



Biographical Sketches

Spokespeople for GAVI Partner's Forum

Gian Gandhi

GAVI Alliance

Senior Manager, Policy and Performance

Mr. Gandhi manages policy development and analytical activities pertaining to programme prioritisation; vaccine financing and market dynamics; financial sustainability; and new initiatives at the GAVI Alliance. Prior to joining GAVI in 2008, he served as the Director of Policy Research and Analysis at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), and before that, he spent six years in the pharmaceutical industry (Eli Lilly and GlaxoSmithKline) working as a health economist.

Mr. Gandhi has undertaken extensive policy and health economic research on vaccines and public-private partnerships. His areas of expertise are in-demand forecasting, innovative financing mechanisms, and vaccine research and development capacity in emerging economies. He has been published in the journal *PharmacoEconomics*, among others, and has authored several policy research papers while at IAVI. Mr. Gandhi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nottingham in economics and a Master of Science degree in health economics and epidemiology from the University of York, both in the UK.

Dr. Carsten Mantel

World Health Organization (WHO)

Leader; New and Underutilized Vaccines Implementation Group; Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

Dr. Mantel, a medical officer with WHO's Expanded Program on Immunization, took up his current post as Leader of the New and Underutilized Vaccines Implementation Group in WHO's Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, in September 2008.

Dr. Mantel has many years of work experience in the field of communicable disease control, vaccines, and immunisations, in both Europe and Africa. While living and working in the African Region, he was instrumental in establishing district primary health care and community health services. He worked at the Institute of Tropical Medicine of the Charité Medical School of Humboldt University in Berlin as senior lecturer and Head of the International Health Unit. As a regular WHO and UNICEF consultant, he performed epidemiological surveys in the field of immunisation, and assisted countries in the development of comprehensive multi-year national immunisation strategic plans in line with the WHO/UNICEF Global Immunization Vision and Strategy.

He qualified in Medicine from the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany, where he also obtained his doctorate degree. In addition, he holds a Master of Public Health degree with a focus on epidemiological methods from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Miloud Kaddar

World Health Organization (WHO)
Health Economist

Mr. Kaddar is a senior health economist with more than 20 years of experience in international health, population, and development. He joined WHO in November 2002, where he is leading a team working on vaccine procurement, immunisation financing, and global interdependence.

Prior to joining WHO, he served as senior adviser to the Ministry of Health in Morocco in implementing a European Union-supported project on health sector reform. He also worked for Abt Associates in the US to provide the technical leadership to the Partnership for Health Reform's Special Initiative on Financing and Sustainability of Immunization Programs. He has conducted related health policy research and programme assessments activities for UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank, the European Union, and Germany's GTZ.

Mr. Kaddar has served on the economics faculties of the University of Grenoble, France; the National Institute of Public Health in Rennes, France; and University of Oran, Algeria. He is one of the founders of the Maghreb Network on health economics and health systems. He has a postgraduate degree in economics from the University of Oran in Algeria, a Master of Arts degree from University of Grenoble, and a Diploma on Public Health from the University of Nancy in France.

Lidija Kamara

World Health Organization (WHO)
Expanded Programme on Immunization Plus (EPI)

Lidija Kamara has been working in the World Health Organization Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals for eight years. Her areas of work include immunisation planning, financing and financial sustainability, and she was recently appointed Partnerships Coordinator of GAVI-supported programmes in WHO. Lidija has authored articles on the GAVI financial sustainability planning process and on the GAVI Financing Task Force. She worked in the private sector in the United Kingdom for nine years prior to joining WHO, and holds a Masters Degree in International Business Management.

Daisy Mafubelu

World Health Organization (WHO)
Assistant Director-General, Family and Community Health

Prior to her appointment as Assistant Director-General, Family and Community Health at the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 April 2007, Mrs. Daisy Mafubelu was Health Attaché in the Permanent Mission of South Africa in Geneva, with the rank of Minister. Mrs. Mafubelu was the coordinator of the African group on health matters and is well known among the diplomatic community in Geneva. In her five years as Health Attaché, she participated actively in the intergovernmental processes of WHO.

Mrs. Mafubelu's career in public health started in 1981 as a nurse and midwife. She graduated in Community Health Nursing and Nursing Education from the University of South Africa and later, in Business Administration from the University of Stellenbosch. She also holds a postgraduate diploma in Health Management from the University of Cape Town.

In 1994, Mrs. Mafubelu joined the management ranks of the South African Health Service, where she played a significant role in the transformation of the public health services. She held senior management positions within the public health sector, first as a Director of Human Resources and later as a Deputy Director-General of Health. Mrs. Mafubelu was named Oliver Tambo Fellow in Public Health Leadership

in 1997. This award recognizes the outstanding potential and commitment to provide leadership through public health service towards improving health and health care for all South Africans.

Saad Houry

UNICEF

Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Houry was appointed UNICEF Deputy Executive Director in January 2008. Mr. Houry joined UNICEF in June 1978 as Assistant Programme Officer in the Middle East and North Africa Regional Office in Beirut, Lebanon. From 1981 to 1983, he served as Resident Programme Officer in Aden, Yemen. Mr. Houry was later transferred to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he served as Adviser to the Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organization, and as head of their Programme Division from 1983 to 1988. Mr. Houry returned to UNICEF as Regional Programme and Planning Officer in the West and Central Africa Regional Office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 1988 to 1993. He then served on special assignments and programme-related activities at UNICEF offices in Oman, Madagascar, Mozambique and New York, from 1993 to 1996. From April 1996 to August 1998, Mr. Houry served as UNICEF Representative in Burkina Faso. From August 1998 until January 2001, Mr. Houry served as Deputy Regional Director in Amman, Jordan, when he was appointed Chief, Office of the Executive Director in UNICEF Headquarters, New York. In January 2003 he was appointed as Director of the Division of Policy and Planning.

Mr. Houry, a Canadian national, attended the American University of Beirut where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1972. He attended the University of London where he received a Master of Science degree in Neurobiology in 1974, and pursued research towards a PhD in Neuropharmacology.