

The UN High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth: The Opportunity for Communities and their Primary Health Systems

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Appendix 2: Interviewee Biographies

Bent Høie is a Norwegian politician from the Conservative Party who has been Minister of Health and Care Services since October 16, 2013. He is a representative of Rogaland in the Storting and was first elected in 2001. The Minister of Health and Care Services is responsible for government policy related to hospitals, municipal healthcare services, preventive measures, psychiatric health and drug addiction.

Dr. Benoit Vallet was appointed Director General of Health on October 23, 2013, on the recommendation of Mrs. Marisol Touraine, Minister for Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights. Benoit contributed to several international scientific groups and in particular was involved in European affairs as a member of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), an NGO representing medical specialists at the European level and advocating for the improvement of the quality of care through the highest standard of training of medical specialists. He is now involved in the WHO governing bodies as member of the Executive Board and chair of the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Dr. David Weakliam is a specialist in Public Health Medicine and General Practice and has worked in global health since 1988, including 12 years in Nepal, Liberia, Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo. He is now the Global Health Lead in the Irish Health Service Executive and fulfils a number of international and national roles, including Chair of the new Global Health Workforce Network, Chair of the European ESTHER Alliance, Chair of the Irish Forum for Global Health and Director of a number of international development NGOs – Tearfund Ireland (Chair), Nepal Leprosy Trust, Cherish International (Chair). David is an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

Jim Campbell is the Director of the Health Workforce Department at WHO. 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 eight 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.

Dr. Akiko Maeda is a health economist with over 20 years of international experience in health and social policies and development programs. She has advised governments on health policy reforms and managed social investment projects in over 30 countries in the Middle East, North Africa Region, Asia and Europe. She has also published global studies covering topics on health financing and health accounts, health sector labour market and health service reforms.

Professor Jill White, Dean Emerita, Professor of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney, Australia, Senior Fulbright Scholar

2015, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Senior Scholar in Residence ICN, May–June 2015, Geneva. Professor White has extensive international experience, most recently in Tonga and Vietnam. She was the founder of the UTS WHO Collaborating Centre and facilitated the formation of the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance.

Howard Catton is the Director, Nursing & Health Policy and leads the development of ICN policy across workforce, education, regulation, nursing practice and health policy. Howard qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1988 and held a variety of nursing posts in England and the United States. He studied social policy in Cardiff (BSc Econ) and Industrial Relations at Warwick (MA) and has worked as a Personnel and Organisational Change Manager in the NHS in the UK. From 2005 to 2015, Howard was the Head of Policy & International Affairs at the RCN. He worked with a wide range of stakeholders on the development and implementation of nursing and health policy both in the UK and overseas. Howard was named in the Health Service Journal’s top 100 Clinical Leaders list for 2015.