SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Ambassador FARANI AZEVEDO

Ambassador Azevêdo was born in Alegre, Espírito Santo, on August 15th 1957. She is a career diplomat, graduating from the Brazilian diplomatic academy, Instituto Rio Branco, in 1982. She started her career in the Ministry of Foreign Relations working with trade information and promotion. In 1988 she was posted at the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, DC, and in 1991 at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to ALADI, in Montevideo, always working with trade and economic issues. Back to Brasilia in 1995, she became the Chief of Staff of the Undersecretary for Integration, Economic Issues, and Foreign Trade. She was subsequently transferred to the Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva in 1997, where she was the Brazilian representative before the WTO Committees on Agriculture, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and Trade and Environment. She was Brazil’s negotiator for agriculture in the preparatory process leading up to the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle. In the United Nations, she was the Brazilian negotiator for environmental issues.

Ambassador Azevêdo returned to Brasilia in 2001 and was appointed Director of the Market Access Division, where, besides WTO related work, she headed market access negotiations for Brazil in the FTAA. She also negotiated for Brazil a bilateral textiles agreement with the EU in 2002. Between 2003 and 2007 she was promoted to Minister-Counsellor and then to Ambassador. In this period, she worked directly with the Minister of Foreign Relations, initially as his Advisor on Political Issues, and, starting in 2005, as his Chief of Staff.

In 2004-2005, Ambassador Azevêdo was President Lula’s Chief Negotiator for his “Action against Hunger and Poverty” initiative, when she chaired several meetings between Brazil, Chile, Spain, France, and Germany on innovative sources of Financing. She also organised and implemented President Lula’s meeting with other 60 Head’s of State, in New York, in September 2004, when the initiative was formally launched.

Since September 2008, Ambassador Azevêdo is the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva.

FODE SECK

Currently the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Fodé Seck, a career diplomat, has also served as the Ambassador of Senegal in Brazil from 2007 to 2010, after being Chargé d’Affaires ad interim at the embassy of Senegal in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Prior to that, he has held the following official positions: Ambassador, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal, from 2002 to 2006; Minister, Permanent Secretary of the Government of Senegal, from 2000 to 2001; Ambassador, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Senegal, from 1994 to 2000; Director of International Organizations (1998-1994) and Head of the UN Division (1986-1988) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Holder of Masters of Arts of the Dakar University (1974) and a Brevet de l’ENAM (National School of Public Administration of Senegal) in 1976, Ambassador Seck joined the Foreign Ministry, starting at the Department of Economic and Technical Affairs. He served as First Counsellor at the embassies of Senegal in Nigeria (1981-1986) and in former Soviet Union (1978-1981).

To date, Ambassador Seck has represented his country in different capacities including as member of several Senegalese delegations to multilateral and bilateral meetings, both at Summit, ministerial and expert levels.

When Director of International Organisations, he was tasked as national Coordinator for the scientific and technical preparation of Senegal’s participation to the 6th Summit on Environment and Development (Rio 1992) and the 3rd Summit of the Group of Fifteen (Dakar 1993).
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Chantal Blouin is an Associate Director of the Centre for Trade Policy and Law, and Co-director of the Health and Foreign Policy Initiative at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, in Ottawa, Canada. Dr Blouin is also the editor of the Health Diplomacy Monitor, a publication undertaken in partnership with members of the Global Health Diplomacy Network (www.ghd-net.org). In 2008-2009, she was also a Senior Fellow at the Canadian International Council. Before joining CTPL in 2007, Chantal was Senior Researcher, Trade and Development at the North-South Institute in Ottawa. She has also held a Congressional fellowship from the American Political Science Association (APSA) and the Norman Research Fellowship at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). She completed her PhD in Political Science from LAVAL University.

Professor DAVID L HEYMANN CBE
His career covers many of the diseases that shape our world today. He served until 2009 as Assistant Director-General for Health Security and Environment at the World Health Organization, where he coordinated the global containment of the 2003 SARS outbreak. Prior to his 20-year tenure at WHO, he spent 13 years as a medical epidemiologist for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa and 2 years in India in the WHO Smallpox Eradication Programme. Besides heading the Centre, he is Chairman of the UK Health Protection Agency and Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the U.S. National Academies; and has been the recipient of several awards, including the 2007 Heinz Award on the Human Condition. He has published more than 150 scientific articles in peer-reviewed medical and scientific journals.

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Since June 2010, Benedikte L. Alveberg works as a senior adviser in the Division for International Cooperation and Preparedness, in the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services. Her work focuses on global health issues, including global health and foreign policy and trade and health. She coordinates the work related to the World Health Organization within the Ministry. From June 2009 to March 2010, she worked as a consultant to the a Secretariat for the Foreign Policy and Global Health Initiative, with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). Previously she worked as a technical officer and team leader of the Trade, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy and Health (TFD) unit in the department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights (ETH) at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. Her work focused on emerging issues related to globalization, trade and health, including global health governance, global health diplomacy, foreign policy and health, international trade and trade agreements. She has previously worked in the Strategy Unit, Office of the Director-General at WHO. She holds a MA (political Science) from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and masters degree in development studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

VIJAY TRIVEDI
He holds the rank of Director in the Indian Foreign Service and brings with him over 17 years of experience in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, intergovernmental negotiations international health, development policy making, peace and security, human rights, environment, humanitarian affairs, peace-making, conflict mediation and resolution. So far, he has served on diplomatic postings in Russia (1996-1998), where he worked on securing India’s energy project in Sakhalin. In Ukraine (1999-2001) he helped establish Long Term Bilateral Scientific and Technical Cooperation. In Kabul (2003-2005) he served as the Political Officer and also as Chargé d’Affaires a.i from time to time. In the Ministry of External Affairs (2001-2003), he first served as desk officer in East Asia Division and later in the Foreign service Institute as officer in charge of Training of the Officials from the Office of the President of Afghanistan and Afghan Diplomats. Currently he is on deputation to the World Health Organization serving the First Treaty in Global Health. He studied Business and Sociology at Delhi University and Diplomacy at University of Malta. He speaks Hindi, English, and Russian and has working knowledge of French and Farsi.
Dr. Suwit WIBULPOLPRASERT is a general practitioner, a public health specialist, an administrator, a policy advisor, and an advocate. He has extensive experience in the areas of human resources for health; health economics and health care financing; international trade and health; health promotion; health information; disease surveillance and control and pharmaceuticals. He has published more than 100 papers, reports and books locally and internationally. During the past ten years, Dr. Suwit has been representing Thailand in many international health forums and has chaired several Steering Committees and Executive Boards such as the WHO Executive Board, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Committee, the Health Metrics Network, the Asia-Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health, the Asian Partnership on Avian Influenza Research, the Program and Policy Committee of the Global Health Workforce Alliance, and the Policy and Strategy Committee of the Global Fund; and served as the President of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety. Dr. Suwit served as Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Public Health in 2000-2003 and a Senior Advisor in Health Economics in 2003-2006. Currently, he serves at the highest rank of government official (PC11) as a Senior Advisor on Disease Control. He is also responsible for health policy and international health work of the ministry.

Suerie MOON is Special Advisor to the Dean and Instructor at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Associate Fellow in the Sustainability Science Program at the Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is also an Adviser to the Medicines Patent Pool. Her policy work focuses on analyzing the relationship between access to medicines, innovation and intellectual property rights policies, technology transfer, and the implications for global equity in public health. Her scholarly research focuses on global governance, specifically North/South relations, the evolution of international regimes, the political economy of global health, and innovative institutional arrangements for addressing global policy problems. Prior to coming to Harvard, she worked for the Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors without Borders (MSF) international Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, where she focused on intellectual property rights, equity prices for medicines, and research and development into neglected diseases. She has worked with MSF since 1999, including in New York, Geneva, Paris, Goma (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Beijing. She has also consulted on access to medicines policies for MSF, Oxfam, UNAIDS, UNITAID and the World Health Organization. Dr. Moon is a member of the Board of Directors of MSF-USA, the expert Proposal Review Committee of UNITAID, and the Board of Directors of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative-North America. She received a BA in History from Yale University, an MPA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

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Duncan LEARMOUTH leads GSK’s newly created Developing Countries and Market Access operating unit which was formed in August 2010. The group has a dedicated focus on delivering the strategic approaches needed to expand access to medicines for patients in Least Developed Countries. Duncan is also a board member of ViV Healthcare, a global specialist HIV company established by GSK and Pfizer to deliver advances in treatment and care for people living with HIV. Duncan was previously Senior Vice President, Global Communication for GSK from 2006, and prior to this was Vice President, Global Investor Relation and Competitive excellence. Duncan joined GSK in 1991.
Debout has been leading the pioneering development of the Brain-to-Society (BtS) approach to obesity, chronic disease and other physical and mental health challenges and diseases that are tied to a progressive and cumulative misalignment between human biology and the modern environment. Combining cutting edge genetics, neuroscience and computational systems sciences with health and social policy, business, and economics, the BtS research program aims to develop a new science of the How to generate and test innovative solutions to these pressing health problems. The BtS research program, in development for more than 5 years, has been strongly inspired by the yearly think tanks and satellite events of the McGill World Platform for Health and Economic Convergence that she put together. She is the co-PI of an on-going NIH funded project in which an agent-based approach is used to model the BtS determinants of eating in the context of childhood obesity prevention. Dr. Dubé is also contributing to and co-editor of a forthcoming special feature of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science to foster trans-disciplinary conceptual and methodological development to better harness the power of business and of the whole of society to address food and nutrition security problems.

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