

Moderators



Femi Oke, *Award-winning International Journalist*

Femi Oke is an award-winning international journalist, British-Nigerian broadcaster, professional moderator and co-founder of the diverse moderators' bureau "Moderate The Panel." Femi's broadcast credits include BBC television and radio, Sky TV, all the U.K. terrestrial commercial television networks, CNN, and national public radio in the United States.



Dr Prerna Banati, *WHO Adolescent and Young Adult Health Team, Commissioner*

Dr Prerna Banati is a public health researcher with 25 years of experience at the intersections of adolescence, gender and social inclusion. She currently leads research and guideline development for team Adolescent and Young Adult Health team at the World Health Organization in Geneva. She has previously worked for UNICEF, the Global Fund, and in academia.

Welcome and opening remarks



Dr Richard Horton, *Lancet Editor in Chief*

Dr Richard Horton is Editor in Chief of the Lancet. He graduated in physiology and medicine from the University of Birmingham in 1986 and joined The Lancet in 1990, becoming North American Editor in 1993. Horton has chaired global health commissions and co-chaired the UN's Expert Review Group on Women's and Children's Health. As part of the UK's 2023 Honours, Dr Horton was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition for services to Health and Medical Journalism.



Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, *WHO Director-General*

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, is the current Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), a role he assumed in 2017. He is the first African to hold this position. Before joining WHO, he served as Ethiopia's Minister of Health and then Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has a strong background in public health, holding a PhD in Community Health from the University of Nottingham.



Ms Andrea Studer, *Fondation Botnar CEO*

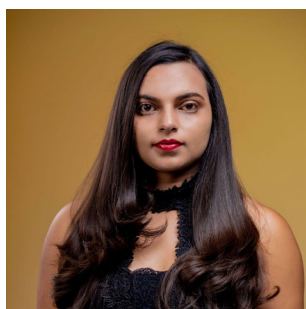
Ms Andrea Studer joined Fondation Botnar as CEO in September 2024. With over 20 years of experience in international development, she has a distinguished background at the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs (FDFA), particularly within the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Presentation of Commission Findings



Professor Sarah Baird, *Commission Chair, George Washington University*

Sarah Baird is a Professor of Global Health and Economics in the Department of Global Health and is co-chair of the second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. . She is a development economist whose research focuses on the microeconomics of health and education in low- and middle-income countries with an emphasis on gender and youth.



Dr Shakira Choonara, *Youth Commissioner*

Dr Shakira Choonara, is a Youth Commissioner for the Second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. She is a multi-award-winning public health practitioner and bold activist. Her notable accolades include being named the 2017 Woman of the Year in Health in South Africa, being a 100 Most Influential Young African and recognized as a top-rated emerging practitioner by both the National Research Foundation of South Africa and the Public Health Association of South Africa. Dr Choonara is widely recognized for her work on universal health coverage, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health rights and youth development.

Video presentation



Dr Felipe Paullier, *UN Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs*

Dr Felipe Paullier is the youngest senior appointment in the history of the United Nations, and the youngest serving member of the Secretary-General's senior management group. As head of the United Nations Youth Office, Mr. Paullier leads system wide collaboration, coordination and accountability on youth affairs, overseeing the UN's efforts to strengthen meaningful youth engagement in the areas of sustainable development, human rights, and peace and security. Mr. Paullier is a Medical Doctor by training, specialized in peadiatrics.

Round table youth segment



Dr David Imbago-Jácome, *Youth Commissioner, Children's Investment Fund Foundation*

Dr David Imbago-Jácome is a passionate Ecuadorian advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as adolescent and youth participation. He is a Youth Commissioner for the Second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing and is the Manager, Equity, Gender and Youth at the Children's Investment Fund Foundation.



Nikita Ghodke, *Youth Advocate and Youth Reviewer for the Commission*

Ms Nikita Ghodke is a research assistant at New York University and a collaborator at the University of Cambridge, she is an open science enthusiast and a contributor at ManyBabies Consortium, a UNICEF India's Yuuwaa Initiative, as a disability + lived experienced advocate and a Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) advocate. She was selected from over 900 applicants to serve as a youth reviewer.



Ms Surabhi Dogra, *Youth Commissioner*

Ms Surabhi Dogra is a health communications professional from India, and has worked with adolescents, children and women in urban low-income and rural communities. Surabhi holds a Master's degree in Social Work in Public Health and Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications, and is a Youth Commissioner with the second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing.



Ms Luo Li, *Youth Commissioner*

Ms Luo Li is a Youth Commissioner with the second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. She is a current PhD student based at the University of Melbourne. Her primary research interest is looking at existing summary measures of subjective wellbeing for adolescents and understanding how these scales are applied in global population surveys to explore major factors that shape adolescents' wellbeing.



Ms Augustina Mensa-Kwao, *Youth Commissioner*

Ms Tina Mensa-Kwao is a Youth Commissioner with the second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. She is passionate about addressing gaps in health equity, mental healthcare and increasing access to quality health services. She has experience working in international settings such as Haiti, Africa and America on mental healthcare, chronic disease, HIV/AIDS prevention, and maternal and child health.

High Level panel



Ministry of Health Sierra Leone, HE Dr Austin Demby

Dr Austin Demby is currently the Minister of Health and Sanitation for the Government of Sierra Leone. Dr. Demby began his public health career in 1980 as a research scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He then went on to become country director of the CDC field station in Sierra Leone (1987-1989) where he studied Lassa fever and other viral hemorrhagic fevers.



Ministry of Health Ethiopia, Dr Mebratu Massebo Cherinet, Chief of Staff

Dr. Massebo is a Senior Advisor with over 15 years of public health experience, focusing on pandemic response. Proven ability to lead and coordinate complex projects and balance multiple stakeholders' needs. Passionate about using his skills and experience to help guide the health sector toward the more remarkable improvement of health system delivery reform, comprehensive health emergency management, systems transformation, and innovation in healthcare.



Director General of The Public Health Agency of Sweden, Ms Olivia Wigzell

Olivia Wigzell is the Director General of The Public Health Agency of Sweden. She previously served as Director General of the National Board of Health and Welfare. Before that, she was Director General of SBU, the State's Preparation for Medical and Social Evaluation. Her leadership is characterized by dialogue and innovation, as well as close cooperation with the relevant actors.



Rt. Hon. Helen Clark

Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and UNDP Administrator, is a highly respected figure in sustainable development, gender equality, and international co-operation. A dedicated advocate for positive change, she plays an active role in various international organisations, including chairing the boards of the Extractive Industries Transparency Organisation, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

Invited reactions



Dr. Yasmin Haque, *UNICEF Director of Health*

Dr Haque's leadership and professional experience spans over a wide range of fields including policy analysis, strategic planning for women's & child rights, child-centric development programming and large-scale responses for children in a humanitarian crisis. She is a strong believer in the power of collaborative action in accelerating results for children and the critical need to invest in the leadership potential of women professionals.



Ms Jen Kidwell Drake, *Gates Ventures (Exemplars in Global Health)*

Ms Jen Kidwell Drake, is the Women's Health Lead for Exemplars in Global Health, a global coalition of partners soon to be based at the Gates Foundation that identifies positive global health outliers, analyzes what makes countries successful, and disseminates core lessons so they can be adapted in comparable settings. Jen lives in Seattle with her husband and two adolescent daughters, who really keep her on her toes and help her stay relevant.



Ms Marionka Pohl, *Save the Children*

Ms Marionka Pohl leads Save the Children's Global Health Policy and Advocacy portfolio. She is an outstanding expert on global solutions and trends in the global health sector and has a profound knowledge of policy frameworks and trends at global and national level.



Dr Maria del Carmen Calle, *IAAH President-elect*

Dr Maria del Carmen Calle is a pediatrician and public health specialist, with experience in operational, tactical, and management positions at the national and international levels. She has received major awards for her academic leadership and the development of national and international support for adolescent health, as the Hipolito Unanue medal with the degree of Grand Cross, the highest distinction that a doctor in Public Health can receive in Peru.



Dr Flavia Bustreo, *Co-Chair of the Lancet Commission on Gender Based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People*

Dr Flavia Bustreo is a medical doctor by training and is an international expert and advocate for child rights, health and wellbeing. Flavia is currently the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee at the Partnership of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, and Co-Chair of the Lancet Commission on Gender Based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People.