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Biographies (max 150 words)



Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu: Chief Nursing Officer, WHO-tuipulotua@who.int

The first female Minister for Health for the Kingdom of Tonga from 2019 to 2021 and led the response to the measles outbreak and the COVID-19 pandemic in Tonga without deaths, during her leadership. Prior to this she was the national Chief Nursing Officer. Her PhD work informed Tonga's National Professional Standards for the Registered Nurse, mandated by Act in 2021. Amelia received the Knight Grand Cross: Royal Order of the Crown of the Kingdom of Tonga from His Majesty King Tupou VI in 2021. She is committed to supporting the globe's largest health care professions— nurses - to transform health system, promote health and well-being, and serve the vulnerable.



Prof Rowaida Al-Maaitah (Jordan)

Board member of WHO Global Community of Practice, President of the Board of Trustees at Yarmouk University, Advisor for HRH Princess Muna EL Hussein for Health and Social Development, vice president of the of the board of the Health Care Accreditation Council, board member of Jordanian Nursing Council, Commissioner at the WHO Global Commission on Social Determinants of Health/Geneva and Professor at the college of Nursing/Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).

Al-Maaitah has held numerous political and academic key positions including: Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, President of the Hashemite University, Senator in the Upper House of the Jordanian Parliament, Minister of State for Government Performance, Minister of Social Development, Director General of King Abdullah University teaching Hospital, former dean of college of Nursing/JUST, and founder and former director of the WHO collaboration centre of excellence at JUST.

Al Maaitah completed BSc. /Nursing from University of Jordan, Master and Doctoral Degrees in Public Health from Tulane University/USA, post-doctoral fellowship in Health Administration/Louisiana State University and completed different Senior Executive Education Programs in leadership and power at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Al-Maaitah is an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing at the Royal College of Surgeons/Ireland and Recipient of Abdul Hameed Shoman Medical Sciences Award for Young Arab Scientists.



Prof Nancy Reynolds (USA) - "Process for evaluating GNMCoP"

Prof NANCY R REYNOLDS, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a professor and the Associate Dean of Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She is the Director of the Center for Global Initiatives; Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Information, Knowledge and Management; Vice Chair of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health (CUGH) and Chair of the CUGH Workforce Capacity Building Committee. She is a member of the Steering

Committee for the WHO Global Community of Practice for Nursing and Midwifery. She is the former Secretary General of Global Network of the WHO Collaborating Centers of Nursing and Midwifery and was a member of the Steering Committee of the inaugural WHO State of the World's Nursing Report. She has over 25 years of continuous NIH funding. She was inducted in the Sigma International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in 2018.



Dr Susan Kent (WHO)

Dr. Susan Kent is WHO Consultant to the Office of the Chief Nurse. She is engaged in the office as the lead on the Nursing and Midwifery Global Community of Practice (NMGCoP) & Basic Emergency Care (BEC) 25 Campaign. She holds a position as Associate Professor, Nursing, Midwifery and Public & Community Health, Dublin City University, Ireland. Previous positions include Assistant National Director (2018 – 2021): Change Capacity, Service Redesign and Supporting the Implementation of the Sláintecare Strategy (HSE); Deputy Chief Nursing Officer (DCNO), Department of Health 2014-2018, with responsibility for Women's Health, Child Health and Welfare and Primary Care Services. She has led on many national initiatives and projects for service redesign and improvement of patient care and safety. Her current role has seen her lead the development of a new and innovative master's programme that elevates the professional knowledge of nursing and midwifery to offer a Sláintecare response to the needs of the Irish population. She is a visiting Professor to services and universities in China and Italy.



Ms Annree Wogan (Australia)

Annree is a leadership consultant, and an executive and team performance coach for clients in the healthcare sector. She is an expert in organisational leadership, collaborative engagement excellence, and interpersonal communication. She has worked successfully in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years, in a variety of positions with extensive experience in marketing, sales and medical affairs. She is passionate about unlocking the potential of people and optimising team health and performance. She forms long-term strategic partnerships with healthcare leaders to help them, their team and organisation win. She aligns her success with the KPIs that her clients are tasked to deliver.

Annree is an inspirational communicator. She gives herself fully when delivering leadership keynotes and masterclasses to ensure that every person in the audience leaves with practical leadership tools that they can immediately apply to their everyday life, both personally and professionally.

Annree is Vice-Chair of the Board of Myeloma Australia, a for-purpose organisation that provides services, resources and events for people affected by multiple myeloma. She is an Industry Mentoring Network in STEM (IMNIS) Mentor, educating our next generation of STEM professionals.

She holds a Bachelor of Science (Genetics) from Trinity College Dublin, a Diploma in Marketing from Chartered Institute if Marketing and a Certificate in Health Technology Assessment from Sheffield University.

Annree is originally from Drogheda. She now resides in Melbourne, Australia with her husband Rob and her two teenage children, Aniela and Oscar.



Prof Brendan Mc Cormack (Australia)

"Educating for People-centred Services: principles and practices" Professor Brendan McCormack D.Phil (Oxon.), BSc (Hons.), FRCN, FEANS, FRCSI, PGCEA, RMN, RGN, FAAN, MAE

Head of The Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery (inc. Sydney Nursing School) & Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney.

Extraordinary Professor, Department of Nursing, University of Pretoria, South Africa; Professor of Nursing, Maribor University, Slovenia; Visiting Professor, Ulster University; Adjunct Professor, Zealand University Hospital/University of Southern Denmark; Professor II, Østfold University College, Norway.

Brendan's research focuses on person-centredness with a particular focus on the development of person-centred cultures, practices, and processes. He has engaged in this work at all levels from theory development to implementation science and through to instrument design, testing and evaluation. He is methodologically diverse but is most at home in participatory/action research. Whilst he has a particular expertise in gerontology and dementia practices, his work has spanned all specialities and is multi-professional. He also has a particular focus on the use of arts and creativity in healthcare research and development. Brendan has more than 600 published outputs, including 240 peer-reviewed publications in international journals and 12 books. Brendan is a Fellow of The European Academy of Nursing Science, Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. In 2014 he was awarded the 'International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame' by Sigma Theta Tau International. Most recently, Brendan was featured in the Wiley Publishers Minds' 'Inspiring short films https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13c5C-tbcT4 In 2022 Brendan was selected as a member of The Academia Europaea.



Dr Philip Dickison (USA) - "Nursing Regulation and Nursing Practice"

Philip Dickison, PhD, RN is the Chief Executive Officer of NCSBN. Prior to becoming CEO, he worked as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Examination Officer for NCBN. Phil is responsible for advancing the mission and vision of NCSBN by overseeing programs and services related regulation of nursing practice to ensure public safety to all populations. He works closely with healthcare regulators worldwide to collectively seek solutions and best practice for healthcare policy, nursing practice and public safety.



Dr Silvia Cassiani (USA) PAHO/AMRO

Silvia Cassiani has been Regional Advisor for Nursing and Health Technicians at the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization in Washington, DC, since April 2013. She has a PhD in Nursing. Prior to her current position, she worked as a professor, head of Department and Dean of the Ribeirao Preto College of Nursing - University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. She has won several awards, recognitions, and published several books and articles. She founded the Brazilian Network of Nursing and Patient Safety in Brazil, with the mission of increasing actions / activities and research on nursing and patient safety and was recognized as one of the best initiatives coordinated by nurses to influence health policy in Brazil. At PAHO, she is responsible for 15 PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers in Nursing and Midwifery and has worked to strengthen nursing education, practice and research towards Universal Health and is coordinating various activities to expand the role of nurses in Primary Health Care. She was a member of the American Academy of Nursing until 2017. In 2018 she was recognized as Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of the Republic in Uruguay.



Ms Pilar Lozano González (Spain)

Pilar Lozano González, a recently graduated Spanish nurse. During her studies, she served as the President of the Spanish Association of Nursing Students and was a member of the Board of Directors of European Nursing Student Association. Additionally, she was awarded the Research Collaboration Scholarship from the Spanish Ministry of Universities, which helped propel her career in nursing research. In this manner, she received an award for her undergraduate thesis, "Factors limiting women nurses from reaching high positions in the profession," and began working at the Nursing Research Unit of the Carlos III Health Institute as a coordinator on a project focused on early prevention of cognitive decline. Furthermore, driven by her strong interest in nursing leadership, she continued as European representative for the Future Leaders group of the Global Community of Nurses and Midwives of the World Health Organization. This ultimately led her to the role of Consultant on Leadership Development for Early Career Nurses and Midwives within the Chief Nursing Office.



Ms Violet Mirembe (Uganda)

I am Violet Mirembe, Nursing Officer currently working at Mulago National Referral Hospital, Kampala-Uganda. I attended Mulago School of Nursing and Midwifery at Diploma level and International Health Science University, where I was awarded a Degree in Nursing. My goals are to increase my core skills in emergency care nursing, support professional network growth through training sessions and mentorship and to upgrade and attain a master's degree in emergency care nursing. I have been trained in the Basic Emergency Care (BEC) by MOH/WHO and AFEM. I am a member of the Emergency Care Society in Uganda. I am a national facilitator in BEC and work at the accident and emergency department managing students, I am passionate about emergency care.



Ms Helene Maucher (Germany)

Registered Nurse, Dipl.Pflegewirtin (FH), M.Sc. Nursing Science (Uni).

Since 2020, Ms. Maucher has been the Head of Corporate Nursing Strategy at Sana Kliniken AG. Already since 2013, she has served as Director of Nursing at the University and Rehabilitation Clinics Ulm (RKU), since 2020 in a dual leadership. In 2018, she was named nursing manager of the year. For many years she worked as nurse, as a practical guide, as a ward manager and as an CNO for more Hospital and integrated elderly home in a region. Through the Robert Bosch Foundation's shadowing program, she has already shadowed as a scholarship recipient at UF Health Florida, among other institutions. Ms. Maucher is also a senator at the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University and a lecturer at the Akkon University of Human Sciences in Berlin. RKU and Ms. Maucher is participating in the Magnet®4Europe study since 2019.



Ms Carla Eysel (Germany)

Carla Eysel is Chief Human Resources and Nursing Officer and member of the Executive Board of Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. Before joining Charité Carla made her career in the industries of technical inspection and circular economy. Her last position was Chief Executive Officer at ALBA Europe Holding and Member of the board of directors of ALBA SE. Her expertise lays in Human Resources, Tariffs, strategy and change management. She studied law at the universities of Tübingen and Regensburg and holds a master's degree in international management from the University of East London and currently resides in Berlin. Carla is married and has a daughter.



Prof Jacqueline Dunkley – Bent (UK) - 'The midwives' contribution to improving childbirth outcomes and experiences.

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE is the first Chief Midwife for the International Confederation of Midwives. She has a passion for supporting midwives and health systems to ensure that all women and gender diverse

people have the same maternity experiences and outcomes as those who have the best. She served for four years as the first Chief Midwifery Officer for the NHS in England and was one of two National Maternity Safety Champions appointed by the Department for Health and Social Care. Jacqueline is a registered nurse and midwife and a visiting Professor of Midwifery at Kings College London and London South Bank University. She has held senior positions in clinical practice, education, leadership and management including Consultant Midwife, Director of Midwifery, Head of Nursing, Senior Lecturer, Curriculum Leader, Lead Midwife for Education, Professor of Midwifery. She has supported the education of Midwives Internationally through conference contributions and publications.

She is the chair of the maternity advisory group for the Health and Race Observatory in England, a member of the Women of the Year management committee, Midwifery Ambassador for the 'Saying Goodbye' charity, Patron of the Caribbean & African Health Network and until recently, a trustee for the RCN Foundation.

Noted as one of the Health Service Journal's (HSJ) most influential people in health, in 2020,2021 and 2022 she was also selected from over 100 nominations for inclusion in the Nursing Times' Leaders 2015 list, that celebrates nurses and midwives who are pioneers, entrepreneurs, and inspirational role models in their profession. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the NHS in England in 2023, she has just been recognised by the Nursing Times as one of 75 nurses and midwives who have contributed in a significant way to the NHS.