

Advisory Steering Group Members

Short Biographies



Sir George Alleyne

Sir George Alleyne, a native of Barbados, became Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 February 1995 and completed a second four-year term on 31 January 2003. In 2003 he was elected Director Emeritus of the PASB. From February 2003 until December 2010 he was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. In October 2003 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship on the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Alleyne has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including prestigious decorations and national honors from many countries of the Americas. In 1990, he was made Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his services to Medicine. In 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honor that can be conferred on a Caribbean national.

Prof. Janet Beauvais

Janet Beauvais has been a Professor of Policy Practice at the McGill World Platform (MWP) for Health and Economic Convergence at McGill University since March 2009 where she leads projects focused on better understanding the role of the private sector and non-state actors in addressing global health issues such as chronic disease and obesity, food safety, food security and nutrition. Between 2005 and 2009 she was the Director General for the Food Directorate at Health Canada where she was responsible for a group of 400 staff from diverse disciplines delivering a program of scientific research, pre-market evaluation and health risk assessment, policy, standards and regulatory activities for food additives, chemical and microbiological contaminants, nutrients, health claims, and novel foods. She is an epidemiologist and biostatistician who began her career at McGill University and joined Health Canada in 1993 as an epidemiologist/ biostatistician leading projects in the area of cancer and the environment. Between 1995 and 2000 she was Head of the Cancer Screening group at Health Canada. In 2000, she joined Environment Canada as Director of the Existing Chemical Substances Branch and was responsible for developing and implementing internationally precedent-setting approaches to assess the environmental risks of the 23,000 previously un-assessed existing substances and chemicals in Canada.



Mr. Jorge Casimiro

Jorge Casimiro is Director, International Government Relations and Public Affairs at The Coca-Cola Company. In this role, he leads the Company's international government affairs and stakeholder engagement strategies in the areas of health and nutrition, working closely with the Marketing and Scientific & Regulatory Affairs functions. He is the Company's representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, as well as to health- and nutrition-focused multilateral and nongovernmental organizations. As co-chair of the International Food & Beverage Alliance, he leads The Coca-Cola Company's engagement with

	<p>the World Health Organization and its regional offices. Additionally, Jorge has geographic responsibilities for Latin America. Mr. Casimiro joined The Coca-Cola Company in 2001 as Manager of Special Projects in the Office of the Chairman and CEO. He was subsequently named Creative Director, Leadership Communications, where he was responsible for the Company's Annual Report as well as other executive communications. In 2004, he moved to Mexico City as Director of Communications for the Coca-Cola América Latina. He later served as Executive Assistant to the President of Coca-Cola América Latina. After two international assignments in Latin America, Jorge returned to Atlanta in 2008 as Executive Assistant to former Chairman of the Board and CEO, Neville Isdell. A graduate of Brown University, Jorge earned his master's degree in public policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. He worked in government and international relations before joining the The Coca-Cola Company. He and his family reside in Atlanta.</p>
<p>Dr. Maria Bonilla-Chacin</p>	<p>María Eugenia Bonilla-Chacin has a PhD in Economics from Johns Hopkins University. She works at the World Bank since 2001 where she has held several positions in the departments of Human Development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean region. She works mainly on health issues. Currently she is working in the Health, Nutrition and Population Department of the Latin America and Caribbean Region of the World Bank and works mostly on Mexico and Panama.</p>
<div data-bbox="206 1215 493 1430" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Dr. Beatriz Champagne</p>	<p>Beatriz is executive director of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation, an organization dedicated to prevention of heart diseases and stroke in the Americas. She spearheads initiatives such as "Community Interventions for Health," in Mexico City addressing diet, physical activity and tobacco; and "Smokefree Mexico", a program that has resulted Mexico City becoming 100% smoke free. In addition, she helped organized initiatives such as tobacco warning labels in the Caribbean, the Healthy Caribbean Coalition, Journalism Awards, tobacco control research, emergency cardiovascular care (ECC) networks and training, smoking cessation training, salt reduction, women and heart disease, among others. She is an investigator and organizer of the CARMELA Study of 7 Latin American cities to evaluate risk factors of heart disease. Her organization received the 2009 Luther L. Terry Awards for Exemplary Leadership in Tobacco Control. She is in the Executive Committee of Global Advocacy for Physical Activity, and INWAT, International Network of Women Against Tobacco. She holds PhD from Rutgers University and BS summa cum laude from the University of Illinois. She was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p>



Ms. Kim Elmslie

In the position of Director General, Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Ms. Elmslie is responsible for leading the Public Health Agency of Canada's initiatives in chronic disease; including surveillance, risk assessment, prevention and management activities. Academically trained in epidemiology and biostatistics, Ms. Elmslie brings a strong science base and extensive program and policy experience to her work in public health. Ms. Elmslie has held several senior positions in the federal public service. She served as Executive Director of the Canadian Biotechnology Secretariat from 2003 - 2007, where she was responsible for the coordination of seven federal departments working to develop a coherent approach to biotechnology that included the economic, regulatory, ethical and social issues triggered by increasing applications of biotechnology across sectors of the economy. As Executive Director, Health Research Secretariat, Health Canada from 2000 B 2003, Ms. Elmslie facilitated partnerships with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, established the department's first Research Ethics Board, and launched the inaugural Health Canada Research Forum. Previous to this, Ms. Elmslie was Director, National Health Research and Development Program (1998-2000), Health Canada's extramural research funding organization on applied health research including training and career development of young researchers. In her role as Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Surveillance B National AIDS Strategy. Ms. Elmslie established the first national AIDS reporting system in collaboration with provinces and territories and ensured this information was utilized in policy and program development and in public information. Ms. Elmslie was a member of the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative (CBCRI) B now the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA) B from 1997-2003. During 2003, she was Chair of the Board of Directors, leading this public, private and voluntary sector partnership.



Mr. Ernesto Felicio

Mr. Felicio has 40 years of experience in the Health Care Industry, where he has worked both in domestic and International companies. He held several senior management positions in Argentina, his home country, as well as in Brazil, Mexico, Peru and the USA. Among them, President Bristol-Myers Squibb Brazil, Group President G&M companies (Elea, Interbelle Cosmetics and Parke Davies); Regional Manager, Abbott International for Latin America and Puerto Rico; Vice President Latin America Bristol-Myers and Vice President, South Region, Bristol-Myers Squibb. At present, he holds the positions of Executive President, Cámara Argentina de Especialidades Medicinales, CAEME and Secretary General, Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria Farmacéutica, FIFARMA. He is a member of the Council of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations/Federación Internacional de la Industria del Medicamento, IFPMA/FIIM and a board member of the Inter American Council for Commerce and Production, CICYP.



Ms. Ana Garcia

Ana Garcia has 15 years experience supporting and advocating for community-based approaches to health at the national, state, and local levels. Her experience includes work with a variety of nonprofit and government organizations, including the Vermont Department of Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees in the West Bank. Her focus areas for NYAM include chronic disease prevention, enhancing the public health infrastructure, assuring diversity in the health care workforce, and child health. Project responsibilities include the Strategic Alliance for Health (a CDC-funded collaboration with the NYC Department of Health to improve physical activity and nutrition options in Harlem and the Bronx with a focus on schools and the community setting), the New York State Prevention Agenda (a statewide effort with the NYS Department of Health to reduce disparities and create savings to the health care system through community planning for health), and collaboration with Trust for America's Health, a non-profit, non-partisan organization in Washington D.C. working to make disease prevention a national priority. She is also co-director of the new DASH-NY, New York's Statewide Obesity Prevention Policy Center: Designing a Strong and Healthy New York. She holds an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and a BA from the University of Notre Dame.

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Mr. Harold Hamana

Harold Hamana has more than 15 years of experience in business, marketing and communications consulting, with an extensive background in corporate affairs, government relations, corporate social responsibility, crisis management, branding and positioning, stakeholder engagement, and product marketing in the healthcare, consumer, and finance fields. Mr. Hamana has provided marketing, communications, public affairs and crisis management counsel for clients such as: the Pan American Health Organization, GlaxoSmithKline, Bayer, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Roche, Eli Lilly, Merck, MSD, Serono, NovoNordisk, Novartis, Latin American Brewers Association, Latin America Reserves Fund, Latin American Recording Academy, Mexico Tourism Board, Unilever, HBO Networks, MTV Networks, and Discovery Networks. His work has been recognized with multiple industry awards, among them: PR Week, SABRE, and the Bulldog Award for excellence in communications. Before developing a career in consulting services, Mr. Hamana worked with the Corporate Communications and Public Affairs team at global oil corporation Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), and was a Technology columnist for El Universal in Caracas.

Mr. Hamana is an adjunct professor of Communications Management at the University of Miami and a board member of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation.



Prof. Trevor Hassell

Professor Hassell is Adjunct Professor of Medicine, University of the West Indies, Barbados, and Honorary Consultant Physician and Cardiologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados. He is Chairman of the National Commission for Chronic Non Communicable Diseases. He is also Chairman of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition: a civil society network for combating chronic diseases, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Chronic Disease Research Centre, UWI. Professor Hassell was recently appointed as Barbados Special Envoy for Chronic Diseases. He is a Past Vice President of the World Heart Federation, Past President of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation, and Former President, Caribbean Cardiac Society. Professor Hassell has been involved over the past several years in community detection and control of hypertension, and rheumatic fever prophylaxis programmes, and has developed national programmes for the provision of comprehensive cardiovascular care, including the development of community based primary prevention cardiovascular, healthy lifestyle and wellness programmes. Professor Hassell has played a leading role locally, regionally and internationally in efforts aimed at slowing the pandemic of chronic non communicable diseases. Professor Hassell has received many awards including appointment to the Order of Barbados in the Grade of the Gold Crown of Merit in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the medical profession.



Ms. Rosie Henson

Rosemarie Henson is currently the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). During Ms. Henson's tenure with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) she directed multiple disease prevention and health promotion programs. Ms. Henson served for over 5 years as the deputy director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). In partnership with the center director, Ms. Henson shared the responsibility for overseeing the Center's 10 scientific divisions and shaped plans, policies, and strategies to advance NCCDPHP's multifaceted programs to prevent and control chronic disease. From 2001 until 2004, Ms. Henson was the director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH), the federal government's lead organization on tobacco prevention and control. She launched CDC's state-based National Network of Tobacco Cessation Quitlines, which for the first time provided access to telephone counseling and local follow-up for all U.S. smokers; played a pivotal role in leading CDC's efforts to establish youth tobacco surveillance activities in 150 countries around the world; led the successful CDC tobacco-free campus initiative; and led the national strategy for the release of two landmark Surgeon General's reports. Prior to her service in OSH, Ms. Henson served as the deputy director of CDC's National Center for Environmental health and chief of the Program Services Branch in NCCDPHP's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. She implemented

	<p>the nation's first-ever breast and cervical cancer early detection program that today supports screening for millions of underserved women nationwide. Ms. Henson has been the recipient of several significant honors, including the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 2007 the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation for Exemplary effort in the development of the Surgeon General's Report on the Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in 2006 and the Jeffery P. Koplan Award for outstanding leadership in global tobacco prevention and control in 2004. Prior to joining CDC in 1990 Ms. Henson served in several public health leadership positions with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Boston. Ms. Henson earned her Master's in Public Health and Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University</p>
<p>Ms. Gayle Horne</p>	<p>Gayle is the Manager, Global Public Policy within the Government Relations team at RIM. Managing the Digital Society portfolio, Gayle is developing and executing policy strategies on topics such as Accessibility, Mobile Health, Education and Mobile Government.</p> <p>Gayle joined the Government Relations team in 2010 after working in Organizational Development at RIM for five years. Prior to joining RIM, Gayle worked in Human Resources, Health and Safety and Labor Relations. Gayle has a Masters of Industrial Relations from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in English and History from the University of Western Ontario.</p>
<div data-bbox="241 1144 453 1415" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Mr. Laurent Huber</p>	<p>Laurent Huber is the director of the Framework Convention Alliance (FCA), an international coalition of over 350 non-governmental organizations from more than 100 countries, which has been widely recognized by governments, NGOs and the World Health Organization (WHO) for its vital role in shaping both the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the first global public health treaty negotiated under the auspices of the WHO, and the UN summit on non-communicable diseases.</p> <p>Laurent is also the Executive Director of Action on Smoking and Health, a nonprofit organization that works to advance strong tobacco control policies on both the legislative and judicial level in the United States. Fluent in four languages, Laurent has conducted policy workshops for advocates and legislators and has presented on public health policy in conferences and at academic institutions around the world. For his accomplishments in international tobacco control, Laurent received the American Lung Association/C. Everett Koop Foundation award in 2005, and under his leadership the FCA received both the Luther Terry award in 2006 and the WHO World No Tobacco Day award in 2011. Fluent in four languages, Laurent has conducted policy workshops for advocates and legislators and has presented on public health policy in conferences and at academic institutions around the world.</p>



Dr. Gabrielle Lamourelle

Gabrielle Lamourelle is as an International Health Policy Analyst in the Office of Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In the Policy and Programming Division, Ms. Lamourelle works on policy and strategy for the agency on global health issues, in particular on the growing global burden of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors. She has over ten years of experience in global health in the public and private sectors with a focus on access to health technologies in low resource settings. Her previous work includes piloting HPV vaccines in Uganda, supporting new community health worker programs and alternate primary care models in India, and policy research and advocacy on development of and access to new HIV prevention technologies. She holds a Masters of Public Health in Sociomedical Sciences with a concentration in Global Health from Columbia University and a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



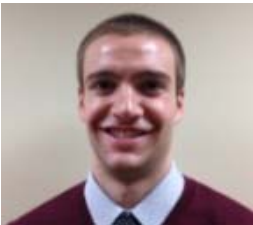

Dr. Eva Jane- Llopis



Dr. Eva Jané-Llopis heads Health Programmes at the World Economic Forum. She is a specialist in health promotion, mental health and NCDs, having worked over the years in leading positions with academia, government, the European Commission and the World Health Organization. She has expertise in policy making, evidence development, implementation and evaluation of programmes and public-private partnerships; she has led large EU research projects and global think tanks; she is member of several advisory boards, has been keynote speaker in major international conferences and has published extensively.



Ms. Zoila Leon Moreno

Bachelor in nursing and Obstetrics in 1988 by the ENEO-UNAM. In 2001 the Master's Degree in Sciences was obtained of Nursing by the University of New Mexico. Moreno has received different recognitions including diplomas of utilization, the Medal Gabino Barreda (1987), Honorary Mention in the professional examination (1988), and the Award "Dr. Everardo Landa" (1988). The professional practice has been carried out since 1987 in the assistance area as Intern in the Hospital Angel of the Pedregal and in 1988 to date as a general nurse in the Mexican Social Security Institute. In the educational area she has been engaged from professor aide in 1987-1989, subsequently as subject professor. She currently a Professor of Career Definitive Full-time Associate B, in the Area of Health Care in Mexico in the ENEO-UNAM. From 1995 to 2007 Moreno was in the Coordination of Clinical Teaching and in 2007 to 2011, Coordinating the Academic Programs of the Division of Professional Studies. In the period 2002-2004 she functioned as President of the Academy of Fundamental Nursing. There has been educational participation in institutional type projects such as: "Modernization and Development of the Laboratories for the" and "Improvement of the Clinical Teaching in Nursing", and as collaborator in that of "Clinical Tutelage of in Practice Hospital Nursing for the Strengthening of the Learning of the Students." In addition she has been engaged in research as collaborating

	<p>in the "Design and Validation of a Model to Develop Clinical Judgments and Decision-making in Students of Nursing" and "Abilities of Clinical Reasoning and Style of Decision in Students of Nursing of the UNAM: A Comparative Study". Both are part of the Program of Research Project Support and Technological Innovation of the UNAM. There has been in addition collaboration in the education of educators and of the personnel of the Health Institutions in the theoretical, methodological and technological aspects of the profession. Moreno has also participated as assistant and speaker to national and international events, as well as in professional organizations as the National School of Nurses and in the 'Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals' (FEPPEN), as First Secretary of the Executive committee.</p>
 <p>Mr. Craig Moscetti</p>	<p>Craig Moscetti currently serves as Senior Policy Manager at the Global Health Council, where he is the lead analyst on global health policy and budget issues. He currently chairs the Council's Global Health Budget and Policy Advisory Group, and directs the Council's NCD Initiative, including serving as chair of the NCD Roundtable, a coalition of civil society organizations engaging in advocacy, policy dialogue, partnerships building and grassroots mobilization around NCDs and the UN High Level Meeting. He represents GHC in several expert working groups on global health and NCDs, and in addition to the Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs, serves on steering committees for NCD Child and the Global Physical Activity and Sports Coalition on NCDs. Before joining the Global Health Council, Mr. Moscetti served as a global health fellow with BRAC Bangladesh and the James P. Grant School of Public Health, as well as a global health analyst with the Congressional Research Service, where he helped author reports for Congress on U.S. global health funding and policy, USAID and CDC global health programs, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and neglected tropical diseases, among other topics. He has a Master's in Public Health from the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, where his training focused on global health policy.</p>
 <p>Dr. Diana Pinto</p>	<p>Diana Pinto is a Health Lead Specialist in the IDB's office in Washington DC. Prior to joining the IDB, she worked as Associate Professor at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana's School of Medicine and as Research Associate at Fedesarrollo, conducting research in applied health economics. She also worked as Health Policy Advisor to the Minister of Social Protection in Colombia, in charge of the design and evaluation of health sector policy, and of the design, development and coordination of technical studies to support decision making with respect to benefits packages and their financial sustainability. Diana has also carried out numerous consultancies for the World Bank, CAF and IDB among other institutions. She has published and served as editor of book chapters on health financing and insurance. Diana, of Colombian nationality, is a medical doctor and holds a Master of Science in Health Administration from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and a ScD in Population and International Health (International Health Policy and Economics Program) from Harvard School of Public Health. (dpinto@iadb.org)</p>

<p>Ms. Abby Pratt</p>	<p>Abby Pratt, Associate Vice President of Global Strategy and Analysis, joined AdvaMed's Global Strategy and Analysis Team in 2011 with responsibility for India, the EU, France and Eastern Europe. Ms. Pratt oversees the Association's efforts to pursue fair market access and appropriate reimbursement for medical technology products in these markets. Prior to joining AdvaMed, Ms. Pratt was an International Trade Specialist at the U.S. Department of Commerce with responsibility for the medical device and pharmaceutical industries in China, Western Europe, and India. Before joining the public sector, Ms. Pratt spent almost 9 years in Japan gaining extensive experience in international relations and trade policy through her management positions at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCI) and most recently GE Healthcare.</p>
 <p>Mr. Herb Riband</p>	<p>Herb Riband joined Medtronic in 1999 at the company's European headquarters in Switzerland. In 2008, he was appointed to his current role as Vice President External Affairs International for Medtronic's International region comprising all markets outside the USA, with responsibility for healthcare policy, reimbursement and market access activities. He has been an active supporter of the Medtronic Foundation since 2001, and in 2010 was selected to join the Foundation's Board of Directors. In connection with his Medtronic role, Mr. Riband has long been active in Eucomed, the European medical technology industry association. He has served as Chair of the Eucomed Public Affairs Network since 2009 and is a long-standing member of Eucomed's International Affairs Group and Corporate Advisory Council. Since 2008 Mr. Riband has served as a member of two industry/government bodies, the UK Ministerial Medical Technology Strategy Group (MMTSG) and the Geneva-based Council for Multilateral Business Diplomacy (CMBD). Prior to joining Medtronic, Mr. Riband held a variety of international legal and business advisory roles in London, Madrid, Connecticut and Washington D.C. He has lived and worked in Europe for nearly 20 years. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Riband received degrees from Cornell University and the University of Michigan Law School.</p>
 <p>Dr. Mirta Roses</p>	<p>Doctor Mirta Roses Periago, born in Argentina, received her medical degree from the National University of Córdoba in 1969 and a diploma in public health (1973) with a concentration in epidemiology (1981) and a certificate of specialization in infectious diseases from the University of Buenos Aires (1976). She also studied tropical medicine at Bahia State Federal University in Brazil (1971). Dr. Roses began her career in Córdoba, Argentina, as a staff physician in the Rawson Hospital and as a teaching assistant instructor at the National University in the Departments of Preventive and Social Medicine and of Infectious Diseases. She participated in the Research Program on Argentine Hemorrhagic Fever in Pergamino, Buenos Aires Province. In 1974, she joined Argentina's Ministry of Public Health.</p> <p>Read more...</p>



Dr. Marcos Espinal

Dr. Marcos Espinal Fuentes is currently the manager of Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Dr Espinal's portfolio includes five major areas: communicable diseases, non-communicable chronic diseases, risk and outbreak communication, health information & analysis, and veterinary public health. Dr Espinal, a national of the Dominican Republic, holds a medical degree from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1985); he is a pediatrician, with three years of residency at the Robert Reid Children's Hospital of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He obtained a master's degree in public health (1990) and a doctorate in public health (1995) from the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health.

Dr. Espinal Fuentes' work experience includes positions in the Ministry of Health of the Dominican Republic and the National Center for Research on Maternal and Child Health as an epidemiologist and research scientist; the New York City Public Health Department, USA, as a research scientist; and the World Health Organization (WHO). Before joining PAHO Dr Espinal served as Executive Secretary of the WHO Stop TB Partnership, a global movement aiming at the elimination of TB as a public health problem. Dr. Espinal Fuentes has published numerous publications in the area of communicable diseases and is a recipient of the Scientific Prize of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, the Albert and Mildred Krueger Memorial Fellowship, and a graduate scholarship from the John E. Fogarty International Center. In 2008, Dr. Espinal Fuentes was awarded the Walter and Elise A. Hass International Award by the University of California at Berkeley for a distinguished record of service in international health.



Dr. C. James Hospedales

Dr. C. James Hospedales, a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, is the Coordinator, Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). From 1998–2006, Dr. Hospedales was Director of the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre, CAREC/PAHO/WHO, Trinidad, serving 21 countries. He played a key role in developing donor partnerships for HIV/AIDS prevention, and a partnership with the Caribbean tourism industry to improve health, safety and environment conditions. Dr. Hospedales was a member of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development, which made policy recommendations to the Heads of Government and named chronic diseases as a super-priority for the Region. Dr. Hospedales' career has included service as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the US Centers for Disease Control, as an epidemiologist at CAREC, and several years working in public health for the UK National Health Service. Dr. Hospedales graduated with honors in medicine from the University of the West Indies. He has a Master's of Science degree in community medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and is a Fellow of UK Faculty of Public Health.



Dr. Irene Klinger

Irene Klinger, a Chilean economist with 28 years of experience in the international arena, re-joined the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in January 2012 as Senior Advisor, Partnerships and Multi-Sector Collaboration. Before that she was the Director of the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations at the Organization of American States (OAS). Dr. Klinger was responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Secretary General and the Organization's policy-making bodies on relations with the OAS Member States, Permanent Observers, UN system agencies, Inter-American agencies, international finance institutions, and civil society. Prior to this appointment she served as Executive Secretary with the OAS Summit of the Americas Secretariat, working along with Member States to develop the economic, political and social agenda for the hemisphere and follow up on hemispheric Summit mandates. Before coming to the OAS, she was Director of External Relations at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). An international expert who is well-respected in Washington, Irene Klinger's expertise covers external relations, diplomacy, fundraising and project management. She is a University of Chile graduate and holds a Masters degree in economics from the University of Amsterdam.

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