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PARALLEL SESSION 1.2

Discrimination in Health Care  
– Determinants and Consequences

## BACKGROUND

Discrimination in health-care settings, particularly against those marginalized and most vulnerable, is widespread and takes many forms. Discrimination leads to poor health outcomes, leaving those stigmatized even more vulnerable to ill-health and its consequences. Healthcare providers are themselves often victims of discrimination, with the protection of their rights closely linked to protection of the rights of patients.

UNAIDS and WHO are spearheading a collective agenda –the Zero Discrimination Agenda-- to eliminate discrimination in health care settings. Work is underway, led by the US CDC and Columbian University's ICAP program, on a systematic review of the evidence to better understand and address underlying factors related to HIV-related stigma and discrimination, including focus on both clients and healthcare providers. Development of a joint UN Agency Statement on eliminating discrimination in health care also is in process.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the session will be to contribute to a better evidence-based understanding of programs that are effective in addressing the multiple factors underpinning stigma and discrimination in health care settings, including attention to the rights and responsibilities of health care providers; to share progress on a joint UN agency interagency statement; and to build broader political momentum in the area.



MODERATOR

## James CAMPBELL

Director  
Health Workforce, World Health Organization  
Switzerland

Jim Campbell is the Director of the Health Workforce Department at the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Executive Director, of the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA). Prior to taking on this role in July 2014, Mr. Campbell was the Director of the Instituto de Cooperación Social Integrare (ICS Integrare), a not-for-profit research institute in Barcelona, Spain where he worked for 8 years.

He has worked as a specialist researcher/advisor on Human Resources for Health for governments, UN agencies and philanthropic foundations, including WHO, GHWA, UNFPA, World Bank, UK DFID, Norad and BMGF. Examples of this work include the Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (2010), WHO policy recommendations on 'Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention' (2010), 'A Universal Truth: No Health Without a Workforce' published at the Third Global Forum on HRH in Recife, Brazil (2013) and the State of the World's Midwifery 2014 report.



## SPEAKERS

# Evelyn RODRIGUEZ

Physician epidemiologist  
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or ICAP  
USA

Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez is a Medical Epidemiologist in the Division of Global HIV/AIDS in the Center for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), working for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to improve health systems and human resources for health. Her areas of interest are stigma and discrimination elimination, task sharing, and mentoring of mid-level providers.

Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez has published work in HIV/AIDS and drug safety in peer reviewed journals and received numerous honors and awards, including the U.S. Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal (1993), the Arthur Flemming Award for Excellence in Science from George Washington University (2000), the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's Inspiradora Hall of Fame Award honoring her career achievements (2008), and the United States Public Health Service Hispanic Officers Advisory Committee's Juan Carlos Finlay Award for career distinction in improving health (2016).



## PANELISTS

# Sigrun MØGEDAL

Special Adviser  
Norwegian Institute of Public Health  
Norway

Sigrun Møgedal is the Chair of the International Steering Committee for the Robert Carr Civil Society Network Fund, the Deputy Chair of Save the Children Norway Board of Directors and Chair of the Board of the Medicines Patent Pool. She is also member of the Independent Monitoring Board for the Polio Eradication Initiative.

Her broad areas of engagement have been in the HIV/AIDS response, human resources for health, health and development policy, strategy and delivery, global partnerships and governance.

Before retirement in 2011, Dr. Møgedal served as the Norwegian Ambassador for Aids and Global Health Initiatives, based in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She graduated from medical school in Oslo, Norway in 1968, did her Diploma in Tropical medicine and Hygiene in London and spent 12 years in primary health care and health service management in Nepal. Upon return to Norway she provided leadership for the establishment of a Resource Centre for health and local development, DiS - Centre for Partnership in Development, at the Norwegian Lutheran Hospital and College in Oslo and served as its Director from 1987 to 1998, when she joined the Norwegian Agency for International development, Norad.

Dr. Møgedal has been a Board Member of the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB, and Malaria (GFATM), the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), UNITAID and the Global Forum for Health Research.. She was a lead expert in the Foreign Policy and Global Health Initiative established by Foreign Ministers of seven countries



from 2006 and up to retirement, served as a Commissioner on the UiO-Lancet Commission on Global Governance for Health (2011-2013) and as a member of the writing team for the UNAIDS-Lancet Commission.

After retirement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has been associated with the Norwegian Knowledge Center for the Health Services and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health as a Special Adviser.



## PANELISTS

## Dainius PURAS

Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health  
UN OHCHR

Lithuania

Mr. Dainius Pūras is a Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. He was appointed to this position by UN Human Rights Council at its twenty-sixth session in June 2014, and took up his functions as UN Special Rapporteur on 1 August 2014.

Dainius Pūras is a medical doctor with notable expertise on mental health and child's health. Dr. Dainius Pūras is a Professor and the Head of the Centre for Child psychiatry social paediatrics at Vilnius University, and teaches at the Faculty of Medicine, Institute of International relations and political science and Faculty of Philosophy of Vilnius University, Lithuania. He is also visiting Professor at the University of Essex (United Kingdom) and a Distinguished Visitor with the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown university (USA). As a medical doctor, he serves as a consultant at the Child Development Center, at Vilnius University Hospital.

Dainius Pūras is a human rights advocate who has been actively involved during the last 30 years in the process of transforming public health policies and services, with special focus on the rights of children, persons with mental disabilities, and other groups in vulnerable situations. He was the founder of Lithuanian society of families with children who have intellectual disabilities; the first President of Lithuanian Psychiatric Association; the Dean of Faculty of Medicine of Vilnius University; and the Chairman of the board of two non-governmental organizations in Lithuania: the Global Initiative on Psychiatry, and the Human Rights Monitoring Institute.

As a researcher, Mr Pûras has led and actively participated in projects at the national and international level in areas such as mental health policies and services, policies and services for children and families at risk, rights and needs of children with developmental disabilities, and prevention of violence. Mr Pûras works closely with different stakeholders for the translation of scientific evidence into effective policies and practices through the application of modern human rights and public health approaches.

Between 2007 and 2011, Mr Pûras served as a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. He has been an independent expert and consultant to numerous Governments, NGOs, and UN agencies and programmes in the field of the right to health. He is author of over 60 scientific publications covering issues such as public health, mental health, public health policy, disabilities, and prevention of violence.

While discharging the mandate of UN Special rapporteur on the right to health, Mr. Dainius Pûras has presented in 2015-2016 thematic reports to UN Human Rights Council and General Assembly on right to health in early childhood, right to health in adolescence, as well as on right to health and Sustainable development goals.

More information about these and other activities of the UN Special rapporteur on the right to health: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>





## PANELISTS

# Sarojini NADIMPALLY

Executive Director  
Sama Resource Group for Women and Health  
India

Sarojini N has been working on women's health and rights for over 18 years and is also one of the founder members of Sama Resource Group for Women and Health. She has coordinated national research studies concerning the potential impacts on women of reproductive and medical technologies, clinical trials and access to medicines and the implications of the two-child norm for marginalized communities. She has contributed several articles/papers to national as well as international journals such as Globalisation and Health, Asian BioEthics Review, Development, Reproductive Health Matters journal, the Economic and Political Weekly and the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics etc.

She has trained health activists and researchers on gender and reproductive health rights and instrumental in setting up many community based initiatives in the country. Her involvement in the policy level mainly on surrogacy and clinical trials facilitated changes in the regulation on these two issues.

She was closely involved with the research project, Shodhini, which studied alternative systems of medicine and co-authored a book, 'Touch me, Touch me not: Women, Plants and Healing', based on the study, published by Kali for Women, Delhi.

She was the Visiting Scholar at University of Massachusetts. Currently, she is a part of Mission Steering Group of National Health Mission (NHM) of the Government of India and the member of Central Ethics Committee on Research of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).



PANELISTS

Suparoek SRIKHAM

Director  
Kudkhaopun Hospital

Thailand

I am the director and professional level of general physician. My jobs are several activity include produced the health system in distant area and poor elderly people, health care in hospital at that remote area ,care keeper in palliative patient and health promoter. In the same time I manage the plan of financial provided from the government for the small area to maintain my organization.



PANELIST

## Mariângela SIMAO

Director  
Rights, Gender, Prevention and Community Mobilization  
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS  
Switzerland

Mariângela Simão joined UNAIDS in July 2010 from the Ministry of Health in Brazil where she worked since 2006 as the Director of the Department of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS.

She has worked in the Brazilian public health system since 1982, from the primary health care level to a series of managerial positions throughout the years. As a public health professional, at municipal, state and national levels, she played an active role in the decentralization of the national health system, acquiring an extensive experience in health system strengthening. She has also served on the boards of a number of organizations and government committees related to public health and HIV.

Heading the National Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS Department (including Viral Hepatitis from 2009), she had the responsibility of overseeing and implementing the national Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis policies, including universal and free of charge access to treatment, care and comprehensive prevention programs.

She currently works at UNAIDS Secretariat in Geneva, as director of the Rights, Gender, Prevention and Community Mobilization Department.

Dr. Simão attended medical school in Brazil, with degrees in Paediatrics and Public Health, and a MSc in Mother and Child Health in the UK.