

## Speakers' bio

A framework for monitoring and evaluating progress of the road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030

### Webinar

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#### **Dr Julie Jacobson**

Julie Jacobson is a family practice physician. Trained in clinical tropical medicine and applied epidemiology, Dr Jacobson spent more than 20 years with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation priority NTD programme. After the 2012 London Declaration, she founded Uniting to Combat NTDs to support the achievement of WHO's first NTD road map targets. Dr Jacobson has also worked at PATH and, as part of a small team dedicated to ensuring access to vaccines in the developing world, supported the start-up of Gavi and the Vaccine Fund. At the US CDC, she helped inform and design natural disaster relief responses including health, sanitation, and food security.



#### **Dr Mwelecele Ntuli Malecela**

Mwele Malecela is WHO's Director for Neglected Tropical Diseases. She moved to the Organization's headquarters in Geneva from the Regional Office for Africa, where she held the position of director in the Office of the Regional Director. A Tanzanian national, she previously served as the Director General of the National Institute for Medical Research and as founding Director of the Tanzania Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Programme.



### **Dr Somnath Chatterji**

Somnath Chatterji is Senior Adviser, WHO Division of Data, Analytics and Delivery for Impact. He recently acted as Director, Department of Data and Analytics. Over the last two decades, Dr Chatterji has worked notably in the area of surveys, measurement and analysis. He currently leads WHO's World Mental Health surveys on the epidemiology of mental disorders in 30 countries. Dr Chatterji has coordinated several studies on health, well-being, burden of diseases and most recently on the impact of COVID-19 on mortality and universal health coverage.



### **Dr Meritxell Donadeu**

Meritxell Donadeu is a veterinarian and specializes in the interface between animal and public health and development. She has worked both in commercial and not-for-profit sectors and served as Director of Operations for a not-for-profit organization that deals with vaccines, medicines and diagnostics for livestock diseases. She is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne and works as an independent consultant with many organizations including PATH, OIE, IDRC, FAO, SEBI and WHO.



### **Dr Patrick Lammie**

Patrick Lammie is Director of the NTD Support Center where he provides technical guidance and strategic oversight to the Center's operational research projects. Dr Lammie formerly served as Team Leader in the Disease Elimination and Control Group in the Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria at the US CDC for more than 20 years. Dr. Lammie is the current Chair of WHO's Diagnostic Technical Advisory Group.



### **Dr Lusine Paronyan**

Lusine Paronyan is an infectious diseases epidemiologist and currently leads the Department of Zoonotic and Parasitic diseases at the Centre for Disease Control, Ministry of Health in Armenia. Dr Paronyan's responsibilities involve epidemiological data analysis and the evaluation and monitoring of epidemiological safety at national level.

Her work includes conducting reports, analyzes, releases and the development and implementation of national policies, regulations, methodological documents in general epidemiology for the control and prevention of zoonoses & vector-borne diseases, including neglected tropical diseases.



### **Dr Didik Budijanto**

Didik Budijanto is Director, Vector Borne and Zoonotic Diseases Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health, Indonesia. Prior to joining the ministry in August 2020, Dr Budijanto led the Data and Information unit of the Ministry of Health. He completed both his master and PhD at Airlangga University in Surabaya and studied epidemiology and biostatistics in the Netherlands.



### **Ms Wita Larasati**

Wita Larasati is the Senior M&E Specialist at ACT to End NTD | EAST project managed by RTI International. She joined RTI in 2013, when the project was known as ENVISION. Ms Larasati studied biology and has a post-graduation in public health from University of Indonesia. She is responsible for organizing data on lymphatic filariasis and coordinates MDA coverage

surveys. She works closely with the Ministry of Health on filariasis and intestinal worms. Ms Larasati has provided technical expertise and supervised several.



### **Dr Adam Mama Djima**

Adam Mama Djima is the Head for M&E at the NTD programme in the Ministry of Health, Côte d'Ivoire. Since 2018, he has been managing data and coordinating country support for the Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ESPEN). Dr Djima holds a PhD in Medicine.



### **Dr Virginie Ettiègne-Traoré**

Virginie Ettiègne-Traore is the representative of FHI360 in Côte d'Ivoire. FHI360 is an international nonprofit organization that aims to improve the health and well-being of people. Dr Ettiègne-Traoré is also the Project Manager of ACT to End | WEST since 2018. She served as Director of Côte d'Ivoire's National HIV and AIDS Care and Treatment Programme -a position that provided her with opportunities to work closely with government ministries and stakeholders.



### **Dr Yvan J-F Hutin**

Yvan J-F. Hutin is Director, Department of Universal Health Coverage, Communicable Diseases, WHO EMRO. Dr Hutin has worked in several countries. At WHO, he initiated several projects such as the Safe Injection Global Network project, supported the Field Epidemiology Training Programme in India, and was the co-manager of the GAVI China project on hepatitis B vaccine introduction and injection safety and coordinated strategic information at the Global Hepatitis Programme. Dr Hutin has co-authored more than 120 publications in peer reviewed journals.



### **Dr Benido Impouma**

Benido Impouma is Director, Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Non-communicable diseases in WHO's Regional Office for Africa. Dr Impouma has vast experience in the coordination of policies, strategies and plans on health emergencies information management in the WHO African region. He has also worked in the design, development and implementation of data and information management systems aimed at facilitating early detection and effective response to threats arising from epidemic and pandemic prone diseases as well as other health emergencies. His area of interest includes solutions for rapid transfer, analysis, visualization and dissemination of data for better public health decision making.