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ADDRESSING THE HEALTH OF  
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS  
FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

# PL2

## PLENARY 2

The Political Economy  
of Social Inclusion

## BACKGROUND

The commitment to 'leave no one behind' is a key feature of the new SDGs, and the principle that 'no goal should be met unless it is met for everyone' by definition, means that everybody in society must be included. However, it is evident that the world is not living up to these ideals, with many countries exhibiting large inequalities in health outcomes between different groups in society. Often social factors outside the health sector are responsible for these inequalities, but unequal access to health services also plays an important contributory role.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is built on foundations of equity and rights: It is consistent with the fundamental right to health and the goal of ensuring the highest attainable level of health for all. In fulfilling these principles, it is essential that governments move towards UHC in a fair and equitable manner. This should mean giving a greater priority to covering high-need groups in society (for example the poor and vulnerable) over privileged groups who already have better access to health services. The Lancet Commission "Investing in Health" referred to this strategy of reaching UHC equitably as Progressive Universalism.

However, it is clear that few countries around the world are following truly equitable paths to UHC, and in many instances poor, vulnerable and marginalized groups in society are being left behind.

This plenary session will aim to highlight the extent of the problem, explain the political reasons for its occurrence and suggest areas where stakeholders can intervene to ensure that UHC processes are truly inclusive.

## OBJECTIVES

- To enable PMAC delegates to understand and appreciate the human rights and equity principles underpinning the health SDG and UHC and recognise where these rights are not being respected.
- To share lessons on how to improve the health of vulnerable populations, for example people living in fragile states, refugees, internally displaced people, the poor, economic migrants, ethnic minority groups and disadvantaged demographic groups (including women, children, LGBT people, disabled people, the chronically sick and the elderly).
- To discuss the political benefits of implementing truly inclusive and equitable UHC reforms that not only “leave no one behind” but also prioritise the needs of vulnerable populations.



MODERATOR

## David HARPER

Senior Consulting Fellow  
Deputy Head of the Centre on Global Health Security  
Chatham House

United Kingdom

Professor David Ross Harper is the Managing Director of Harper Public Health Consulting Limited. He is also Senior Consulting Fellow at the Chatham House Centre on Global Health Security. Previously, David was the Chief Scientist and Director General for Health Improvement and Protection in the UK Department of Health. In addition, he has been Special Adviser to the WHO in Geneva. A scientist by training, David graduated in microbiology from the University of Dundee and gained his PhD in biochemistry from the University of Birmingham. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians, and an honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health. He was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2002. He has an honorary Professorship at the University of Dundee, and an honorary Doctorate of Science from Cranfield University, where he is also a visiting Professor.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Ernesto ZEDILLO

Director  
Yale Center for the Study of Globalization  
USA

Ernesto Zedillo is Frederick Iseman '74 Director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization; Professor in the Field of International Economics and Politics; Professor of International and Area Studies; and Professor Adjunct of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University. He served as President of Mexico from 1994-2000.

Dr. Zedillo is a member of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders, brought together by Nelson Mandela, who offer their collective influence and experience to support peace building, help address major causes of human suffering and promote the shared interests of humanity. He served as Chair of the Commission to recommend the future course of the International Atomic Energy Agency and as Chair of the High Level Commission on Modernization of World Bank Group Governance. He is the Chairman of the Board of the Natural Resource Governance Institute and Co-Chair of the Inter-American Dialogue. He co-chairs the Shared Border, Shared Future working group of the Center for Global Development that has proposed a new bilateral agreement to regulate future flows of lower-skill labor between Mexico and the United States.

He serves on the Global Commission on Drug Policy, chaired the Global Development Network from 2005 to 2011, and co-chaired the Task Force on Trade of the UN Millennium Project that produced its final report, Trade for Development, in 2005. He is a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, the G30, and the Board of Directors of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. In 2011 he was elected an international member of the American Philosophical Society.



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He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University and holds several honorary degrees. His edited volume, *Africa at a Fork in the Road: Taking Off or Disappointment Once Again?* (YCSG) was published in 2015; *Rethinking the War on Drugs through the US-Mexico Prism* (YCSG) in 2012; and two other edited volumes, *Global Warming: Looking Beyond Kyoto* (Brookings/YCSG) and *The Future of Globalization: Explorations in Light of Recent Turbulence* (Routledge) were published in 2008.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Keizo TAKEMI

Member  
House of Councillors  
Japan

Keizo Takemi is a member of the House of Councillors of the Japanese parliament, or Diet, where he belongs to the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). As the chair of the Special Mission Committee on Global Health Strategy of the LDP Policy Research Council, he is playing a key role in policymaking, and creating political momentum for increasing Japan's contributions to global health under the principles of human security.

Prof. Takemi was involved in various global initiatives, including the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), WHO expert working group on R&D Financing, and the international organizing committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC). He has also been serving as the chair of the parliamentary caucus on Stop TB Partnership since March 2013, and the chair of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) since October 2013. In March 2016, he was appointed to the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth.

Prof. Takemi served in the House of Councillors from 1995 to 2007 and then returned to the Diet in December 2012. During his previous tenure in the Diet, he served in the first Abe administration's cabinet as Senior Vice Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare, and he was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Obuchi Cabinet in 1999. As State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, he led the initiative to establish the UN Trust Fund for Human Security and was subsequently named by

former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as a member of the High Level Panel on UN System-Wide Coherence in Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Environment.

He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Keio University, and from April 1995 to March 2016, taught as professor at Tokai University. Between 1994 and 1998, he was vice chairman of the Institute of Strategic Peace and International Affairs at Tokai University. He has also been an anchor on CNN Day Watch in Japan and a visiting scholar at the Fairbanks Center for East Asian Research at Harvard University.

Since September 2007, he has been a senior fellow with the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), and serving as the chair of the Executive Committee of JCIE's Global Health and Human Security Program, a pioneering public-private partnership on global health that was formerly known as the "Study Group on Challenges in Global Health and Japan's Contributions." He was a research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health from November 2007 to June 2009. Also, he is a visiting professor at a number of universities around the country including Keio University and Nagasaki University.

Prof. Takemi is co-author of Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8 (2009), and he has contributed numerous articles in English and Japanese to journals such as The Lancet, Asia-Pacific Review, and Gaiko (Diplomacy).



## PANELISTS

## Anele YAWA

General Secretary  
Treatment Action Campaign  
South Africa

Anele Yawa became a TAC member in 2002. From 2003 to 2005 he was a TAC District Organizer in the Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality (Port Elizabeth). In 2008, he was elected as the Deputy Chairperson of TAC in the Eastern Cape. From 2010 to 2013 he served as TAC's Eastern Cape Provincial Chairperson and also a member of the National Council of TAC. In July 2013 Anele became TAC's National Chairperson. Following the resignation of former TAC General Secretary Vuyiseka Dubula in February 2014, he stepped up to lead the organization during a very difficult transition period. As of July 1st 2014 Anele Yawa is officially the General Secretary of the TAC.

He served in the Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality from 2011 to 2014 as a proportional representative councillor but stepped down from this position to commit himself full-time to ensure TAC successfully managed the financial and organisational re-structuring process it was undergoing. Under his leadership TAC has re-grouped and intensified its efforts advocating increased access to treatment, care and support services for people living with HIV, as well as campaigns to reduce new HIV infections.



PANELISTS

## Argee Macliing MALAYAO

Secretary General  
KATRIBU

Philippines

Pya Macliing Malayao is an indigenous person from the Cordillera Region in Northern Philippines. She belongs to the Bontok – Igorot community in the Mt. Province.

Pya is currently the Secretary General of the KATRIBU Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas or Katribu, the national alliance of indigenous peoples organizations in the Philippines covering more than 500 community-based indigenous peoples organizations. She has been involved in the advocacy for indigenous peoples rights since her first years in high school. From February to May 2010, she served as the National Spokesperson of the KATRIBU Partylist, a national political party of the indigenous peoples that participated in the national elections in 2010 and 2013.

As part of the Katribu National Secretariat, she contributes to the programs of Katribu on public information and campaigns, community immersion and exchange programs, education and training, volunteers for indigenous peoples, disaster response, and international linkages and solidarity.

For more than 6 years now, she is continuously developing her work and experience in campaigns, advocacy and lobbying at the national level for the fulfillment of the aspirations of the indigenous peoples, the recognition of IP rights to ancestral land and self-determination. Pya has also been

engaging in the international arena including some UN processes - Universal Periodic Review in 2012, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the World Conference on Indigenous peoples processes from 2013 to 2014, and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples from 2013 to 2015; and international activities and programs initiated by indigenous peoples organizations such as the Lakbay Lumad USA: The Continuing Journey of Mindanao's Indigenous Peoples for Peace with Justice, an advocacy tour in the USA in April-May 2016.

Pya has also been part of several missions for solidarity, fact finding or environmental and social investigations in different indigenous communities in the Philippines to look deeper into the issues of mining and other big and destructive businesses and human rights violations against indigenous peoples.

Pya is a Convener of the Stop the Killings of Indigenous Peoples Network, Scrap the Philippine Mining Act Network, and the Citizen's Alliance for Just Peace; and a council member of the SANDUGO Movement of Moro and Indigenous Peoples for Self-determination, a newly formed national alliance of the Moro and indigenous peoples in the Philippines. And as part of the indigenous peoples struggles in international level, she is a regional coordinator for the Asia and Pacific in the Land is Life, a global movement in safeguarding the rights of indigenous peoples to protect land, cultures and biodiversity for all humanity; and a regional representative to the Indigenous Peoples Reference Group of the World Council of Churches.

She obtained her bachelor's degree, cum laude, in Anthropology from the University of the Philippines in 2009.