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## Speaker Biographies

### ***Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information***

Maher Nasser is the Director of the Outreach Division in the United Nations Department of Public Information and currently Officer-in-Charge of DPI. He has over 25 years of work experience with the United Nations, with postings in Gaza, Jerusalem, Vienna, Amman, Cairo and New York.

### ***Ann Starrs, President, Family Care International and Representative, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health***

Ann Starrs is co-Founder and president of Family International a non-governmental organization dedicated to making pregnancy and childbirth safer in the developing world. Ann has worked with the organization since its founding in 1986; her responsibilities have encompassed organizational and strategic development; on-the-ground program design and capacity-building in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia; and global advocacy and policy-making on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health. Prior to FCI, Ann worked with the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She received her master's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in development economics and demography.

### ***Anthea Webb, Senior Liaison Officer at UN Secretary-General's High Level Task Force on Food Security***

Anthea Webb became the Senior Liaison Officer in September 2011. She previously was China's Director & Representative for the World Food Program as well as being the Senior Communications Officer for the World Food Program. She has an M.A. in International Relations from The Australian National University.

### ***Vibeke Jensen, Director of the Global Education First Initiative***

Prior to her work at the Global Education First Initiative Vibeke Jensen worked as the UNESCO Representative to Tanzania. She has spent altogether 19 years in various countries in Asia and Africa as

education program specialist with UNESCO, UNICEF and Danida focusing on issues related to access and quality of basic education in developing countries, with a specific interest in gender issues and girls' basic education.

***Herve Verhoosel, Head of External Relations, Roll Back Malaria***

As Representative of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership (Secretariat) in New York, Mr. Hervé Verhoosel leads the RBM office at the United Nations and is also Head of External Relations. Mr. Verhoosel oversees external relations initiatives and leads certain international advocacy and resource mobilization activities, special projects, events and key relationships. Mr. Verhoosel also represents RBM at the UN headquarters, with diplomatic Missions to the UN and with governments around the world in order to support the UN Secretary-General's prioritization of malaria.

The Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM) is the global framework for coordinated action against malaria. Founded in 1998 by UNICEF, WHO, UNDP and the World Bank and strengthened by the expertise, resources and commitment of more than 500 partner organizations, RBM is a public-private partnership that facilitates the incubation of new ideas, lends support to innovative approaches, promotes high-level political commitment and keeps malaria high on the global agenda by enabling, harmonizing and amplifying partner-driven advocacy initiatives. RBM secures policy guidance and financial and technical support for control efforts in countries and monitors progress towards universal goals.

Before joining RBM, Mr. Verhoosel was a consultant for the International Crisis Group and George Soros's OSI Foundation. Prior to that, Mr. Verhoosel worked for ten years in advocacy, external relations and communications. He also served as Spokesman for a member of the Belgian Government.

Mr. Verhoosel joined RBM in 2007.

***Leith Greenslade, MDG Health Alliance***

Leith Greenslade is Co-Chair of Child Health at the MDG Health Alliance which works to accelerate global progress towards Millennium Development Goal 4 in support of Every Woman, Every Child an unprecedented movement spearheaded by the United Nations' Secretary-General. Ms Greenslade is an investor in several non-profit organizations, including Tostan, Women for Afghan Women, the Somaly Mom Foundation and the Jewish Women's Foundation of New York, where she co-chairs Isha Koach, a giving circle that invests in women social entrepreneurs who serve the world's most vulnerable women and children.

Previously, Ms Greenslade served as Policy Advisor and Speechwriter to the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Minister for Health, as Chief of Staff to the Shadow Minister for Social Security and the Status of Women and as Economic Adviser to the Leader of the Opposition. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, a Masters in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a First Class Honors Degree from the University of Queensland.

***Ambassador, Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations***

Dr. A.K. Momen has been the Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York since August 26, 2009. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the UN General Assembly. He was the Chair of the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly from 2011-12. Dr. Momen was also the Chair of LDC (Least Developed Country) in 2009 and recently he concluded his term as chair of PBC (Peace Building Commission). He was also Vice President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the 2011-2012 sessions. In 2010 he served as the President of the UNICEF Executive Board. Prior to this he was also the Coordinator for NAM Peace building Caucus of the UN as well as the Facilitator for the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review 2010.

He is an educator and a human rights activist for years. He received many awards for his human rights activities. He taught mostly in Boston and he has a PhD in Economics, an MBA in Business Administration, an MPA in Public Administration, an MA in development Economics and a law Degree.

***Robert C. Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Planning in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General***

Dr. Robert C. Orr has served as Assistant Secretary-General in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General since 2004 and is the principal advisor and leader of the Secretary-General's initiatives on climate change, energy, global health, food security and partnership.

Dr. Orr joined the United Nations from Harvard University where he served as the Executive Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government. Prior to this, he served as Director of the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., Deputy to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Director of Global and Multilateral Affairs at the National Security Council in the White House.

Dr. Orr received his Ph.D. and M.P.A. in International Relations from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and his bachelor's degree from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). He speaks Spanish and Mandarin.

***Carmen Barroso, Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region***

Carmen Barroso is a member of the Independent Expert Review Group which is responsible for monitoring the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. She also was a member of the Gender Task Force of the Millennium Project. As Director of IPPF/WHR she oversees an organization that provides more than 30

million reproductive health services to women and girls and mobilizes civil society for advocacy related to the post-2015 agenda. She holds a PH.D from Columbia University.

***Rachel Wilson, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, PATH on behalf of the UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities Advocacy Working Group***

Ms. Wilson serves as the Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy at PATH, an international nonprofit organization that transforms global health through innovation. Ms. Wilson has more than 20 years of experience in public health advocacy, epidemiologic research, and policy communications both in the US and internationally. She has held public policy leadership roles in global health, women's health, health disparities, and infectious diseases. She holds a master's degree in public health from Boston University.

***Kate Rogers, Senior Programme Officer, UNICEF on behalf of Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed***

Along with A Promise Renewed, Rogers has also worked in the Division of Policy and Strategy and the Division of Programs focusing on the agency's engagement with civil society. Prior to working for UNICEF, Rogers worked for the World Bank in Sierra Leone as a project coordinator. She has an M. Phil in International Relations and a D. Phil in International Development from the University of Oxford.

***Jagdish Upadhyay, Chief, Commodity Security Branch, UNFPA on behalf of Family Planning 2020***

As the Chief of Commodity Management, Jagdish Upadhyay heads UNFPA's work on RHCS. In this role, Upadhyay has contributed to mainstreaming RHCS in the development agenda by building global advocacy and partnerships-- notably, through the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalitions. Prior to joining UNFPA, he worked in Nepal for 15 years in many positions, including as Executive Director of the Nepal social marketing company. He has a Master's of Science degree in Community Health Science from the University of Manitoba, Canada.

***Marta Seoane Aguiló, External Relations, Family, Women's and Children's Health, World Health Organization on behalf of H4+ (Joint Effort by UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, WHO, and the World Bank)***

Ms Seoane (Spain) brings to PMNCH a mix of private and public sector experience. She has worked in public health over the past six years, becoming an expert in partner relations, advocacy and communications for a range of health issues. Since 2007, she has contributed to The Partnership's advocacy work to place MNCH firmly in the development agenda, globally and also through country and regional advocacy initiatives, working with the PMNCH Board and advising partners and countries such as Chile, Senegal and Tanzania. She also worked for four years at the Tobacco Free Initiative at the WHO,

contributing to policy changes in countries through global advocacy campaigns, including World No Tobacco Day.

***Kathy Calvin, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation***

Kathy Calvin is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Foundation. Her career has spanned work in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. She is a passionate advocate for multi-sector problem-solving, U.S. leadership on global issues, and the inclusion of women at all levels and in all sectors.

Kathy was named CEO by the UN Foundation Board in 2009 and President in 2013. In those roles, she leads one of the most innovative organizations advocating for the UN and the creation of public-private partnerships. Her leadership brings together the largest network of supporters of UN issues in the United States and a global network of corporate, civil society and media partners. The UN Foundation was created in 1998 with entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner's historic \$1 billion gift to support UN causes and activities. The UN Foundation advocates for the UN and connects people, ideas, and resources to help the United Nations solve global problems. As a public charity with many partners, the UN Foundation's work is focused on decreasing child mortality, empowering women and girls, creating a clean energy future, using mobile technology for development, and improving U.S.-UN relations.

***Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, Host, HuffPo Live***

Ahmed Shihab-Eldin has been at HuffPost Live for just over one year, which he currently hosts and produces. In 2011, Ahmed created, produced and co-hosted Al Jazeera English's Emmy-nominated social media show, The Stream. As news of the Tunisian revolution first surfaced online, Ahmed was in the early stages of developing the award-winning interactive talk show, that sources stories from social networks and to disseminate news and share untold stories. He also worked as a reporter and producer for The Doha Film Institute and helped launch the first Doha Tribeca Film Festival, leading the online editorial team there. Ahmed later worked as a multimedia producer on PBS's documentary series Wide Angle, and as a producer for the New York Times. Working as a freelance reporter, he has reported from across the United States and, most notably, around the Arab world including Lebanon, the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt and Jordan.

***Matti Navellou, Women's Equality and Family Planning Campaign Manager***

Matti Navellou is the Campaign Manager for It Takes Two, a new global campaign by The Global Poverty Project and Women Deliver. A specialist in launching new campaigns and brands, Matti has worked as a strategy consultant and campaigner for several different NGOs and companies across Burkina Faso, Australia, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, France, the UK and the US. Matti's expertise lies in coalition building across sectors and grassroots advocacy with a focus on increasing public and political support for development issues.

***Michael Sheldrick, Global Policy and Advocacy Manager, Global Poverty Project***

An accomplished campaigner, commentator and speaker, Michael Sheldrick has been advocating on issues of extreme poverty since high school. He previously worked on high impact campaigns in Australia with Make Poverty History and The Oaktree Foundation, helping to secure the largest ever increase in Australian aid.

Michael currently serves as Global Policy and Advocacy Manager with the Global Poverty Project, where he coordinates a number of campaign initiatives including The End of Polio campaign, which has helped mobilize more than \$800 million in support of polio eradication efforts. Working with the Global Poverty Project's New York crew, Michael is overseeing the policy direction of the 2013 Global Citizen Festival.

***Gary Fowlie, Head, ITU Liaison Office to the United Nations***

Prior to joining the International Telecommunication Union in 2001, Mr. Fowlie worked as an Account Director for the technology practice of the global consulting firm Hill and Knowlton. His clients included Microsoft, SAP and many others. Mr. Fowlie was responsible for communications for the UN World Summit on the Information Society (2003 and 2005) and from 2005 until 2009 was the Chief of Media Liaison for the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Fowlie is a graduate of the Universities of Alberta, Alabama and the London School of Economics. He has been a Part-time instructor in the School of Business at the British Columbia Institute of Technology since 1993.

***Charlene Manuel, Community Manager, Visualizing.org***

Charlene Manuel is the Community Manager of Visualizing.org. Visualizing.org is a global community of creative people making sense of complex issues through data and design. Together with nearly 100 partner universities, international organizations, companies, and NGOs, Visualizing.org is helping to improve understanding and uncover insights about the systems that make up our world. It is a shared space and free resource for everyone to explore and discuss the best in data visualization and infographics, upload work under a Creative Commons license, find open data sets, enter challenges and participate in unique events.

***Anoush Tatevossian, Communications & Partnerships, UN Global Pulse***

Anoush Rima Tatevossian leads global strategic partnerships and communications for UN Global Pulse. Global Pulse is an innovation initiative of the UN Secretary-General, which focuses on leveraging the opportunities afforded by big data and real-time analytics for global development and crisis resilience through its network of "Pulse Labs." Previously, she has worked at MobileActive.org - a network of practitioners utilizing mobile technology for development, and as Director of the Armenian Volunteer Corps, a grassroots organization in Yerevan, Armenia.

***Susan E. McGregor, Data Journalism Professor, Columbia School of Journalism***

Susan E. McGregor is the Assistant Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia Journalism School. Prior to joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor in 2011, she was the Senior Programmer on the WSJ.com News Graphics team, where she developed hundreds of interactive graphics and data applications, including the Journal's 2008 online election coverage and the platform for 2010's award-winning series "What They Know." Susan specializes in data journalism and information visualization, and has research interests include education, data standards and accessibility, and digital security and privacy issues. She and collaborators Joe Posner and Lam Thuy Vo recently received a Knight Prototype grant to develop DataDocs, a platform for creating evergreen web documentaries that seamlessly integrate live data and other resources from the web. She speaks and writes regularly on topics relating to data, privacy and security in journalism. She holds a master's degree in Educational Communication and Technology from NYU and a bachelor's degree in Interactive Information Design from Harvard University.

***Aaron Sherinian, Vice President for Communications and Public Relations, UN Foundation***

Aaron Sherinian serves as the Vice President of Communications and Public Relations. He leads the Foundation's public relations efforts, media relationships, strategic outreach, and online presence. Before joining the UN Foundation, Aaron Sherinian served as Managing Director of Public Affairs for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government development assistance agency administering poverty reduction grants totaling over \$7 billion in 40 partner countries. In this capacity, he oversaw the agency's strategic communications portfolio, media relationships, and public relations agenda.

***Asha Curran, Director, Center for Innovation & Social Impact, 92Y***

As director of the Center for Innovation & Social Impact, Asha Curran is spearheading the effort to broaden the depth and reach of 92Y's renowned programming by leveraging the power of new and social media, partnerships and collaboration within 92Y's diverse programming centers to strengthen and extend the reach of 92Y's core values – intellectual exploration and dialogue, community, thought leadership and innovation as a driver of social change.

Projects emanating from the Center with national and global reach include the annual Social Good Summit (produced in partnership with the United Nations Foundation, Mashable, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the UN Development Programme), which brings together leaders in digital business, global policy and new media; the multi-platform political program 92Y American Conversation (92YAmericanConversation.org), and the national day of giving founded and led by 92Y, #GivingTuesday.

Prior to becoming director of the Center, Asha was Director of Special Initiatives and Partnerships after serving as lecture director for 92Y's Bronfman Center for Jewish Life, where she was charged with expanding the appeal of the lecture program to younger audiences and presenting speakers with a

broad range of political perspectives. Asha came to 92Y after working in book publishing and is also a certified childbirth and parenting educator.

***Lexie Riegelhaupt, PR Manager, Mashable***

Lexie Riegelhaupt has been at Mashable the largest independent online news site dedicated to covering digital culture, social media and technology, since 2012. She has previously worked for The Child Mind Institute as a Development Coordinator and Buddy Media as a Public Relations Associate. She has a B.A. in History from St. Lawrence University.

***Yiping Zhou, Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation***

As Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU/SSC), Mr. Yiping Zhou of China is responsible for the promotion and coordination of South-South cooperation in the global South and on a United Nations system-wide basis. Mr. Zhou is also the Editor-in-Chief of Cooperation South – one of UNDP's signature development journals.

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Zhou served as Deputy Director and Senior Policy Adviser of the Special Unit for SSC from April 1997 to October 2004; Regional Programme Officer of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific from April 1992 to March 1997; and Project Management Officer at the Office for Project Services from November 1985 to April 1992.