

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Mr. Peter SANDS

*Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS,
Tuberculosis and Malaria*



Peter Sands has led the organization's resource mobilization efforts and organizational improvements since assuming his current position in 2018. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, he led the Global Fund partnership in responding immediately to mitigate the impact on lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs, protect front-line health workers, and reinforce health systems and community health networks. Together with national governments and global health leaders, he helped create the ACT-Accelerator, a groundbreaking global coalition to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines.

Before joining the Global Fund, Sands served as Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered PLC (2006-15), one of the leading international banks operating across over 70 markets, primarily in emerging markets. Known for his role in averting an economic crisis in Europe without government assistance, he oversaw the bank's CSR program, which focused on health in developing countries and contributed to fighting AIDS and malaria through donations and logistical support. After stepping down from the bank, Sands was research fellow at the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Bringing his extensive experience in finance to global health finance, he served as chair of the American Academy of Medicine's Committee on Global Health Risk Framework (2015-16) and of the World Bank's International Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness Finance (2016-17). He holds a BA from Oxford University and an MA in Public Management from Harvard University.



Hon. Aden Bare Duale, EGH
Cabinet Secretary for Health, Republic of Kenya

PROFILE

Hon. Aden Bare Duale is a respected Kenyan Cabinet Secretary, political leader, and published author with over 17 years in public service. He currently serves as Cabinet Secretary for Health, where he leads Kenya's health transformation, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and global health diplomacy. He represents Kenya at high-level platforms including the World Health Assembly.

In 2024, he served as Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry, where he made a significant impact by spearheading the development and gazettment of seven progressive environmental regulations critical to Kenya's climate action and sustainability agenda.

Under his leadership, Kenya's climate governance architecture was strengthened to align with both the Climate Change Act (Amendment) 2023 and global frameworks such as the Paris Agreement. He also oversaw Kenya's national coordination for COP29, positioning the country as a regional climate diplomacy leader.

From 2022 to 2024, Hon. Duale served as Cabinet Secretary for Defence, overseeing Kenya's defence strategic regional security partnerships, and military readiness.

As a former Leader of Majority Party in the National Assembly, he was instrumental in driving the Government's legislative agenda, sponsoring over 150 bills and strengthening parliamentary procedure under Kenya's 2010 Constitution. He also served as Assistant Minister for Livestock between 2008 and 2011, advocating for pastoral economies and livestock market reforms.

He is the author of the best-selling memoir, "For the Record", which chronicles his political journey and the evolution of governance in Kenya. The book has become a landmark reference in contemporary political literature.

Hon. Duale holds an MBA from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, a Bachelor's Degree in Education (History & Economics) from Moi University, and an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from Garissa University.

Recognized for his bold leadership, institutional reforms, and dedication to public service, Hon. Duale remains a key figure in Kenya's national development, governance, and international engagement

Hon. Dr. Mathume PHAAHLA

Deputy Minister of Health, Republic of South Africa

Dr Phaahla was appointed as Deputy Minister of Health on 30 June 2024. Before that he served as Minister of Health from 5 August 2021. While he began his career as a medical practitioner, Phaahla later served in a variety of roles in regional and national government. These included Chief Executive Officer of the South African Sports Commission, Director General of the Department of Sport and Recreation, Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture and Deputy Minister of Health.



Hon. Ichiro AISAWA

Member, House of Representative (Liberal Democratic Party); Co-Chair, FGFJ Diet Task Force; Chair, Japan-Africa Union Parliamentary Friendship League

Born June 10, 1954 in Okayama Prefecture. Ichiro Aisawa, a 13th-term member of the House of Representatives, is vice chairman of the ruling party's General Assembly of the House. He had served in Prime Minister Koizumi's Cabinet as state minister for foreign affairs from September 2003 to October 2005, representing Japan on a wide range of pressing international issues. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1986, he served in various positions, including acting secretary general of LDP, chairman of the House Committee on Budget and of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, parliamentary vice minister of trade and industry, and ranking member of the House Committee on Rules and Administration. He currently serves as chairperson of the Japan-AU Parliamentary Friendship Association, the UNHCR Parliamentary Association, and the Japan-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Association, among others. A 1979 graduate of Keio University majoring in administration engineering, he studied further at the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, founding the Okayama division of the institute in 2002.



Hon. Arfiya ERI

Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Date Curriculum Vitae

October 16, 1988 Born in Kitakyushu City,
Fukuoka Prefecture

May 2010 Graduated from the Walsh School of
Foreign Service, Georgetown University, USA (BS in
Foreign Service)

May 2012 Graduated from the Graduate School
of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, USA (MA
in Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies)

July 2012 Joined the Bank of Japan

October 2016 Joined the United Nations Secretariat in New York

April 2023 Elected to the House of Representatives (by-election) for the first time
(Chiba 5th Electoral District)

April 2023 Member, Committee on Judicial Affairs, House of Representatives

April 2023 Member, Committee on Education, Culture, Sports, Science and
Technology, House of Representatives

May 2023 Deputy Director, Women's Affairs Division, Liberal Democratic Party

May 2023 Deputy Director, Youth Division, Liberal Democratic Party (Deputy
Head of Students' Affairs from October)

October 2023 Deputy Director, Publicity and Strategies Division, Liberal Democratic
Party

October 2023 Member, Special Committee on Consumer Affairs, House of
Representatives

October 2023 Member, Committee on Financial Affairs, House of Representatives

October 2024 Re-elected to the House of Representatives (50th General Election)

November 2024 Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs (2nd Ishiba Cabinet)



Ms. Adda FAYE

Chief Financial Officer, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Adda Faye became the Chief Financial Officer at the Global Fund in June 2020. Leading the Finance and Administration Division, she oversees the financial management and administration functions of the Global Fund. Faye plays a key role in ensuring adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls, while protecting and optimizing the financial resources to accelerate the Global Fund's mission to end HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. Faye brings over 15 years of experience in strategic financial management, starting her career as an analyst with the Gambian Ministry of Finance under the divestiture program responsible for public enterprise performance. Before joining the Global Fund, she served as a financial analyst with UNESCO in Paris as part of their Young Professionals Programme. Faye studied finance and economics at New Jersey City University and earned a master's in financial aspects of decision management at the University of Bedfordshire. She also completed an advanced management and leadership course at the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.

**Mr. Alexis KAMUHIRE**

Auditor General, Republic of Rwanda

Alexis Kamuhire, the auditor general of Rwanda, has rich experience in Public Financial Management (PFM) over the last twenty-two years. He started his career in public sector audit since 2003. He is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR). Currently he is chairperson of Audit and Governance Subcommittee of Government Board of AFROSAI-E as the Head of SAI-Rwanda.

Before being appointed to be auditor general, he served as internal auditor general (formerly Chief Government Internal Auditor) for seven years within the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. Mr. Kamuhire coordinated and oversaw the internal audit function across all government agencies. His portfolio included central and local government entities, public enterprises, and government programs and projects.



Prior to this role, Mr. Kamuhire served as a financial management specialist for the Integrated Financial Management Information System Project (IFMIS) in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, where he was in charge of changing management strategies and capacity building. Mr. Kamuhire served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the East African Community's Audit and Risk Committee from 2015 to August 2021.

Mr. Srinivas GURAZADA

Head, Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Secretariat; Global Lead, Public Financial Management, World Bank

Srinivas Gurazada (Srini), an Indian national with over three decades of global experience in public finance, public policy, economics and governance, is the head of PEFA Secretariat, a partnership of nine development partners housed in World Bank, and the Global Lead, Public Financial Management, World Bank. PEFA is regarded as a gold standard for Public Financial Management, used in over 155 countries. Srini held various positions in the World Bank, including governance lead in Sub-Saharan Africa region, chair of Accountability & Oversight Institutions, etc. and World Bank's observer on IPSAS Board and co-chair of MOSAIC platform of IFAC for development of professional accounting. Before joining World Bank, Srini held key positions in Government of India and was deputed as advisor to Government of Oman. He started as a partner in a Chartered Accountants firm before his passion for development work motivated him to move to the public sector. Srini holds an MSc in Public Financial Management from University of London and a BCom and LLB from Andhra University, India. He is certified as chartered accountant, cost and management accountant, chartered secretary, and multiple others. He received several awards including "COVID19 Operational Hero Award" of World Bank, "Public Sector Achiever Award" and "CA Global Achiever Award" by CA Institute, etc. He is an author, blogger, speaker and social media influencer in public policy and public finance.



Dr. Magda ROBALO

Co-Founder and President, Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Guinea-Bissau



Magda Robalo is co-founder and president of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) in Guinea-Bissau. An adjunct professor at Griffith University, she co-chairs the UHC2030 Steering Committee and the Africa-led HIV Control Working Group and is a global ambassador of the G7 & G20 Health and Development Partnership.

Dr. Robalo is a public health physician with a career of over 30 years in the global health ecosystem. A former minister of health of Guinea-Bissau, she led the COVID-19 response as the High Commissioner of the Presidential Task Force. From 2020-2025, she played a leadership role at the Ethics and Governance Committee of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Prior to these roles, Dr. Robalo was Director of Communicable Diseases and WHO Representative to Namibia and Ghana, among other senior positions with the World Health Organization Africa Region.

She initiated and led transformative actions throughout her career, aiming to improve health outcomes, establish inclusive and accountable governance systems, empower women and girls, and promote equitable access to quality health care. She is deeply engaged in co-creating solutions for Africa's health sovereignty, sustainable financing, and overall economic development. She is a member of various Boards and Advisory Committees and a commissioner of the Lancet Global Health Commission on People-Centered Care for Universal Health Coverage, led by the Center for Primary Care at the Harvard Medical School.

Mr. Fitsum Lakew ALEMAYEHU

Liaison Manager to the African Union Commission (AUC), WACI Health



Fitsum Lakew Alemayehu currently works with WACI Health as liaison manager to the African Union Commission (AUC) and coordinates the African Civil Society Platform for Health (CiSPHA). He also represents WACI Health in different technical working groups, including the Specialized Technical Committee for Health, African Leadership

Meeting (ALM) advocacy and communication and private sector engagement subcommittees, hepatitis TWG, RMNCH taskforce, and member of the Health, Nutrition and Population Partnership within the African Union. In the Coalition of Advocates for Global Health and Pandemic Preparedness, he convened African CSOs towards the UN-HLM political declaration on PPR. In addition, he facilitated the first “One Africa TB Summit” to guide Africa’s response on TB. He facilitated a national workshop to document roles and responsibilities of the Health Governance Structure to support the transition of the Global Fund’s Country Coordinating Mechanism of Ethiopia (CCM/E). He also participates in the steering group of CSOs and local authorities for the 6th AU-EU Summit (now Advisory Group for CSOs in the AU-EU Partnerships) and serves as a CSO focal point for Africa CDC and CSOs.

With a rich experience in research, Fitsum presented need assessments at regional and national levels on education, livelihood, health and agriculture. He was a member of the C20 Health working group and technical youth advisor for the Women and Youth TWG of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2015/16. Fitsum has also been spearheading the engagement of CSOs in the Lusaka Agenda, facilitating consultations with CSOs.

Dr. Satoshi “Toshi” Ezoe

Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan

Dr. Satoshi Ezoe serves as the Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan, where he is responsible for overall global health policy. Since joining MHLW in 2002, he has led national and international health policies, including on universal health coverage, NCDs such as cancer control and mental health, and infectious disease control including pandemic response for the Japanese Government and the United Nations. His previous roles include Counsellor at Japan’s Permanent Mission to the UN, where he helped shape the UN High-Level Meetings on TB and UHC, and Director of Global Health Strategy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the COVID-19 pandemic including on G7 Hiroshima Summit and through Global Health Initiatives and institutions. He holds an MD, PhD, and master’s degrees in public health and public administration from Harvard University.

