

Statement by the PCB Bureau Chair on the establishment of the Independent Expert Panel

Dear members of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

On behalf of the PCB Bureau, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the constructive dialogue and solid decisions we collectively made at the 42nd meeting of the PCB two weeks ago.

Following the Board's discussion on addressing and preventing harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat, the PCB Bureau has continued its work, on behalf of the Board, to constitute the Independent Expert Panel with the assistance of Russell Reynolds Associates, an executive search firm.

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform the Board that we now have a panel of exceptionally strong members, to be led by Professor Gillian Triggs, former President of the Australian Human Rights Commission. We also wanted to thank all PCB Members who put forward nominations for candidates. All of these were considered by the Bureau amongst a very high quality group, noting the need for gender and geographical diversity.

The Panel (see bios in annex) is composed as follows:

Chair of the Panel

- Professor Gillian Triggs (Australia)

Panel Members

- Sir Robert Francis (United Kingdom)
- Ms Vrinda Grover (India)
- Dr Fulata Moyo (Malawi)
- Ms Charlotte Petri Gornitzka (Sweden)

The PCB Bureau is also taking the opportunity to inform the PCB that following a competitive tendering process the PCB Bureau acted as the technical review committee and selected QED Consulting to perform the function of Secretariat to the Independent Expert Panel. As discussed at the 42nd meeting of the PCB, this arrangement will contribute significantly to the independence of the process.

The PCB Bureau will continue to keep the Board informed of the work of the Panel as it evolves including opportunities for engagement with the Panel and in its work. The Panel will have a dedicated section of the UNAIDS PCB website (<http://www.unaids.org/en/howweare/pcb/iep>) where further information and updates are available. We are expecting the next update to be sent following the first meeting of the Panel.

Best regards,

Daniel Graymore

PCB Bureau Chair on behalf of the PCB Bureau

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Annex

Biography of Independent Expert Panel Chair

Gillian Triggs

Gillian Triggs was the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission from 2012-2017.

Gillian was Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney from 2007-12 and Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law from 2005-7. Gillian is a former Barrister with Seven Wentworth Chambers and a Governor of the College of Law.

Gillian graduated in Law from the University of Melbourne in 1968 and gained a PhD in 1982. She has combined an academic career with international commercial legal practice and worked with governments and international organisations advising on including law including human rights law. She is focused on the implementation in Australian law of the human rights treaties to which Australia is a party, and on working with nations in the Asia Pacific region on practical approaches to human rights.

Gillian has been a consultant on International Law to King & Wood Mallesons, the Australian representative on the Council of Jurists for the Asia Pacific Forum for National Human Rights Institutions, Chair of the Board of the Australian International Health Institute, a member of the Attorney General's International Legal Service Advisory Council and Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans. She is Vice President of the Tribunal for the Asian Development Bank.

She is the author of many books and paper, including *International Law: Contemporary Principles and Practices* (Second Edition, 2011).

Gillian also served the Commission as Acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner from 1 August 2016 to 9 February 2017.



Biographies of Panel members

Sir Robert Francis QC

Sir Robert Francis QC is a barrister and non-executive director of the Care Quality Commission. He has been a barrister since 1973 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1992. He is a Recorder (part time Crown Court judge) and authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge. He is a governing Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, where he has chaired its Education and Training Committee.

Francis specialises in medical law, including medical and mental health treatment and capacity issues, clinical negligence and professional discipline. He has appeared in a number of healthcare-related inquiries and between 2009 and 2013 chaired the Independent Inquiry into the care provided by the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, and subsequently the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry, in which he made wide-ranging recommendations for culture change. He then led the Freedom to Speak Up Review for the Department of Health into the treatment of whistleblowers in the NHS.



He is the honorary President of the Patients Association and a trustee of the Point of Care Foundation and the Prostate Cancer Research Centre. He has also been elected to Honorary Fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), the Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Royal College of Pathologists.

Vrinda Grover

Vrinda Grover is a lawyer, researcher, and human rights and women's rights activist. She has been a fearless champion of rights, but also of due process. She has contributed to the drafting of laws including, The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012; The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013; The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013 – relating to sexual violence against women; the Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010; a legislation for protection from communal and targeted violence. She has a nuanced understanding of the concerns of people from different communities affected by HIV. She has, for example, stood in solidarity with sex workers in India and intervened to assert the distinction between sexual exploitation and sex work.



Grover has also appeared for the victims in prominent cases in India, such as the Soni Sori rape-torture case, 1984 anti-Sikh riots, 1987 Hashimpura police killings and the 2008 anti-Christian riots in Kandhamal. In the aftermath of the 2013 Muzaffarnagar communal attack, she represented seven of the gang rape survivors. She has also been a vocal critic of abuses of power when she has encountered them. Focused on the impunity of the state in relation to human rights violations, her research and writing looks into the role of law in the subordination of women; the failure of the criminal justice system during communal and targeted violence; the effect of 'security' laws on human rights; rights of undocumented workers; challenges

confronting internally displaced persons; and examines impunity for enforced disappearances and torture in conflict situations.

She is a Board member of the International Service for Human Rights, and was part of the team which drafted the Model Law on the Recognition and Protection of Human Rights Defenders. She has associated with Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the International Commission of Jurists on responses to torture, arbitrary detention, sexual violence and extra-judicial killings.

Grover graduated from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, where she was a student in History. She obtained her degree in law from Delhi University and a Masters in Law from New York University.

Fulata Moyo

Fulata Moyo is President and Co-Founder, Global Studies in Gender and Religion Incorporated (in the process of registering). Moyo has spent her professional career challenging religious communities to address a host of issues around gender justice as intersectional with sexuality and other marginalisation. A substantial area of focus for her work is also the 'ethic of care': pursuing a meaningful, compassionate, faith-inspired response to issues such as human trafficking, which she started developing in 2016 at Harvard Divinity School as a visiting scholar.



She has worked for more than ten years on addressing human rights and gender justice and peace with no sexual and gender based violence as programme executive with the World Council of Churches (WCC) in the 120 countries that WCC works through member churches and their Faith based organisation partners and other international partners, including the United Nations. Her work here has involved challenging accepted patriarchal patriarchy through research and dialogue. She has an extensive track record of working across national borders and linguistic and ethnic contexts to create theoretical frameworks, which can then be applied in specific contexts.

Moyo holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Malawi and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Zimbabwe. In 2003, she held a Research Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale Divinity School. She has also completed a PhD. In Religion and Theology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Charlotte Petri Gornitzka

Charlotte Petri Gornitzka was elected as Chair of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) in 2016. Prior to this, she served as Director-General of the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA) where she emphasised Sweden's role as leader in development co-operation and led efforts to implement innovative models to stimulate private sector engagement in development activities. There she established a network of Swedish and Swedish-based companies that work together to demonstrate leadership in sustainable global development. She has previously served as Secretary-General of Save the Children International (2008-2010) and Secretary-General of Save the Children Sweden (2003-2008). From 1998-



2002, she served as Under Secretary-General and Director of Communications for the Swedish Red Cross.

Petri Gornitzka has a background in management consulting with a focus on change management and communications. She studied at the Stockholm University College of Music Education and has a degree in Business and Marketing studies from IHM Business School. She serves as Co-chair of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council on International Governance, Public-Private Cooperation and Sustainable Development. She is also a Member of the Stewardship Board for Economic Growth and Social Inclusion as well as a Member of the 2030 Water Resources Group Governing Council.