Testimonials

“We have our future in our hands. Choices we make over the coming months and years will determine the future.”
Dr. William Kaaya, Executive Vice President for Health and Policy, Ecwid Health Alliance

“It is healthy for the World Health Organization to be listening to diverse views and opinions.”
Dr. Israel Mfalme, Assistant Director-General, WHO Health-Emergency Programmes

“This foresight initiative is about shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach in addressing infectious threats.”
Dr. John A. Atkinson, Director, Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Response, WHO

“Foresight is a really powerful tool to bring people together, to look at different options, and for societies to pick the way forward that they would like to see happen.”
Dr. William Kaaya, Executive Vice President for Health and Policy, Ecwid Health Alliance

“This is more realistic than previous approaches.”
Dr. Nick Bingham, CEO, Pandemic Prevention Initiative & Senior Vice President, Pandemic Prevention & Response, The Rockefeller Foundation

“In the future, we are going to see more complex epidemics. COVID-19 is a symptom of the drivers we will live with throughout the 21st century.”
Mr. Jeremy Faull, Director, Wellcome Trust

“Vaccine nationalism cannot happen again. We need to turn this into a political commitment.”
Dr.itchen Gailey, Chair of Global Public Health Strategy, The Rockefeller Foundation

“Right now, public health is in trouble because it tries to depoliticize itself as a discipline but every decision about the use of public resources is political. Public health is one of the most political disciplines around.”
Dr. David Nabarro, Senior Special Envoy of WHO, Director-General for COVID-19

“In the context of worldwide contagion, the biggest contagion may in fact be misinformation as it prevents us from being able to make the right interventions and from working together.”
Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO, the Vaccine Alliance

“It is important to involve young people in the scenario thinking.”
Mr. Reuben Ochola, Head of the Executive MC Department of Kinesiology

“We need to convince politicians that their interest lies in people and the planet first – tackling problems with global inequality – class, race, gender, or we won’t survive as a species.”
Mr. Gleen Fakie, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

“Epidemics begin and end in communities.”
Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme

“We must leverage more of the youth and their connectivity.”
Mr. Nonso Nwogha, Co-founder, Bells and Whistles International Youth Committee

“The pandemic is politically exploited.”
Mr. Rebecca Alibanda, Chairperson, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

“Distrust comes when people don’t know what you are doing.”
Mr. Alain Wani, MP, Honorary Commissioner for Health of Lagos State

“Collaborative public-private partnerships are a critical tool to push the world towards the best-case scenario.”
Mr. Alvin Ntim, Vice President of Public Policy, Liberty Healthcare, Inc., Managing Director, Liberty Healthcare Cares Foundation

“We will leverage sharing to bring us to the worst case scenario.”
Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme

“Faith leaders have influence and can raise awareness. They can help people connect with their governments.”
Mr. Michael Muhoozi, Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Chair, Council of President, Inter-religious Council of Uganda

“Rather than returning to a pre-COVID era, we need to focus on building mature sustainable cities and strong societies.”
Mr. Shigeki Iwata, Governor of Tokyo

“We need a paradigm shift; from managing disasters, to managing risks.”
Mr. Ricardo Mena, Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

“Government commitments are extremely important.”
Mr. David Hayes, President, Public Health and Infectious Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

“When it comes to the relationship between mental health and pandemics, we are all in this together. Different groups are impacted differently. We need to be more proactive about mental health.”
Dr. Steven Taylor, Professor and Clinical Psychologist, University of British Columbia

“In order for resources to continue to scale, get ahead of shortages, and keep systems warm, a surveillance base is critical.”
Mr. Nasci Joia, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

“I have been most impressed by the solidarity expressed by the African countries in the integration of public health efforts.”
Mr. Michael Sharp, CEO, Foundation for Public Health Innovations (FPHI)

“The four scenarios are all plausible. They are not predictions. Rather, they are invitations for achieving cross-sector, strategic dialogue.”
Mr. John Nkengasong, Head of Innovation, Centre for Disease Control, Nigeria

“The foresight journey will stimulate our creativity and cross-pollinate our ideas into reality.”
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