



# GLOBAL COALITION

OF DEANS OF SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
2022 MEETING

APRIL 19, 2022



## **Global Coalition of Deans of School of Public Health**

In response to global challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, the Global Coalition of Deans of Schools of Public Health (GCDSPH) is initiated to work to build a healthier, fairer and sustainable world. GCDSPH aims to address major global public health issues by promoting bi-lateral or multi-lateral research and innovation, cultivating future leaders in public health, and fostering closer partnership among member universities, non-profit and government organizations as well as industries.

GCDSPH will serve as a mechanism for exchange and cooperation, providing leadership of global higher education efforts addressing public health issues, and for the implementation of practical policy actions in members' respective communities and around the world.

## GCDSPH 2022 Meeting

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### DATE & TIME

06:00-08:30 am  
19 April 2022

Mexico City, Mexico

07:00-09:30 am  
19 April 2022

Boston, US

07:00-09:30 am  
19 April 2022

Santiago, Chile

13:00-15:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Geneva, Switzerland

13:00-15:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Cape Town, South Africa

18:00-20:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Bangkok, Thailand

19:00-21:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Beijing, China

19:00-21:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Singapore City, Singapore

21:00-23:30 pm  
19 April 2022

Sydney, Australia

### ZOOM LINK

Opening	ZOOM ID: 820 6390 8563	Passwords: 556500
Parallel Panel 1	ZOOM ID: 820 6390 8563	Passwords: 556500
Parallel Panel 2	ZOOM ID: 846 0071 6078	Passwords: 483488

## AGENDA

### **Moderator: Margaret Chan**

Founding Dean, Vanke School of Public Health, Tsinghua University;  
Emeritus Director-General, World Health Organization

### **Opening Remarks**

19:00-19:05

#### **Margaret Chan**

Founding Dean, Vanke School of Public Health,  
Tsinghua University  
Emeritus Director-General, WHO

19:05-19:10

#### **Michelle A. Williams**

Dean of the Faculty and the Angelopoulos Professor in  
Public Health and International Development,  
T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University

19:10-19:30

Comments from founding members of the Coalition  
*each person 2 minutes*

### **Welcome Message from the Host Institute**

19:30-19:35

#### **Wang Xiqin**

President, Tsinghua University

19:35-19:45

#### **Group Photo & Breakout for Parallel Panels**



## Parallel Panel 1

### Building a Resilient Health System during the Pandemic and beyond

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in late 2019, the cumulative number of confirmed cases globally has continued to increase. Health systems in every country have struggled with the unprecedented pandemic caused by this novel virus. On 19 October 2021, WHO released a position paper on building health system resilience for universal health coverage and health security during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, to enable countries to be better prepared for public health threats. In this session, we will discuss the implications and implementation of these policy recommendations in different culture contexts.

#### **Moderator: Teo Yik Ying**

Dean, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore

#### **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

19:45-20:25

##### **Margaret Chan**

Founding Dean, Vanke School of Public Health,  
Tsinghua University  
Emeritus Director-General, World Health Organization

##### **Joel Negin**

Head, School of Public Health,  
Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney

### Discussion (10mins each)

20:25-21:05

**Eduardo César Lazcano Ponce**

Director General,  
Mexican National Institute of Public Health

**Landon Myer**

Director and Head, School of Public Health  
and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town

**Sarawut Thepanondh**

Dean, Faculty of Public Health,  
Mahidol University

**Wannian Liang**

Executive Vice Dean, Vanke School of Public Health,  
Tsinghua University

21:05-21:25

**Q&A**

### Summary

21:25-21:30

**Teo Yik Ying**

Dean, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health,  
National University of Singapore

## Parallel Panel 2

### Global Health Diplomacy

Even before the global pandemic, global health has had a place at the diplomatic table alongside health security, humanitarian affairs, and social and economic development, as a significant component of foreign policy. To address current and future pandemics properly, the panel will discuss how to recalibrate the mechanisms that define international cooperation and influence international relations, and explore new diplomatic paradigms to align with the importance and complexity of global health.

#### **Moderator: Ilona Kickbusch**

Founding Director and Chair, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva

### Welcome and Introductory Remarks

19:35-20:15

#### **Michelle A. Williams**

Dean of the Faculty and the Angelopoulos Professor in  
Public Health and International Development  
T.H.Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University

#### **Antoine Flahault**

Director, Institute of Global Health,  
University of Geneva



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### Discussion (10mins each)

20:25-20:55

**Claudia Bambs S.**

Head, Public Health Department, Faculty of Medicine,  
Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

**Lan Xue**

Distinguished Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College,  
Tsinghua University

**Rebecca Katz**

Professor and Director, Center for Global Health Science  
and Security, Georgetown University

20:55-21:15

**Q&A**

### Summary

21:15-21:30

**Ilona Kickbush**

Founding Director and Chair, Global Health Centre,  
Graduate Institute of International and Development  
Studies in Geneva



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### Co-Chair



#### **Margaret Chan**

Founding Dean, Vanke School of Public Health,  
Tsinghua University; Emeritus Director-General,  
World Health Organization

Dr. Margaret Chan, obtained her medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She joined the Hong Kong Department of Health in 1978, where her career in public health began. In 1994, Dr. Chan was appointed Director of Health of Hong Kong, the first woman to hold that position. In her nine-year tenure as director, she launched new services to prevent the spread of disease and promote better health. She also introduced new initiatives to improve communicable disease surveillance and response, enhance training for public health professionals, and establish better local and international collaboration. She effectively managed outbreaks of avian influenza and of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

In 2003, Dr. Chan joined WHO as Director of the Department for Protection of the Human Environment. In June 2005, she was appointed Director, Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director General for Pandemic Influenza. In September 2005, she was named Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases. Dr. Chan was elected to the post of Director-General on 9 November 2006. The Assembly appointed Dr. Chan for a second five-year term at its sixty-fifth session in May 2012. Dr. Chan's last term began on 1 July 2012 and ended on 30 June 2017.

On 2 April 2020, Dr. Chan was appointed as the Founding Dean of Vanke School of Public Health, Tsinghua University, China.

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Michelle A. Williams, SM '88, ScD '91, is an internationally renowned epidemiologist and public health scientist, an award-winning educator, and a widely recognized academic leader. Prior to becoming Dean, she was Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the Harvard Chan School and Program Leader of the Population Health and Health Disparities Research Programs at Harvard's Clinical and Translational Sciences Center (Harvard Catalyst).

Dean Williams previously had a distinguished career at the University of Washington School of Public Health. Her scientific work places special emphasis in the areas of reproductive, perinatal, pediatric, and molecular epidemiology. Dean Williams has published more than 500 scientific articles and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2016. In 2020, she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and recognized by PR Week as one of the top 50 health influencers of the year. The Dean has an undergraduate degree in biology and genetics from Princeton University, a master's in civil engineering from Tufts University, and master's and doctoral degrees in epidemiology from the Harvard Chan School.



### Founding Member



#### **Antoine Flahault**

Director, Institute of Global Health,  
University of Geneva

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Antoine Flahault MD, PhD in biomathematics. He was appointed as full professor of public health in 2002. He was the founding director of the French School of Public Health (EHESP, Rennes, 2007-2012), co-director of Centre Virchow-Villermé for Public Health Paris-Berlin (Université Descartes, Sorbonne Paris Cité), co-director of the European Academic Global Health Alliance (EAGHA), and president of the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA).

He conducted research in mathematical modelling of communicable diseases, chaired the WHO collaborative centre for electronic disease surveillance, and coordinated research on Chikungunya in Indian Ocean (Inserm Prize, 2006; was scientific curator of a large exhibition Epidemik, la Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie (Paris, Rio and Sao Paulo)). In January 2014, he was appointed as professor of public health at School of Medicine, University of Geneva where he is the founding director of the Institute of Global Health. He was elected corresponding member at Académie Nationale de Médecine (Paris). In January 2014, he had more than 235 scientific publication referenced in Medline.

### Founding Member



#### **Landon Myer**

Director and Head, School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town

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Landon Myer is the Director and Head of the School of Public Health & Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa. Within the School, he is Professor and Head of the Division of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, teaches epidemiologic methods and is academic convenor of the Masters in Public Health programme. His background is in social anthropology, clinical medicine and epidemiology.

His work centres around women's, maternal and child health in the context of the HIV epidemic, and includes behavioural, clinical and health systems research. He has a particular focus on the health of HIV-infected women during pregnancy and postpartum as well as the health and development of their children.



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### Founding Member



#### **Joel Negin**

Head, School of Public Health,  
Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney

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Joel Negin has been the Head of the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney since November 2015. Joel graduated from Harvard and Columbia Universities and then worked for a number of years in sub-Saharan Africa on health and development projects before moving to Australia. In those years, he lived and worked in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Kenya and collaborated with governments, the World Bank, academic institutions and United Nations partners.

Joel started at the School of Public Health in 2008 as a lecturer in the Masters of International Public Health program and has always loved teaching and the interaction with students.

With regard to research, Joel holds grants from the NHMRC and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade focused on strengthening health systems in low- and middle-income countries. He maintains collaborations in Uganda, Vietnam, Indonesia and Fiji and maintains a passion for capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Founding Member



#### **An PAN**

Dean, School of Public Health,  
Huazhong University of Science and Technology

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Dr. Pan is a professor at the School of Public Health, Tongji Medical College, Huazhong University of Science and Technology. His research mainly focuses on the determinants and consequences of obesity and chronic metabolic diseases, like type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. He has published over 280 SCI papers with citations over 18000 and an H-index of 70, including papers on NEJM, JAMA, BMJ. Dr. Pan is supported by the NSFC regular and key projects, National key Research & Development project, and are establishing cohort studies for type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes mellitus to investigate their causes and consequences.

Dr. Pan currently serves as an associate editor for the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, and Nutrition & Metabolism, and on the editorial board for several other international and Chinese journals. Dr. Pan is also the vice chair for the Basic Nutrition Council and Nutritional Epidemiology Council of the Chinese Nutrition Society.



### Founding Member



#### **Eduardo César Lazcano Ponce**

Director General, Mexican National Institute of Public Health

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Dr. Eduardo César Lazcano Ponce is a surgeon from the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, specializing in family medicine from the Mexican Institute of Social Security/National Polytechnic Institute. He holds a Master of Science in the area of sociomedicine from the Faculty of Medicine of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and a Doctorate of Science in Epidemiology from the National Institute of Public Health (INSP).

Dr. Lazcano Ponce has been an active member of the INSP for 28 years. Among his management positions, he obtained by opposition the Executive Directorate of the Center for Research in Population Health, a position he held during the period 2004-2018. During the period January 2020 to February 15, 2022, he served as academic secretary of the School of Public Health of Mexico (ESPM). He was also president of the INSP Research Committee during the period 2008-2018, general coordinator of the Update Program in Public Health and Epidemiology during 2005-2018 and has been coordinator of various graduate programs within the ESPM.

During his tenure at the head of the Population Health Research Center of the INSP, he promoted in the research groups the development of various methodological strategies of a population nature, which have allowed the generation of knowledge translated into public policies for the national level and the Latin American region.

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#### **Claudia Bambs S.**

Head, Public Health Department, Faculty of Medicine,  
Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

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Dr. Claudia Bambs S. concentrates her teaching and research activity in the area of lifestyles and prevention of chronic diseases. She is a medical specialist in Internal Medicine and Master in Epidemiology UC. She teaches at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate level at the School of Medicine. She concentrates her teaching and research activity in the area of lifestyles and prevention of chronic diseases. She is a research associate at the Advanced Center for Chronic Diseases (ACCDiS) and an epidemiologist of the Maule Cohort (MAUCO).

She directs the Tobacco Free Program of the UC CHRISTUS Health Network and participates in the Tobacco Commission of the Chilean Society of Respiratory Diseases. She is the author and co-author of original articles, book chapters and clinical guidelines on the topics of chronic disease prevention, cardiovascular health, smoking and obesity.

### Founding Member



**Sarawut Thepanondh**

Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University

Dr. Sarawut Thepanondh is an Associate Professor and the Faculty Dean at the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand. He received a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science from Monash University, Australia. His current research focuses on emission inventory and air pollution modeling. He has conducted numerous research related to air pollution management, as well as supervised postgraduate students at his university.

He has been published in many international scientific journals. At present, he also serves as a technical advisor on various air pollution issues for the House of Representatives of Thailand and for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as well as international organization such as UNEP and the World Bank.



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#### **Teo Yik Ying**

Dean, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health,  
National University of Singapore

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Prior to his Deanship, he was the Founding Director of the School's Centre for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR) and also served as the Director of the Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research (CIDER) from 2015 to 2017.

He is presently a member on the Council of Scientists for the International Human Frontier Science Program, as well as a governing board member of the Regional Centre for Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network for Southeast Asia.

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### Guest Speaker



#### **Rebecca Katz**

Professor and Director, Center for Global Health Science and Security, Georgetown University

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Dr. Rebecca Katz is a Professor and Director of the Center for Global Health Science and Security at Georgetown University Medical Center. She teaches courses on global health diplomacy, global health security, and emerging infectious diseases in the School of Foreign Service. Prior to coming to Georgetown in 2016, she spent ten years at The George Washington University as faculty in the Milken Institute School of Public Health. Since 2007, much of her work has been on the domestic and global implementation of the International Health Regulations as well as global governance of public health emergencies. She has authored over 80 peer reviewed manuscripts, and three books in addition to numerous op eds, blogs, white papers and book chapters.

From 2004 to 2019, Dr. Katz was a consultant to the Department of State, working on issues related to the Biological Weapons Convention, pandemic influenza and disease surveillance. In 2019, Dr. Katz co-convened the first international scientific conference on global health security, bringing together over 900 participants from around the world to form a community of practice, and is working with her colleagues in Australia to plan to follow up conference in 2021.

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#### **Ilona Kickbush**

Founding Director and Chair, Global Health Centre,  
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Geneva

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Professor Ilona Kickbusch is the Founder of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute in Geneva. Her areas of expertise include the political determinants of health, health in all policies and global health. She advises countries on their global health strategies, trains health specialists, and is involved in German G7 and G20 health activities. She publishes widely and serves on various commissions and boards. Ilona is a member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board and Co-Chair of UHC 2030, and the Lancet and Financial Times Commission on "Governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world".

She has had a distinguished career with the WHO. She was a key instigator of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and WHO's Healthy Cities Network and has remained a leader in this field, most recently advising on WHO's activities related to Health in the SDGs. She was the Director of the Global Health Division at Yale University School of Public Health and responsible for the first major Fulbright Programme on global health.



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### Guest Speaker



#### **Wannian Liang**

Executive Vice Dean, Vanke School of Public Health,  
Tsinghua University

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Dr. Wannian Liang is the Executive Vice President of the Tsinghua Vanke School of Public Health, the Dean of Institute for Healthy China, Tsinghua University Vanke Chair Professor, Tsinghua University, the Vanke Chair Professor of Tsinghua University, the head of the expert group of the National Health Commission on epidemic response, the Chinese head of the China-WHO Joint Inspection Team on Coronavirus, the Chinese head of the China-WHO Joint Expert Group on Coronavirus Tracing Research, the former Director of the Department of Institutional Reform of the National Health Commission, and Former full-time deputy director of the Medical Reform Office of the State Council.

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### Guest Speaker



#### **Lan Xue**

Distinguished Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College,  
Tsinghua University

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Dr. Lan XUE is Distinguished Professor of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Dean of Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University. His teaching and research interests include STI policy, crisis management, and global governance. He has published extensively in these areas.

At Tsinghua, Dr. Lan also serves as the Director of Institute for AI International Governance, Director of China Institute for S&T Policy, Co-Director of Global Institute for SDGs, and so on. From 2000-2018, he served as Associate Dean, Executive Associate Dean, and Dean of the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University.

Dr. Xue also serves as the Co-Convener of the Discipline Evaluation Group (Public Administration) of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, the Chair of the National Expert Committee on the Governance of Next Generation of AI. He is also an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University, a Non-Resident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution, a board member of the UN Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN). Dr. Xue is a recipient of Distinguished Young Scholar Award from National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor of the Ministry of Education, the Fudan Distinguished Contribution Award for Management Science, the Distinguished Contribution Award from Chinese Association for Science of Science and S&T Policy, and the Second National Award for Excellence in Innovation.



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