Panellists Bios and Pictures

Roundtable 1:

Dr. Renz Argao:



Coordinator, Religions for Peace International Youth Committee and President and CEO of Argao Health

Dr. Renz Argao is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Argao Health Inc. He is a registered psychologist and psychometrician. An internationally-certified expert in psychotrauma, he is one of the handful of Filipinos who hold the status of Diplomate of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Renz is a peace activist and is engaged in faith-based diplomacy and development work through Religions for Peace (RfP). Dr. Argao is the Coordinator (Chair) of the International Youth Committee of Religions for Peace, where he also serves as a Member of the World Council of Religious Leaders and of the International Executive Committee. He is also the Deputy Secretary General of RfP Philippines. In addition, he has organized multi-faith actions on youth empowerment, environmental protection, humanitarian response, and diversity and inclusivity.

Bridging his profession as a psychologist and his peace advocacy work, he has also led and managed a portfolio of projects and programs on psychosocial rehabilitation of communities affected by the armed

conflicts in the Central Mindanao region and the communities affected by typhoons and natural disasters. His project portfolio also includes capacity-building programs and psychosocial support services for community volunteers, youth, military, local government units, civil society, and religious leaders. He has worked with various companies, schools, and institutions to deliver psychological services to employees and students, develop mental health policies in the workplace, and conduct mental health programs for various organizations.

He earned his Doctor of Philosophy major in Clinical Psychology degree, magna cum laude, at the University of Santo Tomas, where he also finished his Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology degree, magna cum laude.

Andrea Hinwood:



Chief Scientist of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr Andrea Hinwood serves as the Chief Scientist of the United Nations Environment Programme. She is an environmental scientist with expertise in environmental exposures and impacts on human health. Dr. Andrea Hinwood (B.Sc., M.AppSc., PhD) earned a PhD in environmental epidemiology from the Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Prior to this role, Andrea served as the first Chief Environmental Scientist at the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in Victoria, Australia. Dr. Hinwood was previously an Associate Professor at Edith Cowan University in Western Australia and held appointments as a member and Deputy Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia and also a sessional member of the State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia. Dr. Hinwood's career has included providing strategic advice to the government on a wide variety of environmental matters, including ozone-depleting substances, air quality, fire, and smoke.

Mandipa B. Ndlovu:



Governance researcher and development policy analyst, doctoral researcher at University of Leiden, and visiting researcher at University of Edinburgh

Mandipa is a governance researcher and development policy analyst whose research and consultancy experience extends to working with governments, think tanks, intergovernmental organizations, and academia. Currently, Mandipa is a doctoral researcher at Leiden University and a visiting researcher at the University of Edinburgh. Her research is focussed on urban governance in Africa and its developmental futures. Her broader research interests and publication record cover civil-military relations, sustainable economic development, trauma and memory, post-conflict justice, and gender equity. Mandipa is also a Mo Ibrahim Scholar alumna who holds a MSc in Violence, Conflict, and Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and a MPhil in Justice and Transformation from the University of Cape Town (UCT).

Alice Roberts:



Professor of Public Engagement in Science, Anatomist and Anthropologist, Author and Broadcaster

Professor Alice Roberts is a biological anthropologist, author, and broadcaster. Having originally studied and practiced medicine, she became a university lecturer, teaching clinical anatomy and researching biological anthropology. She is especially interested in the intersection between biology, archaeology, and history and the interaction between humans and the environment through time.

She is passionate about public engagement with university research and teaching and has been Professor of Public Engagement in Science at the University of Birmingham for ten years. She has written, "If scientists, and academics more generally, don't engage with the public in meaningful ways, they are very unlikely to be trusted".

Alice has presented over a hundred television programmes, on subjects ranging from human health and biology to archaeology and history. In addition, she has presented a range of landmark BBC series, including *The Incredible Human Journey*, *Origins of Us*, *Prehistoric Autopsy* and the long-running *Digging for Britain* and several *Horizon* programmes. She also presents *Britain's Most Historic Towns* on Channel 4.

Alice has written ten popular science books, including *The Incredible Human Journey*, *Evolution: The Human Story*, *The Incredible Unlikeliness of Being*, *Tamed: Ten species that changed our world*, and here most recent, *Ancestors: The Prehistory of Britain in Seven Burials.* Alice has presented many radio programmes, including the environment strand *Costing the Earth* on Radio 4, and her own ten-part series about the history of anatomy: *Bodies*.

Alice has regularly chaired the Independent Sage Friday briefings online throughout the pandemic.

In 2020, Alice Roberts was awarded the Royal Society's first David Attenborough Prize for Public Engagement.

Dr Michael Ryan:

Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme



Dr Mike Ryan has been at the forefront of managing acute risks to global health for nearly 25 years. He served as Assistant Director-General for Emergency Preparedness and Response in WHO's Health Emergencies Programme from 2017 to 2019.

Dr Ryan first joined WHO in 1996, with the newly established unit to respond to emerging and epidemic disease threats. He has worked in conflict affected countries and led many responses to high impact epidemics. He is a founding member of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), which has aided the response to hundreds of disease outbreaks around the world. He served as Coordinator of Epidemic Response (2000-2003), Operational Coordinator of WHO's response to the SARS outbreak (2003), and as WHO's Director of Global Alert and Response (2005-2011).

He was a Senior Advisor on Polio Eradication for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative from 2013 to 2017, deploying to countries in the Middle East.
He completed medical training at the National University of Ireland, Galway, a Master's in Public Health at University College Dublin, and specialist training in communicable disease control at the Health Protection Agency in London and the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training.

Owen Tudor



Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

He was recruited off a union picket line to work for the TUC in 1984 working on youth, training, disability and social insurance issues before taking over health and safety, disability and industrial injury compensation in the mid-1990s. Owen has founded the TUC's weekly bulletin for safety representatives, Risks. He has represented the TUC on the tripartite Industrial Injuries Advisory Council and Health and Safety Commission, the Social Security Advisory Committee and the Civil Justice Council, of which he was a founding member. He sat on the board of the European Agency for Safety and Health in Bilbao and on the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health in Luxembourg.

In 2004 he became a member of the TUC senior management team as head of the European Union and International Relations Department, covering international solidarity, trade and migration policy, labour standards and global supply chains as well as Brexit. He has been a Director of the Ethical Trading Initiative, and was an alternate member of the ETUC and ITUC governing bodies. He is a former director of the Occupational and Environmental Diseases Association, Trustee of the British Occupational Health Research Foundation and the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID), as well as the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. He is a member of the UK Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, the Advisory Council of the Foreign Policy Centre and the Politics without Borders Advisory Board.

He was elected as Deputy General Secretary of the ITUC in December 2018.

Roundtable 2:

Professor Akin Abayomi



Honorable Commissioner for Health of Lagos State, Nigeria

Professor Akin Abayomi is a specialist in internal medicine, haematology-oncology, biosecurity and environmental health. He received his first degree in Medicine at the Royal Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital at the University of London, with fellowship from both Royal College of Medicine and Pathology in the United Kingdom and the College of Medicine of South Africa.

His focus has been mainly on the concept of emerging infectious diseases and the development of diagnostic and clinical capacity in Africa.

Professor Abayomi was Chief Pathologist and Head of the Division of Haematology at the University of Stellenbosch's Faculty of Medicine Science in 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to that, he was a consultant at the University of West Indies and the University of Zimbabwe. He has been exposed to a vast variety of geographical variations and disease patterns within the field of internal medicine, having worked in diverse countries of the world. Professor Abayomi is a fellow of the African Academy of Science.

Professor Abayomi is the Founder of the Global Emerging Pathogen Consortium also known as GET, which was entrenched at the peak of the Ebola outbreak to address Biosecurity concerns in Africa. He is a member of the Board and Honorary Professor to the Center for Biosecurity Studies at the University of the West Indies in Barbados as well as a Professor of Medicine at the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research in Lagos, Nigeria.

He is a consultant to the West Africa Health Organisation (WAHO) Biosecurity and Biobanking framework to service the ECOWAS member. Professor Akin Abayomi is now the Honourable Commissioner for Health in Lagos State, Nigeria, under the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

Dr. Bruce Gellin



Chief of Global Public Health Strategy of The Rockefeller Foundation

Bruce Gellin, MD, MPH, is the Chief of Global Public Health Strategy at The Rockefeller Foundation. In this role, he leads the Global Vaccination Initiative to improve equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines and serves as a key member of the Foundation's pandemic prevention Institute that aims to avert future pandemics by identifying and responding to the earliest alerts of a disease outbreak.

Dr. Gellin has held numerous positions leading and advising on global immunization, strategic policy development, and pandemic preparedness and response at national, multinational, non-governmental, and institutional organizations and entities including the Sabin Vaccine Institute, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), World Health Organization (WHO), National Network for Immunization Information, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Dr. Gellin is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (Morehead Scholar), Cornell University Medical College, and the Columbia University School of Public Health. He has written extensively about public health aspects of infectious diseases in medical and non-medical texts and the peer-reviewed medical literature and also served as a medical advisor to Encyclopedia Britannica.

His Grace Dr Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu



Archbishop, Province of the Church of Uganda

The Most Rev. Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu was elected 9th Archbishop of the Church of Uganda on 28th August 2019 and was enthroned as Archbishop on 1st March 2020 in St. Paul's Cathedral, Namirembe, Kampala. Archbishop Kaziimba was consecrated Bishop on 26th October 2008 and served as the Bishop of Mityana Diocese for almost eleven years.

Archbishop Kaziimba did his diploma and undergraduate degree in theology from Uganda Christian University, Mukono, and received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan (USA).

At the time of his election, in addition to his responsibilities as a diocesan Bishop, Archbishop Kaziimba had served as the Chairman of the Provincial Board of Household and Community Transformation, as well as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Ndejje University, Chair of the Committee for HIV and Public Health for the Interreligious Council of Uganda, and Chair of Words of Hope Uganda Radio Ministry.

About his calling, Archbishop Kaziimba says, "Since I have known Christ, I want Him to be known by word and life in the power of the Holy Spirit." He has a passion for empowering others and developing the church, a subject he has written about in his 2015 book, 'Empowering the Laity', published by Words of Hope, Grand Rapids, Michigan (USA).

Ricardo Mena:



Director of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Ricardo Mena has served in the United Nations system since 1993, occupying positions in the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs (UNDHA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Department of Management and with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). In 2009, Mr. Mena joined UNDRR as head of its Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean based in Panama. In 2017, he took on the position of UNDRR Chief of Branch in charge of Supporting and Monitoring the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction based in Geneva. He served as Director ad interim of the organization from December 2019 to May 2020 and was appointed as Director on 1 June 2020.

Mr. Mena has ample experience in all the facets of disaster risk reduction and its links with sustainable development, climate change and humanitarian crisis. He led 16 UN disaster relief missions, worked extensively in disaster preparedness and recovery, coordinated the implementation of national disaster mitigation projects in various countries and led the formulation of a preparatory assistance for the development of a disaster mitigation strategy for Latin America. He led the establishment of the Business Continuity Management Unit at the UN Headquarters and oversaw the implementation of the corporate Avian Flu Preparedness Plan in New York and offices away from Headquarters. Prior to his engagement with the United Nations, Mr. Mena held managerial positions in the private sector in Ecuador and worked with the organization Partners of the Americas as Deputy Director of an emergency preparedness program for Ecuador and neighbouring countries. Mr. Mena holds a master's degree in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom.

Allison Neale:



Allison Neale, Vice President, Public Policy, Henry Schein, Inc.

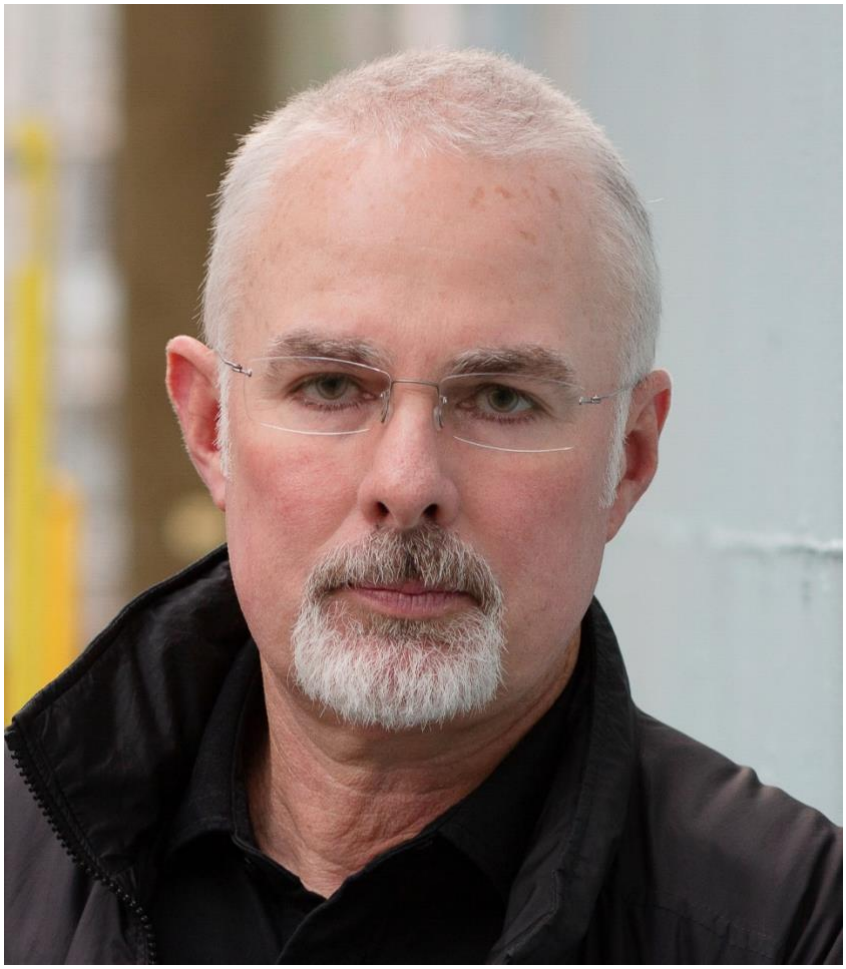
Allison has worked in global health, corporate social responsibility and human rights for more than two decades. As Vice President of Public Policy, Allison leads Henry Schein's public policy and public health engagement by partnering with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and industry groups.

Allison co-directs Henry Schein's engagement as private sector lead of the Pandemic Supply Chain Network, a partnership founded in 2015 to strengthen the healthcare supply chain and includes the WHO, other intergovernmental organizations and 60 companies. Allison leads Henry Schein's engagement in private sector global health initiatives, including: Global Health Security Agenda Private Sector Roundtable (where she serves as Advocacy Chairwoman), CDC Corporate Roundtable, HHS Supply Chain Taskforce Steering Committee and engagements with the World Economic Forum.

Allison serves as Chairwoman of the Gold Foundation Corporate Council and leads the company's engagement with the UN Global Humanitarian Action Executive Alliance. She co-founded the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivor Oral Health Program, which has provided free care to 1,800 survivors in need.

Allison received her Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, where she was awarded the Pforzheimer Fellowship and met her husband Chris. They live in NYC with their daughter and son.

Steven Taylor:



Clinical Psychologist at the University of British Columbia

Steven Taylor is a Professor and Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Taylor's work focuses on anxiety disorders and on the psychology of pandemics. He has authored over 300 scientific publications and more than 20 books, which have been translated into many languages. His most recent book, published a few weeks before the outbreak of COVID-19, is 'The psychology of pandemics: Preparing for the next global outbreak of infectious disease'. Dr. Taylor is a member of the Canadian federal government's expert panel on COVID-19.

Dr Renee Wegrzyn



Vice President of Business Development at Ginkgo Bioworks

Dr. Renee Wegrzyn is a Vice President of Business Development at Ginkgo Bioworks where she is currently focused on applying synthetic biology to outpace infectious disease – including COVID-19 – through biomanufacturing, vaccine, and diagnostic/biosurveillance innovation. Prior to Ginkgo, she was Program Manager in the Biological Technologies Office (BTO) of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), where she leveraged the tools of synthetic biology and gene editing to enhance biosecurity, support the domestic bioeconomy, and thwart biothreats. Her DARPA portfolio included the Living Foundries: 1000 Molecules, Safe Genes, Preemptive Expression of Protective Alleles and Response Elements (PREPARE) and Detect it with Gene Editing (DIGET) programs. Renee currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Boards for the National Academies of Science Board on Army Research and Development, Revive & Restore, Air Force Research Labs, Nuclear Threat Initiative, and the Innovative Genomics Institute. Prior to joining DARPA as a PM, she led teams in the private industry in the areas of biosecurity, gene therapies, emerging infectious disease, neuromodulation, synthetic biology, and diagnostics. Renee holds a PhD and BS in Applied Biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology, was a Fellow in the Center for Health Security Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative (ELBI), and completed her postdoctoral training as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow in Heidelberg, Germany.