phase of the prioritization and realignment exercise initiated after the appointment of the ADsG, I am pleased to confirm the appointment of the following directors:

Director-General's Office

- **Director, Polio Eradication**

Dr Jamal Abdirahman Ahmed

- **Director, Ethics, Risk, and Due Diligence and Non-State Actors**

Mr Andreas Horst Mlitzke

- **Legal Counsel**

Mr Derek Antony Ruffel Walton

- **Director, Partnerships, Resource Mobilization, Envoy for Multilateral Affairs**

Dr Gaudenz Ulrich Silberschmidt

- **Director, Gender Equality, Human Rights, Health Equity, and Prevention of and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**

Ms Alia El-Yassir

Business Operations and Compliance

- **Director, Planning, Budget, Grant Management**

Mr Imre Hollo

- **Director, Human Resources (Career and Performance Management, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)**

Mr Patrick Taraz Nicollier

- **Director, Information Management and Technology**

Mr Biswamber Lal Gurubacharya

- **Director, Supply Chain (Global Service Center)**

Ms Angela Elizabeth Doherty-Kastner

- **Director, Occupational Health and Safety (Operational Support and Services, Security and Staff Health and Wellbeing Services)**

Mr Hatem Adel El Khodary

- **Director, Business Management System (BMS) (PROJECT)**

Ms Lorraine D. Pablo-Ugale

Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Control

- **Director, Nutrition and Food Safety**

Dr Luz Maria De Regil

- **Director, Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals**

Dr Katherine Louise O'Brien

- **Director, Health Promotion, Social Determinants**

Dr Etienne G.G. Krug

- **Director, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health; Aging, Sexual and Reproductive Health; Human Reproduction Programme**

Dr Pascale Adukwei Allotey

- **Director, HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Dr Tereza Kasaeva

Health Systems

- **Director, Prequalification and Regulation of Medicines and Health Products**

Dr Rogerio Paulo Pinto De Sa Gaspar

- **Director, Policy and Standards for Medicines and Health Products**

Mr Deusdedit Mubangizi

- **Director, Data and Analytics, Digital Health, and Delivery for Impact**

Dr Alain Bernard Labrique

- **Director, Antimicrobial Resistance**

Dr Yvan J.-F. Hutin

- **Director, Governance, Financing, Economics, Primary Healthcare, Universal Health Coverage-hub**

Dr Kalypso Chalkidou

Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

- **Director, Humanitarian and Disaster Management**

Mr Altaf Sadrudin Musani

- **Director, Pandemic and Epidemic Management**

Dr Nedret Emiroglu

- **Director, Health Emergency Preparedness**

Dr Stella Chungong

- **Director, Health Emergency Intelligence and Surveillance (Berlin)**

Dr Oliver William Colville Morgan

- **Director, Health Emergency Alert and Response Operations**

Dr Abdirahman Sheikh Mahamud

Chief Scientist

- **Director, Science, Research, Evidence and Quality for Health**

Dr Meg Caroline Doherty

The following Director positions remain vacant at this stage, with the current transitional arrangements:

Director-General's Office

- **Director, Internal Oversight Services/Evaluation**

Ms Malika Parent-Aïd- Mohamed (Acting)

- **Director, Governing Bodies**

Ms Sigrid Kranawetter (Acting)

- **Director, Communications**

Ms Gabriella Stern

followed by Dr Gaya Manori Gamhewage (Acting)

Business Operations and Compliance

- **Director, Financial Management**

Mr Sushil Kumar Rathi (Acting)

Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Control

- **Director, Environmental Health (Environment, Urban Health, Climate, Migration, One Health)**

Dr Maria Purificacion Neira

followed by Dr Ruediger Krech (Acting)

- **Director, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health**

Ms Devora Lillia Kestel (Acting)

- **Director, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases**

Dr Daniel Ngamije Madandi (Acting)

Health Systems

- **Director, Global Centre for Traditional Medicine**

Dr Shyama Kuruvilla (Acting)

- **Director, WHO Academy, Health Workforce and Nursing**

Dr David Olivier Christophe Atchoarena

As we move into the next stage, each ADG and the newly appointed director will finalize the names for the division and departments. They will also lead the next phase of the restructuring over the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience as we navigate these challenging times. We recognize the impact this situation is having on each of you, and we sincerely appreciate your continued understanding and support.

Best regards,

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