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# **TOWARDS HEALTHIER POPULATIONS BY INVESTING IN NUTRITION AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

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Catalyzing efforts by Member States and other stakeholders to invest in essential nutrition actions as part of Universal Health Coverage.



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Moderated by:

**Ms. Gerda Verburg**

UN Assistant Secretary General and Coordinator of the SUN Movement

Ms Gerda Verburg is the UN Assistant Secretary General and the UN Secretary General appointed her as coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition movement secretariat in 2016. Ms. Verburg brings extensive and broad experience from politics and international cooperation. In 2008, following her appointment the year before as Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, she was elected as Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 17). From 2011, she served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the UN United Nations Rome-based agencies: FAO, WFP and IFAD. In 2013, she was elected as Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and in 2014 she was appointed as Chair of the Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Coordinator of the SUN Movement



## SPEAKERS

**Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan**

Vice-President Côte d'Ivoire

Daniel Kablan Duncan is an Ivorian politician who has been Vice-President of Ivory Coast since January 2017. He previously served as Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire from 11 December 1993 to 24 December 1999 and again from November 2012 to January 2017. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs from June 2011 to November 2012 and has also served as Minister of Finance.

A former preparatory class student at the Lycée Montaigne in Bordeaux, he also studied commerce at the École des Hautes études commerciales in the north of Lille and the École supérieure de commerce in Bordeaux, and he holds a degree in business engineering from the Commercial Institute of Nancy. In addition to his political career, he has been a high-ranking civil servant in the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and worked at IMF and the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO). He is a champion for nutrition and for women's empowerment and gender equality, and is a member of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Lead Group.



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## **Dr Catalina Andramuño**

Minister of Public Health, Ecuador

The Minister of Public Health, Catalina Andramuño is a doctor of Medicine and Surgery, a degree granted by the University of Guayaquil. She also trained as a Specialist in Health Services Management at the Polytechnic School of Litoral and then obtained a master's degree in Public Health, in the same alma mater Guayaquil.

Her training and vocation for service have allowed her to work in different relevant positions in the public and private health sphere of the country during the last 15 years. She was INNFA Guayas - Galápagos Institutional Advisor (2004-2005), International Health Doctor (2009), Responsible for the Subprocess of Public and Private Health Establishments (2009-2011), Provincial Coordinator of Health Surveillance (2012-2013) and District Director a position she held from 2014 to July 2019.

## **Dr Jorge Basso**

Minister of Public Health, Uruguay

The Minister of Public Health, Jorge Basso, is a Medical Doctor (University of the Republic, Faculty of Medicine). He was Director General of the Ministry of Public Health and representative in the National Health Commission. He also worked in the Municipality of Montevideo as Director of Sanitation and Director of Human Resources and Materials.

## **Dr Naoko Yamamoto**

Assistant Director-General, Healthier Populations  
Division, WHO

Dr Naoko Yamamoto was most recently WHO's Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems. Dr Yamamoto brings nearly 30 years of experience working on health in Japan and served as Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health in Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. In this capacity, she was heavily involved in Japan's global health leadership, including hosting and organizing the International Conference on Universal Health Coverage in 2015 and supporting the compilation of the G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health and Kobe Communique of the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting in 2016, both of which highlighted the importance of promoting universal health coverage.

Prior to this role, she served in numerous health-related positions within the government of Japan, including as Director General of the Hokkaido Regional Bureau of Health and Welfare, Director of the Health and Medical Division at the Ministry of Defense, and Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. She holds a medical degree, a PhD in epidemiology and a Masters in Public Health.



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## **Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis**

### **EU Commissioner, Health and Food Safety**



Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis was appointed the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety in November 2014. Vytenis Andriukaitis was born on 9 August 1951 in Kyusyr in Siberia, where his family was deported in 1941 from Lithuania. He returned to Lithuania in 1957 together with his mother and two brothers. His father was permitted to return one year later. Andriukaitis went on to graduate from medical school in 1975 and had been a practicing surgeon, gaining specialisation in cardiovascular surgery in 1989, for more than 20 years. He also holds a degree in History from Vilnius University acquired in 1984. From 1969 onwards, the Commissioner was active in the anti-Soviet movement, while his political career began already in 1976. In 1990, Andriukaitis was elected to the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania which preceded Seimas (Lithuanian Parliament), and was a co-author and a signatory of the Independence Act of Lithuania on 11 March 1990. Vytenis Andriukaitis was also one of the co-authors of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania adopted in 1992, and one of the founders of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party. Andriukaitis was a Member of the Lithuanian Parliament for six terms. During that time he served as a Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, including during the accession to the EU in 2004; as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee; as a Vice- and later President of Social Democratic Party; and as a Deputy Speaker of the Parliament. The Commissioner was also the Head of the Lithuanian delegation to the Convention on the Future of Europe. From 2012 to 2014 Vytenis Andriukaitis was a Minister for Health in the Lithuanian Government.

## **Dr Bridget Aidam**

### **International Nutrition & Implementation Research Advisor, World Vision**



Dr Bridget Aidam has over 20 years' experience leading and supporting research, design, monitoring and evaluation of programs implemented in 26 developmental and humanitarian contexts across Africa, Latin America and Asia. While working with World Vision and ADRA international, she provided technical guidance for community-based initiatives for improving nutrition and health among vulnerable groups, which impacted many lives. This was done in partnership with National and District level Ministries of Health, Food and Agriculture; UN agencies namely UNICEF, WFP, WHO and Donor institutions including USAID, OFDA, USDA, Global Affairs Canada.

She has been engaged in research and programs spanning a range of topics: Early Childhood Nutrition, Adolescent Nutrition, Management of Moderate and Severe Acute Malnutrition, Integrating Agriculture and Nutrition, Improving Anemia among other Maternal Child Health and Nutrition topics. Her research has been conducted in collaboration with Northern and Southern Universities i.e. University of Connecticut, Cornell, Emory, Johns Hopkins, McGill, Moi, University of Ghana; and research Institutions i.e. INCAP, INESOR, NIPH. Bridget holds a PhD in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Connecticut and a BSc. (Hons) in Nutrition and Food Science from the University of Ghana.

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## **Mr. Tarek Ezzine**

**Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues / Vice-President  
for External Affairs Elect, International Federation of  
Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)**

Tarek is a 25 years-old medical student from Tunis, Tunisia. He is currently serving as Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues and Vice-President for External Affairs - Elect of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA). Tarek represents the stance of 1.3 million medical students worldwide on Global Health issues with a focus on Environmental Health, Noncommunicable Diseases & Social Determinants of Health. He was also served on IFMSA's Policy Commission on Food for Health and Sustainability. Tarek speaks four languages and has a particular interest in Advocacy and Policy Making.



## **The Rt. Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP**

**Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa,  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.**

Dr Andrew Murrison MP was appointed as a Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development on 9 May 2019. He is the Conservative MP for South West Wiltshire. Andrew studied medicine at Bristol and public health at Hughes Hall, Cambridge. Andrew was elected MP for Westbury in June 2001 and for South West Wiltshire in May 2010. In November 2003 he was appointed to the Conservative front bench as a health spokesman, transferring in July 2007 to defence. In May 2010, Andrew became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Secretary of State for Health and was asked by the Prime Minister to review and make recommendations on health care for members of the services community. The principal recommendations in the subsequent reports, 'Fighting Fit' and 'A Better Deal for Military Amputees', are being rolled out by the government. In November 2011, Prime Minister David Cameron appointed him as his special representative for the centenary commemoration of the First World War. Andrew previously served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence and Minister for International Security Strategy from September 2012 until July 2014. He then served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office from July 2014 to March 2015. Andrew served for 18 years as a medical officer in the Royal Navy, leaving in October 2000 as a Surgeon Commander. In 2003, he was recalled to serve in Iraq.



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