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Dr. Yui Sekitani, MHLW (Japan)	

	Time	Session Title / Speakers	Session focus
Day 1 (12 Dec, Saturday)	8:50-9:00	Sign-in	Registration and house keeping matters to be explained
	9:00-9:30	Self-introduction Course objectives (Prof. Iso)	Self Introduction Overview of the workshop
	9:30-10:20	Overview of global health diplomacy (Dr. Suwit & Dr. Attaya , Prof. Katsuma)	Thailand's history on and investments in global health. Using global health platforms and diplomacy to drive national interests
	Break (20 min)		
	10:40-12:00	WHO and its role in global health governance <Session in Japanese > (Prof. Nakatani)	Structure, functions, and governing bodies Navigating the Document systems
	Lunch (60 min)		
	13:00-14:15	Preparing for WHA and drafting of interventions (Dr. Warisa, Dr. Sekitani, Dr. Sakamoto)	Forming national positions Making interventions: dos and don'ts
	Break (30 min)		
	14:45-16:45	Mocked up intervention (role play exercise) (Prof. Nakatani)	Delivering interventions at WHA (participants deliver an intervention as if they are a representative from Japan or non-state actor)
	16:45-17:00	Recap of the day <Session in Japanese > (Prof. Iso, Prof. Nakatani)	
Day 2 (13 Dec, Sunday)	Time	Session Title / Speakers	Session focus
	8:50-9:00	Recap of Day 1	One lucky participant to provide a summary of what they learned in Day 1
	9:00-10:00	Introduction to negotiations (Mr. Charlie)	Negotiation in global health: the principles
	Break (30 min)		
	10:30-12:00	Real life negotiations: Case studies of difficult negotiations 1 <Session in Japanese > (Dr. Ezo)	Negotiations behind a resolution: Universal Health Coverage
	Lunch (60 min)		
	13:00-14:00	Real life negotiations: Case studies of difficult negotiations 2 (Mr. Filho)	Negotiations behind drafting of a resolution: Access to medicines
	14:00-15:00	WHO Partnerships, Networks and Alliances: Challenges and Opportunities (Mr. Matta)	Navigating the politics and governance of a multilateral agency
	Break (30 min)		
	15:30-16:30	Interactive Q&A (Mr. Filho, Mr. Matta)	
16:30-17:00	Wrap up <Session in Japanese > (Prof. Iso, Prof. Nakatani)	Course summary and comments Feedback on the course from participants	



Dr. Suwit Wibulpolprasert

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International Health Policy Program, Bangkok

Profile

Dr. Suwit Wibulpolprasert is a public health specialist, administrator and policy advocate at national and global level. He began his career as a Director and practitioner in rural areas and has various technical and administrative experience in Thai FDA, the Bureau of Health Policy and Plan, Deputy Permanent Secretary and the senior expert in Disease Control.

He has been proactively working in public health area more than 3 decades from the grass root to the highest policy level. In parallel with working for the development of health in country, he is one of global health leader who is well-known in the public eye as the fore front fighter to protect the benefit of the poors. At present, he is the Board Member of the National Health Security Office, the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, and the National Nanotechnology Centre, the member of the National Science and Technology development committee.

Dr. Suwit is also the Vice Chair of the International Health Policy Program Foundation (IHPPF) and the Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Foundation (HITAF), the chair of the Yothi Medical Innovation District, the Chair of the Institute for the Development of Human Research Protections Foundation (IHRPF), and the Chair of the Health and Society Creation Foundation.

Dr. Suwit is one of the most experienced health system specialist and has involved and contributed in Thailand's health system development for decades. He always reiterates that health systems can become more equitable, inclusive and fair through primary health care strengthening. Clear evidences from many developed countries tell us that we are now in the right direction to focus on primary health care, not the institutional care. The success is not all about money but the most important is the heart and the spirit of the health personnel.

Lecture summary

Dr. Suwit associates the session with Dr. Attaya Limwattanayingyong.

The session will start with current role of Thailand in global health. (in various platforms and issues)

How Thailand come thus far? (as a global health leader)

In this part, we will reveal the landscape of the health sector players and health system in Thailand. How the domestic health system successfully developed in parallel with our investment in global health capacity building.

To build up and strengthen GH capacities, we use INNE model. (Individual/Node/Network/Environment)

We continue strengthening GH capacity of public health practitioners, inter-sectoral partners and members of civil society and private sectors by using WHO governing bodies, and other GH forum, as real-life practising platforms. We have been engaged in global policy formulation and practising negotiations in all GH forums. Furthermore we realise the importance of long term sustainability of the GH development, we institutionalize and establish GH network among MOPH, universities, PH agencies and other sectors (MFA, MOC)

Reading list

1. UNDP. (1997). *Capacity Development*. New York: UNDP.
2. Limwattanayingyong A, Thailand and its Development of Global Health System. In: Rojanapithayakorn W, editors. Thailand Health Profile.2016-2017. Bangkok: Sangchan Publishing; 2017. p. 269-298.
3. Tiantong S, Limwattanayingyong A, Wibulpolprasert S, Vedrasco L, Kertesz D. Towards optimal collaboration: reforming the WHO country cooperation strategy in Thailand. Bull World Health Organ 2019;97:642–644.



Dr. Attaya Limwattanayingyong

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Profile

Dr. Attaya Limwattanayingyong is the Assistant Director of the Division of the Communicable diseases, DDC, Thailand. She is now responsible for COVID 19 response in strategic advisory group and the member of MOPH COVID 19 Vaccine Procurement Committee. Trained in Pediatrics and Master of Science in clinical epidemiology. She served five years as a pediatrician and then moved to work in public health area specialized in immunization field, policy development, health system and global health.

She has a wide variety of experience in immunization from vaccine policy at national level to the implementation in the field as the national EPI manager and deputy director of the National Vaccine Institute.

She also has experiences in policy development and health system, for example, the development of new vaccine introduction mechanism of Thailand, health system reform, pandemic preparedness and disaster management, Thailand's innovative model of WHO-CCS. In 2018-2019, she was seconded to WHO by Thai government as technical advisor to share Thailand's experiences in health system development, support other countries in implementing UHC and support global movement on UHC to the UNGA.

Apart from her expertise in immunization, policy development and health system, she has been working on global health policies and global health capacity building for several years actively involved in many global health policy platforms (UNGA, WHA, EB, ASEAN, G7, PMAC) as the ministry team leader and country delegation. She also served as national manager of Thailand's global health strategy and WHO-CCS program of global health diplomacy. She has been contributing for global health capacity building program of Thailand and some Asian countries as a coach for novices and course director/manager. (Global Health Diplomacy Program, Training of the Trainer, Speech writer, Global Health Scholar, mentoring system for WHA and other GH platforms)

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Dr. Yasushi Katsuma

Affiliation	Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP), Tokyo, National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), Tokyo
Profile	<p>Dr. Yasushi Katsuma is Director of the Department of Global Health Affairs & Governance at the Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP) in the National Center for Global Health & Medicine (NCGM), Japan. He is also Professor in the International Studies Program of the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) at Waseda University in Tokyo, while serving the University as a member of its Board of Trustees. He is also Professor and Co-Director of the Master's Program in Global Leadership at Vietnam-Japan University (VJU) in Hanoi. In addition, he is Visiting Professor at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS).</p> <p>Prior to the current positions, Prof. KATSUMA worked for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), based in Mexico, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Tokyo.</p> <p>Prof. KATSUMA received his Ph.D. (Development) from the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences in the University of Wisconsin-Madison; LL.M. & LL.B. from Osaka University; and B.A. from International Christian University, after studying at the University of California-San Diego.</p> <p>Prof. KATSUMA's areas of expertise are global health affairs and governance, human security and child rights. His recent publications include the following: <i>Leave No One Behind: Time for Specifics on the Sustainable Development Goals</i> (Brookings Institution Press, 2019; co-authored); "Next steps towards universal health coverage call for global leadership," <i>The BMJ</i> (2019; 365: l2107; co-authored); "Challenges in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal on good health and well-being: Global health governance as an issue for the means of implementation," <i>Asia-Pacific Development Journal</i> (Vol.23, No.2, 2016; co-authored).</p>
Lecture summary	<p>The "Global Health and Human Security Program" is one of the most innovative public-private partnership platforms, taking a whole-of-society approach to discuss global health policy and strategies among the relevant stakeholders in Japan. In this session, the resource person will (1) review the background of this Program, with focus on the challenges in global health policy making in Japan, (2) explain the roles of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) that serves as the secretariat for this Program, and describe how this Program has evolved in the last decade, and (3) analyze opportunities to make contributions to global health policy making.</p>
Reading list	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="326 1637 1482 1751">1. Katsuma, Yasushi. "A whole-of-society approach to global health policy in Japan : 'Global health and human security program' of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)," <i>Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies</i> (Waseda University) No. 27 (October 2016), pp.117-124. http://hdl.handle.net/2065/51582 <li data-bbox="326 1763 1482 1843">2. Katsuma, Yasushi. "Global health diplomacy to promote universal health coverage at the 2019 Osaka G20 Summit," AJISS-Commentary, No.275, (September 2019). https://www2.jiia.or.jp/en_commentary/201909/27-1.html <li data-bbox="326 1855 1482 1889">3. 城山英明編著『グローバル保健ガバナンス』東信堂(2020年8月) .



Dr. Hiroki Nakatani

Affiliation	Keio University Global Research Institute, Tokyo
Profile	<p>In the past five years, Dr. Hiroki Nakatani has held academic positions in Japan as Project Professor at the Global Research Institute of Keio University and Invited Professor at Osaka University Post Graduate School of Medicine. He is the former Chair of the Executive Board, WHO. Currently, Dr. Nakatani also serves in various national and international organizations as Chair, Board of Directors, Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund); Senior-Advisor, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) ; Director, Hub on Population Ageing, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU); Member, Board of Directors, National Center for Global Health and Medicine; and Director, Human Resource Strategy Center for Global Health. He is a veteran public health specialist for over 40 years, who started his career at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan. He worked extensively in health policy, public health, international health, and health science and technology. His national career includes serving as Director-General of Health and Welfare Services in Hiroshima Prefecture, where he was in charge of integrating health and welfare services in preparation for the arrival of a rapidly ageing society.</p> <p>Regarding international career, he served the WHO Headquarters twice. From March 2007 to May 2015, he served as Assistant Director-General of WHO, leading the largest technical cluster of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases. Dr. Nakatani received his MD from Keio University School of Medicine, MHPed from the University of New South Wales, and a Ph.D. from Keio University.</p>
Lecture summary	<p>The first session, "WHO and its role in global health governance, " aims to achieve the following objectives : (1) to understand global health's complex architecture with special attention to UN agencies' roles, particularly WHO; (2) to understand the governance and operation style in different organizations, i.e., intergovernmental organizations and partnerships; (3) to gain practical skills to be an influential contributor in governing body meetings. This starts by analyzing the massive volume of background paper in a relatively short time. Participants are invited to visit the WHO governing bodies website (Ref.2) before coming to class. This experience will make participants miserable initially, but after the session, everyone will feel encouraged.</p> <p>The second session, Mockup intervention, aims at being an influential contributor in the official meeting. The four-step approach will be practiced; (1) Reviewing the background paper; (2) Digesting the instruction given by the Government after inter-ministerial discussion; (3) Drafting intervention and making actual intervention to fellow participants. At each step, there are seasoned hints and skills. They are shared, and Mock interviews enable participants to improve each one's intervention by practice and constructive comments among fellow participants.</p>
Reading list	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WHO: Basic Document Forty-ninth Edition,2020 https://apps.who.int/gb/bd/pdf_files/BD_49th-en.pdf 2. WHO: Governing Bodies website https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/ 3. United Nations: Model United Nations https://www.un.org/en/node/44583/book 4. グローバル・クラスルーム日本委員会: 模擬国連マニュアル http://jcgcc.accu.or.jp/manual.pdf



Dr. Warisa Panichkriangkrai

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Profile

Dr. Warisa Panichkriangkrai is a researcher at International Health Policy Program (IHPP), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. She served as dentist at a district hospital in rural area where she gained excessive experience on health system at ground root level for 6 years. She then decided to enroll for the Master degree in Public Health at Mahidol University in 2007.

In late 2009, Dr. Warisa joined IHPP as young fellow and was awarded the WHO fellowship in 2010 for her PhD at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London, United Kingdom. Her thesis topic was "teenage pregnancy in Thailand".

After received PhD in 2014, she has involved with health system research. She is now working on health policy and system research fellowship which aims to boost capacity of young Thai researchers to generate evidence for policy makers. Another working area is global health. She is the program manager of WHO Country Cooperation Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy (CCS-GHD) which one of its focusing areas is capacity building on global health to Thai and international partners. The annual Global Health Diplomacy workshop is one of key activities under CCS-GHD.

Lecture summary

Forming national positions: This session will focus on the process in developing national position which includes finding inputs, forming position and developing statement to be delivered at the global platform based on Thailand's experience.

Reading list

Special procedures, EXECUTIVE BOARD (Special session on the COVID-19 response)

https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EBSS5/EBSS5_4-en.pdf



Dr. Yui Sekitani

Affiliation

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Tokyo

Profile

Dr. Sekitani has more than 10 years of experience in public health, clinical practice, research, and public administration. She has been working on global health affairs, including coordination between the Japanese government and the WHO, other international agencies and countries. She also has served as the coordinator for global health crisis at the health ministry responding to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Prior to her career as a public officer, she was a consultant at the World Health Organization. She received her MD from Juntendo University, MPH from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, MPA from UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, and a PhD from Nagasaki University.

Lecture summary

The lecture aims to understand Japan's preparation process for the WHO's governing body meetings and gain practical skills to make an effective intervention at these meetings. The preparation includes consultation with stakeholders to develop a national position and a statement. Participants are invited to visit the WHO governing bodies website and watch recorded sessions.

Reading list

1. Seventy-third World Health Assembly Documents Website https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha73.html
2. Seventy-third World Health Assembly Recorded Sessions Website <https://www.who.int/about/governance/world-health-assembly/seventy-third-world-health-assembly>



Dr. Haruka Sakamoto

Affiliation

Keio University, Tokyo

Profile

Haruka SAKAMOTO, MD MPH, is a primary care physician and assistant professor at the Department of Health Policy and Management, Keio University. She got her M.D from Sapporo Medical University and worked as a physician at St Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo for several years. She then got a scholarship from the World Bank and got her MPH at the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health. From 2011-2013 and 2016, she worked at the international cooperation department, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, where she was deeply involved in health policy activities in Japan. As part of the work, she participated in WHO meetings, G7 meetings, and bilateral cooperation activities through JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). She's also currently working at Gates Foundation Tokyo Office, World Health Organization and World Bank as a consultant, and Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo as a project researcher. Her current research focuses on health system strengthening, health care financing, and politics in global health.

Lecture summary

Many people are unfamiliar with an intervention at international conferences and have no idea what is the "format" of an intervention. In this lecture, I will show you what to include in your intervention, starting with the format of interventions you should make at international conferences (mainly at the WHO meetings). On the other hand, I will tell you about some bad things you better not to say (don't).



Mr. Charlie Garnjana-Goonchorn

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Bangkok

Profile

Dr. Charlie Garnjana-Goonchorn joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007. He started his career working at the Treaty Division overseeing various aspects of Thailand's treaty making process. During his post at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN in Geneva, he was in charge of extensive areas of work, including those within the purview of WHO and UNCTAD. After returning to Thailand in 2017, he has played a key role in several international disputes involving the Royal Thai Government, in addition to providing legal advice related to international trade, investment treaties, dispute settlement mechanisms and arbitration.

Lecture summary

The lecture will run through the basic principles of negotiation, explore how to use negotiation skills in a multilateral context especially in Global Health Diplomacy. The lecture will also highlight what negotiators should be looking out for, what are the usual traps, and how to address them.



Dr. Satoshi Ezo

Affiliation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, Tokyo

Profile

Dr. Satoshi Ezo currently serves as Director, Global Health Policy Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), since August 2020. Prior to joining MOFA, he was engaged in health care and public health policy in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, including in the areas of global health, universal health insurance system, non-communicable diseases including mental health and cancer control. He was seconded to UNAIDS Headquarters in Geneva (2009-2012). He was the first appointed Senior Coordinator for Global Health (2015- 2017), where he was involved in the WHO emergency reform, coordinating health agendas for the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in 2016. He was most recently Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (2017-2020), where he was instrumental in facilitating UN General Assembly High-Level Meetings on tuberculosis (2018) and universal health coverage (2019). He is a Medical Doctor with PhD, and received Master of Public Health and Master in Public Administration from the Harvard University.

Lecture summary

On 23 September 2019, world leaders at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage unanimously approved the Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, described by UN Secretary-General António Guterres as “the most comprehensive agreement ever reached on global health”. This historic agreement reiterates a number of key principles, including the importance of health for implementation of all the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. World leaders recommitted themselves to achieving universal health coverage by 2030 and to scaling up global efforts to build a healthier world for all. The high-level meeting and its political declaration were the result of a series of concerted multi-stakeholder efforts. This lecture touches upon the relevant processes as a case study from the point of view of a key negotiator who were closely involved in the planning and negotiations that led to this landmark agreement.

Reading list

Essential:

1. S. Ezo, T. Tchelidze, N. Premabhuti, M. Costa. “The Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (2019): negotiating the most comprehensive agreement ever reached on global health”, The Global Health Diplomacy Case Study edited by Ilona Kickbusch, Mihaly Kokeny, and Haik Nikogosyan (Forthcoming, In Press). (See attached)
2. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s participation in the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) English: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page6e_000218.html Japanese: https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/ghp/page4_005303.html
3. Political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world
English: <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/74/2> Japanese: http://kyokuhp.ncgm.go.jp/topics/2020/UN_UHC_J_2020925.pdf

*As available:

(In Japanese) 第6章 UHC 主流化に向けた国際動向と日本の取組み—国連総会 UHC ハイレベル会合を中心として (江副聡). 城山英明編著. グローバル保健ガバナンス. 東信堂. 2020 <https://www.toshindo-pub.com/book/91653/>

Key Resources:

<https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/universal-health-coverage/>
<https://www.uhc2030.org/un-hlm-2019/>

Recommended:

1. Address by Prime Minister Suga at the Seventy-Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly. MOFA. September 26, 2020 English: https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/unp_a/page4e_001095.html
Japanese: https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/fp/unp_a/page4_005200.html
2. Minister MOTEGI Toshimitsu co-hosted Ministerial Meeting of Group of Friends of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). MOFA. October 8, 2020 English: https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002929.html
Japanese: https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press6_000683.html
3. H. Sakamoto, S. Abe, S. Ezo. Abe’s legacy – Japan’s contribution to global health. October 30, 2020, BMJ GH Blogs <https://blogs.bmj.com/bmjgh/2020/10/30/abes-legacy-japans-contribution-to-global-health/>
4. Abe S. Japan's vision for a peaceful and healthier world. Lancet. 2015 Dec 12;386(10011):2367-9 (English/Japanese) https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page18e_000126.html
5. Approval of Basic Design for Peace and Health (Global Cooperation). MOFA. September 11, 2015 (English/Japanese) https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page22e_000761.html
6. Kotono Hara, Satoshi Ezo. Why does global health matter to diplomacy? Global Health Governance, Vol. XIII, No. 1 (SPRING 2019) <http://blogs.shu.edu/ghg/files/2019/11/Spring-Fall-2019-Issue.pdf#page=23>



Mr. Nilo Dytz Filho

Affiliation

Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

Profile

Brazilian career diplomat since 1998.

Since September 2017, head of the health and labor teams at the Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva.

Vice-Chair of the WHO Program, Budget and Administration Committee (2019-2020).

Vice-Chair of the Government Group at the International Labor Organization – ILO (2019-2020).

Spokesperson for the Latin American and Caribbean in ILO (2018-2019).

Led the Office for International Affairs of Brazil's Superior Court of Justice in Brasilia (2016-2017).

Posted to the Embassy of Brazil in Caracas (2014-2016), the Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO in Paris (2011-2014), and the Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the UN in Geneva (responsible for WTO dispute settlement issues – 2004-2007).

Top advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil (2008-2010).

Worked at the Trade Policy Division (2000-2001) and the Office for Dispute Settlement (2001-2004) of the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Brasilia.

Graduated in Law in 1997.

Lecture summary

As per the program, the lecture is intended to provide an overview from a real-life experience on the negotiations that led to the adoption of recent decisions by the WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly on the *Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Intellectual Property and Innovation*.

The presentation will aim to give the participants relevant information on the evolving global health agenda on access to medicines and other medical products, including crosscutting issues concerning intellectual property.

Reading list

1. [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA73/A73\(11\)-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA73/A73(11)-en.pdf)
2. [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71\(9\)-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71(9)-en.pdf)
3. https://www.who.int/health-topics/intellectual-property#tab=tab_1
4. <https://www.who.int/news/item/20-04-2020-joint-statement-by-wto-director-general-roberto-azevedo-and-who-director-general-tedros-adhanom-ghebreyesus>
5. https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71_13-en.pdf?ua=1
6. https://www.who.int/medicines/access_use/road-map-medicines-vaccines/en/
7. https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/pharmpatent_e.htm



Mr. Issa Matta

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Profile

Dr. Issa Matta is Senior Legal Officer in the WHO Office of the Legal Counsel. He has been with the Organization for over 15 years. Prior to that he worked as lawyer at the Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB and Malaria. Issa has significant private sector experience that he acquired as corporate counsel at the pharmaceutical firm Merck-Serono, and as in-house attorney with the consulting firm Andersen. He started his legal career as a junior commercial lawyer in a leading international New York based law firm in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Issa has a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, USA. He is admitted an attorney-at-law to the New York bar. Prior to his legal studies, Issa specialized in international relations with a focus on the Middle East. His principal responsibilities at WHO include legal and governance support to WHO partnerships and alliances, engagement with the private sector and general commercial and contractual legal matters. He is currently the alternate Board representing WHO on the Roll Back Malaria and Unitaid Boards. He is a US & French national of Palestinian / Lebanese origin.

Lecture summary

The lecture will focus on the opportunities and challenges that WHO encounters in the context of partnerships and alliances that it hosts and those that it engages with. Most often such collaborative arrangements do not have their own legal personality and rely on WHO's administrative framework or that of another agency. The governance structures of partnerships and alliances allow for innovative and broader multi-stakeholder collaboration. However, since the accountability to Member States is not as strong or exclusive, policies and strategies that they may be adopt may cause tension with the host organization and place burden on its administration.