

**“Towards A Safer World” Network of Pandemic Preparedness Practitioners event:  
“Taking Stock of Achievements: Charting Future Directions”**

**Geneva International Conference Centre (Rooms 3+4)  
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**Biography of Speakers**



**David Nabarro**

**Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Food Security and Nutrition, and  
UN System Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza**

David Nabarro trained as medical doctor, worked for six years in South Asia, East Africa and Iraq and taught for six years at the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine.

In 1990 he served as Chief Health and Population Adviser in UK Overseas Development Administration (ODA) then in 1997 he became Director for Human Development in the UK Government’s Department for International Development (DFID).

In 1999 joined the World Health Organization (WHO) to lead Roll Back Malaria: he moved to Health Action in Crises in 2002.

In September 2005 he joined the UN Secretary-General as Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza. In January 2009 he also became Coordinator of the UN system’s High Level Task Force on Global Food Security; in October 2009 he was nominated as the Secretary General’s Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition and – in December 2011 – he was appointed Coordinator of the Scale Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement.

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**Chadia Wannous**  
**Senior Policy Advisor**  
**Towards A Safer World Network Coordinator**  
**UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC)**

Chadia Wannous is a Senior Policy Advisor at the UN System Influenza Coordination Office (UNSIC) based in Geneva, Switzerland. She is also the Coordinator of the Toward A safer World (TASW) Network managed by UNSIC. The TASW aims to contribute to increased societal resilience including continuity of governance, economic systems, critical services and resilient livelihoods in the face of pandemics and health threats through strengthening the capabilities of the network's committed individuals to implement multisectoral, whole-of-society preparedness practices.

Prior to her current position in Geneva in September 2011, she was working on emergency preparedness with focus on pandemic preparedness and response. In this she served as a Technical Officer at WHO Regional Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response sub-unit in Thailand, as a Senior Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt, and as a Regional Coordinator for the UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Chadia is a public health professional by training. She gained her doctorate degree in International Health and Development from Tulane University in USA. She has more than twenty years of experience working in public health in a number of countries in the Middle East, South East Asia, the Caribbean, and North America.

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**Professor Virginia Murray**  
**Head of Extreme Events and Health Protection**  
**Public Health England**

Virginia Murray qualified in medicine. In January 2011, she was appointed as Head of the new Extreme Events and Health Protection section, now of Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>). Extreme Events and Health Protection provides a focal point for evidence based health protection advice for planning, response and recovery to extreme weather events and other natural hazards at local, national and international levels on flooding, heat, cold, volcanic ash, and other extreme weather and natural hazards events (<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/EmergencyResponse/ExtremeWeatherEventsAndNaturalDisasters/>).

Virginia was a Coordinating Lead Author for chapter 9 Case Studies ([http://ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX/images/uploads/SREX-Chap9\\_FINAL.pdf](http://ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX/images/uploads/SREX-Chap9_FINAL.pdf)) for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation which published in May 2012 (<http://ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX/report/full-report/>). She is the UK Government member on the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) Scientific and Technical Advisory Group since 2008 and since 2011 is one of the members of the UNISDR Advisory Group for the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/post-hfa/advisory/?pid:507&pil:1>)

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**Cathy Roth**  
**Scientific Policy Advisor**  
**to the Assistant Director-General of the Health Security and the Environment Cluster,**  
**World Health Organization (WHO)**

Cathy Roth is the Scientific Policy Advisor to the Assistant Director-General of the Health Security and the Environment Cluster, WHO, Geneva. She trained in medicine in Dundee and Cambridge, and worked in the Coppets Wood Unit for Tropical Diseases in London. She subsequently specialised in medical virology, and worked as a public health virologist in the East Anglia Regional Public Health Laboratory and the Central Virus Reference Laboratory of the UK Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale. Her interest is in viral haemorrhagic fevers and severe emerging diseases. In WHO, she led a team responsible for readiness and response to those diseases, preparedness for deliberate outbreaks,

the WHO smallpox program, and the project on life sciences research and global health security. She was involved in the creation of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, and has led and participated in field responses to outbreaks of Ebola, Marburg, monkeypox, SARS, and avian influenza, in control of communicable diseases following the tsunami in 2004. She developed an initiative on translational research for improved epidemic control. Since 2010, she has advised on scientific policy issues, including those relevant to the animal-human-ecosystems interface.

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**Professor David R. Harper**  
**Special Adviser to the Assistant Director-General for**  
**Health Security and Environment**  
**The World Health Organization (WHO)**

Professor Harper is Special Adviser to the Assistant Director-General for Health Security and Environment at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva. His principal role is to advise on Global Preparedness for Health Security.

Prior to his current appointment in March 2012, he was Director General for Health Improvement and Protection in the UK Department of Health. He was also the Chief Scientist and Head of Profession for Scientists. He is a Fellow of the Society of Biology, a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians, and a 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 Doctor of Science from Cranfield University.

A scientist by training, he graduated in microbiology from the University of Dundee and gained his PhD in biochemistry from the University of Birmingham. He worked as Head of the Microbiology Unit at the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory before joining the Department of Health in 1989.

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**Keith Hamilton**  
**Charge` de Mission (OFFLU)**  
**Scientific and Technical Department,**  
**OIE**

Dr Keith Hamilton is a veterinarian from the British Isles. After qualifying in 1997 he worked in mixed animal practice in several countries and also gained experience working in field disease programmes, including FMD, rabies and bovine TB. In 2003 he completed an MSc in infectious disease control at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Following a 3 year posting to the UK government, where he was responsible for advising on veterinary exotic disease control and managing the UK avian influenza surveillance programme, Keith was seconded to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). During his 5 years at OIE Keith has been responsible for developing and managing global capacity building and networking programmes. More recently he has been responsible for taking forward OIE's Biological Threat Reduction Strategy including post rinderpest eradication activities and an active collaboration with the Global Partnership. Keith's current work is focussed on developing and implementing the broad range of activities which contribute to strengthening global biological security.

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**Bengt Sundelius**  
**Strategic Advisor to the Director General**  
**of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency**

Bengt Sundelius is Professor of Government, Uppsala University, and Strategic Advisor to the Director General of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency. He has been Chief Scientist of the Swedish Emergency Management Agency, Head of the Department of Security and Strategy of the Swedish National Defence College, founding Director of the National Centre for Crisis Management Research & Training and Director of Research for Strategy & Security Policy at the Swedish National Defence Research Establishment.

Sundelius has served as expert on the EU Commission based European Security Research Advisory Board (ESRAB) and on the European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF) that formulated the EU FP7 agenda for European security research. He served on the Security Research Advisory Group giving guidance to the EU Commission in this area. He is Agreement Director for the Science & Technology Agreement between the Swedish government and the US Department of Homeland Security that was concluded in 2007.

Sundelius has written many books and scientific articles on societal security issues and has extensive experience in training high level public officials in crisis management and decision-making under pressure. He has contributed to various government commissions in the area of civil protection, societal security and defence policy.



**Neil McFarlane**  
**Chief of Regional Programmes and Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator**  
**UNISDR**

Neil McFarlane works for the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). He is currently Chief of Regional Programmes and Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator. One of his duties is to manage the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. His experience in humanitarian, development, and climate change culminates into the core work of disaster risk reduction.

Dr. McFarlane was Counsellor at the Australian Permanent Mission in Geneva responsible for the Australian aid program interests with Geneva-based international humanitarian and health organisations. During this time he was Chair of the Donor Support Group in the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (UNOCHA), assisted in the Presidency of the Executive Committee of the UN Office for High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), was the Australian Alternate Member on the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and a regular delegate to the relevant support mechanisms of the WHO, UNAIDS, and UNISDR.

Over the last twenty years Dr. McFarlane has gained intimate knowledge and experience in international development cooperation both overseas and in Australia. He has worked at local, national and international levels in the delivery of aid, humanitarian, health and climate change adaptation programs. He is an aid practitioner, experienced policy advisor, and multilateral expert. He now specializes in advising and advocating for disaster risk reduction.

Dr McFarlane holds a Bachelor of Arts from the Australian National University (1987), a Masters in Development Studies from Deakin University (1994); and a Doctor of Philosophy (Development Economics) from Deakin University (2005).

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**Nicole Kligen**  
**Acting Director**  
**Health, Nutrition, and Population**  
**Human Development Network**  
**World Bank**

Ms. Nicole Kligen is the Acting Director of Health, Nutrition, and Population (HNP) at the World Bank, overseeing the World Bank's global network of HNP staff. In 2011, she was appointed Sector Manager for HNP, a position to which she will return when the new Director of HNP joins the World Bank.

Ms. Kligen co-led the development of the WB's 2007 Strategy for HNP Results. The same year, as part of the International Health Partnership (IHP+) and related initiatives, she led the WB team that collaborated with governments of developing and developed countries and other agencies to build a global compact to achieve the health Millennium Development Goals. She also served as co-coordinator of the secretariat for the High-level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems, which was launched in September 2008 to help strengthen health systems in the 49 poorest countries in the world.

Ms. Kligen, a trained economist, has been working in international development for more than 17 years, including more than ten years in operations, predominantly in the Middle East and North Africa.

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**Victor Kourenkov**  
**Regional Officer, Air Navigation Systems implementation,**  
**International Civil Aviation Organization**

Victor Kourenkov is a Russian Federation citizen, born in 1952. He graduated from the Moscow University in 1975 and served in the ex-USSR Air Forces in the Republic of Belarus.

Prior to joining ICAO in 1994, he served for twelve years in the air navigation services of the ex-USSR and later the Russian Federation and was primarily responsible for the international operational aviation policies and cooperative programmes related to the air navigation systems. Since 1994 he was the advisory Service Coordinator and since 1998 - Technical and then Regional Officer, Air Navigation Systems Implementation in the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office.

His activity in ICAO consists of the provision and assistance under the ICAO Regular Programme to States in the Region in general and particularly to States in the Eastern part of the ICAO European Region. His activity relate with assistance provided in respect to the establishment of civil aviation systems in accordance with international requirements as contained in ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

Victor Kourenkov is the ICAO certified Safety Management Systems Implementation and State Safety Programme courses' instructor. He is also the ICAO certified Safety Auditor and participated in a number of the ICAO safety audits under the ICAO Universal Safety Audit Programme (USOAP).

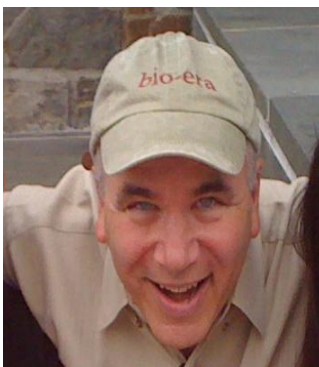
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**Paula Reid**  
**Business Continuity Management Unit**  
**United Nations Secretariat**

Paula Reid joined the United Nations in November 2012. Prior to joining, Paula worked in the private sector for 13 years as a Programme Manager in Information Technology responsible for technology projects, business continuity and IT disaster recovery. Paula also spent 2 years in the non-profit sector managing an Adult Education programme. In her current position Paula is responsible for the development and implementation of business continuity and organizational resilience at the UN.

Paula is a certified Project Management and Business Continuity Planning Professional. She holds a Bachelors in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University and a Masters in Business Administration with concentration in International Management from Kean University.

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**Stephen C. Aldrich**  
**President**  
**Bio Economic Research Associates LLC (bio-era™)**

Steve Aldrich is the founder of Bio Economic Research Associates LLC (bio-era™), an independent research and consulting firm specializing in complex issue analysis at the intersection of our emerging knowledge of biology and the economy.



Steve studied evolutionary biology at Harvard (1978) before entering business. In 1984, he joined Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA) where he co-founded the firm's natural gas practice and served as a senior consultant on energy industry strategies. In 1995, he was appointed to the North American Natural Gas Council. In 2003, Steve founded bio-era as an independent research and consulting firm on the social and economic consequences of human-induced change to biological systems. Steve is the author or co-author of numerous articles, books, and bio-era reports, including:

- "Genome Synthesis and Design Futures: Implications for the US Economy" (2007)
- "Thinking Ahead: Anticipating Early Impacts of an Avian Influenza Pandemic" (2005)
- "Using Scenarios to Understand the Impact of an Avian Influenza Pandemic" (2005)
- "Rising Waters: Helping Hudson Valley Communities Adapt to Climate Change" (2009)
- "Futures of the Wild" (2007)

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**Nicholas G. Studzinski, MA, MPH**  
**Senior International Public Health Advisor, Pandemic Coordinator**  
**U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

Mr. Studzinski is a Senior International Public Health Advisor, currently serving as Pandemic Coordinator at the Bureau for Global Health, Unit on Pandemic Influenza and Other Emerging Threats, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. He has more than 36 years of experience working in international public health development in a number of countries in Southeast Asia, Africa, Eurasia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Between 2006- 2008 Mr. Studzinski served as Senior Public Health Advisor in the capacity of Liaison for USAID to the Department of State Avian Influenza Working Group, where he represented USAID's Bureau for Global Health, Unit on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, as part of an effort to coordinate international avian and pandemic activities of all U.S. Government departments and agencies. During this period, Mr. Studzinski also functioned as Coordinator for avian and pandemic influenza activities in Europe and Eurasia, and managed a cooperative activity on national and regional avian and pandemic influenza simulation exercises in that region in a collaborative venture including the World Health Organization Bureau for Europe, and the Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy.

Since 2008 Mr. Studzinski has functioned as the Pandemic Preparedness Coordinator in the USAID Bureau for Global Health, Pandemic Influenza and Other Emerging Threats Unit. Mr. Studzinski also manages two separate activities designed to enhance multi-sectoral pandemic preparedness in select countries of the Africa and Asia regions. These include the "Pandemic Response Program," implemented through an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Department of Defence (AFRICOM and PACOM), with a focus on military-military and military-civilian preparedness; and the PREPARE pandemic preparedness project, which focuses on multi-sectoral pandemic preparedness, based on a "whole of -society" model. Mr. Studzinski coordinates the implementation of these projects in participating countries in Asia and Africa, as well as in regional collaboration with the Association of Southeast Asian States (ASEAN).

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**Julius N. Kabubi**  
**Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor to the East Africa Community**

Julius has worked as a meteorologist/climatologist with the Kenya Meteorological Department for 15 years. He also worked as a lecturer in environmental hydrology at the University of Nairobi, and a Lecturer in Disaster management and environmental sanitation at the Moi University. Julius is a disasters risk reduction and management expert with UNISDR. Currently, he is the DRR advisor to the East Africa Community based in Arusha, Tanzania.

Julius holds a BSC in Meteorology and Mathematics at the University of Nairobi and a Master's of Science (MSc) degree in Applied Hydrology from Free University of Brussels (VUB). He attended several professional courses in the scientific fields such GIS applications, Disaster Management course, senior management course. Currently he is enrolled for PhD degree in water resources management at the University of Nairobi.

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**Stefan Seebacher,**  
**Head of Health Department,**  
**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)**

Dr. Stefan Seebacher is the Head of the Health Department at the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) based in Geneva. He is responsible for all aspects of global health programs in development and emergency settings. Prior to this role, Dr. Seebacher has acted in various capacities and roles with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements since 1992, including his role as the International Health Advisor at the Austrian Red Cross between 2009-2010, acting as the Head of the Ankara and Minsk Delegations between 2002-2007, and acting as the Head of the Regional Health Units and the Regional Technical Coordinator for the South East and East Asia between 1997-2002.

Dr. Seebacher holds an MD from the University of Innsbruck in Austria, a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Parasitology from the Bernhardt Nocht Institute in Germany, a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Management in Non-profit Organization from Regis University.

Additionally, Dr. Seebacher has attained certification as a Knowledge Manager and a Knowledge Environment Engineer through the Global Knowledge Economic Council.

Dr. Seebacher has extensively traveled and worked in various parts of the world. He has authored number of reports and publications around health programming, monitoring and evaluation.

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**Mona Chaya**

**Senior Coordinator, the Food Chain Crisis Management Framework,  
UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

Ms Chaya trained as agronomist, and plant molecular biology, worked for 13 in East Africa, Central and South Asia, and Eastern Europe.

In 1996 she joined FAO with the plant genetic resources group. She was then appointed in Bosnia and Herzegovina as FAO Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator. From 1999 until 2006 she held the post of FAO Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator in several countries: Burundi, Afghanistan, Uganda, Sri Lank., From 2001 to 2002 she served as liaison officer for humanitarian affairs at the FAO Liaison office in Geneva.

In 2006 she was appointed as Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Policies Advisor in FAO HQ while carrying out surge capacity - rapid response missions to countries in crisis such as Lebanon, Philippines, Moldova, and Myanmar. In 2008 she served as Pandemic Preparedness Senior Officer in Geneva with the Pandemic Influenza Contingency team.