

# UBRAF Working Group to guide the development of the new UBRAF 2022-2026 List of members and short biographies

### **Independent Experts nominated by Member States (7-8)**

**Mr. Abraham B. Massaquoi** (M, Liberian), Financial Manager, National AIDS Control Program, Ministry of Health Liberia. Excellent financial competencies including Government Budgeting, Health Financing with both national & international organizations, cash management, account reconciliation, expenditure control, supervise auditing of establishments, determine scope of investigation, and results, and related recommendation for strengthening operations and finance. Examination of compliance with laws and regulations on financial and information systems, recommending controls to ensure system reliability and data integrity. Solid experience in conducting regular and in-depth reviews of financial situations and related informed decisions, accounts to ensure compliance with internal and external policies, guidelines, rules, and regulations. Create, implement, and continually review a plan that includes strategies for longterm goals. Experience in analytical budgeting and accounting reports to maintain expenditure controls. Project management and evaluation, elaboration of policy and strategy papers on finance, management, administration and other. Strong accounting management skills with extensive knowledge in accounting systems and audit management Conducting of economic surveys and preparation of analytical reports and data management. Expert in Financial Management, Training, Auditing, Expenditure Control & Reconciliation, and Monitoring & Evaluation, he holds an MBA Degree in Finance.

Dr. Jesper Sundewall (M, Swedish) is a researcher at Lund University and Associate Professor of health economics at University of KwaZulu-Natal. Jesper holds a PhD in medical science and health systems research from Karolinska Institutet and has worked in global health over the last 15 years. His work and research has focused on health systems and health financing issues in low- and lower-middle income countries. He has extensive experience from sub-Saharan Africa having lived and worked in Zambia for five years. Jesper has a solid understanding of global health architecture and international organizations. His PhD thesis and subsequent work focused on effectiveness of development assistance for health. More recently, he has been involved in work analyzing the global action plan for healthy lives and well-being. He can therefore contribute with an understanding of how UNAIDS work needs to consider a broader health agenda, including for example integration of SRHR services and Universal Health Coverage reforms. Furthermore, as a teacher, Jesper is responsible for Lund University's training courses on Health Policy and Leadership and Professional Perspectives in Public Health, courses in which models for analysis, management and follow-up of development interventions are analysed and applied, including problem trees, stakeholder mapping, outcome mapping, RBM, logical framework approach and theory of change. Having previously worked for the Swedish International Development Agency and its' regional team for SRHR Jesper also has a solid understanding of the perspectives of funding agencies in global health.

**Ms. Lisa J. Luchsinger** (F, USA) has extensive senior leadership and management experience, including staff, programmatic and fiscal management and monitoring/evaluation, with over 20 years' experience in 40 countries, including 9 years living overseas. Expertise include technical and policy issues related to multilateral partnerships, international development and public health programming in the areas of HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, pandemic outbreaks, health systems strengthening, supply chain management, sustainable financing/financial planning, organizational/change management/strategic plan development, and institutional capacity building. Long-term experience also includes managing and coordinating relationships with multilateral organizations (Global Fund, UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF), bilateral donors, international development banks, local governments, foundations, universities, NGOs, CSOs and the private

sector. She has developed, managed, and monitored USAID's partnerships with the Global Fund and UNAIDS, including serving as USAID's Coordinator for the Global Fund and UNAIDS as well as a bilateral donor representative on Global Fund CCMs in Honduras and Zambia. Additionally, she has extensive experience in writing/evaluating HIV and health programmes' proposals and work plans/budgets along with a thorough knowledge of U.S. Government agencies' and PEPFAR policies/processes. Master of Public Health.

**Ms. Marnie Davidson** (F, Canadian) has over 15 years' experience in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating large-scale complex global health programs and research in over 15+ countries. She began her career in the HIV movement; including project coordination of pediatric HIV programming in Ukraine, leading the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative project to assess readiness of an HIV vaccine and acceptability of PEP, and served for four years as a board member for the Inter-Agency Coalition on AIDS and Development. Ms. Davidson has a proven ability to engage and collaborate with multiple and diverse stakeholders to forward agendas and achieve results (including federal and local Canadian governments, research institutions, UN Agencies, and NGO partners). She has demonstrated leadership in global health metrics including managing for results; and project, program and corporate metrics and measurements including women's empowerment and gender equality. She currently leads on Performance and Results for all of Canada's investments in Global Health at Global Affairs Canada. Her interests include health equity, determinants of health and health metrics.

Prof. Dr. Till Bärnighausen (M, German) is the Director of the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH), one of the research centers in the Medical Faculty and University Hospital of the University of Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university (1386). He is also the Alexander von Humboldt Professor at the University of Heidelberg and Senior Faculty at one of the five Global Programmes of the British Wellcome Trust, the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) in South Africa. Prof. Bärnighausen's research focuses on identifying, designing and testing novel interventions to boost population health, addressing prevention and treatment needs for major diseases such as HIV, diabetes, hypertension and depression. He has led more than 30 large-scale population-based and health systems randomized controlled trials and more than 100 guasiexperiments in Africa, Asia and Europe. His work has also contributed to our understanding of the major structural and behavioral drivers of population health and he has contributed to novel applied methods for public health and health systems research. Trained as a medical doctor, he is a consultant and clinical specialist in Family Medicine. He previously worked as a Family Medicine doctor in Germany, China and South Africa, and as a management consultant for McKinsey & Company. Before taking the lead at HIGH, he was a faculty professor at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Prof. Bärnighausen holds doctoral degrees in International and Population Health (Harvard University, USA) and History of Medicine (Heidelberg University, Germany), as well as master's degrees in Health Systems Management (LSH&TM, UK), Financial Economics (SOAS, UK), and Innovation and Entrepreneurship (HEC Paris, France). Prof. Bärnighausen has published more than 550 peer-reviewed articles, including in Science, PNAS, Science Translational Medicine, Lancet, Lancet Global Health, JAMA, JAMA Internal Medicine, PLOS Medicine, and BMJ. His publications have been cited >55,000 times (for an h-index of 92). Prof. Bärnighausen serves on many global health committees and boards, including the NIH study section "Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS (PPAH)", the Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Pennsylvania's Population Aging Research Center (PARC), and the UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee, Financing Advisory Board, and the Programme Impact Modelling Advisory Group (PIMAG).

**Dr. Vernon Mochache Oyaro** (M, Kenyan) is the Deputy Director, Policy, Monitoring and Research at National AIDS Control Council of Kenya. As a Public Health Practitioner, Dr. Mochache has served for over ten (10) years at senior level in the academic, public and non-governmental sectors within Kenya and outside, conducting research, implementing programs and tracking strategic information in HIV and AIDS as well as other development issues related to sexual and reproductive health. He holds a Doctorate of or a

PHD in Health Sciences from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ghent University (Belgium); Masters of Public Health (Epidemiology – International Health) from the School of Public Health, University of Washington (USA) and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the School of Medicine, University of Nairobi (Kenya).

**Mr. Yuriy P. Spirin** (M, Russian). Since 2016 – Counsellor, Head of Administrative and Budgetary Section, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International organizations in Geneva. Previous experience – Second, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Attaché, Second secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations in New York (Fifth Committee of the General Assembly); Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Master's and bachelor degrees in Philosophy (Peoples Friendship University of Russia), Diplomatic Staff Course at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

### Expert from Brazil (TBC)

### Independent experts nominated by the PCB NGO delegation (4)

Ms. Colleen Daniels (F, South African and Australian) is the Deputy Director and Public Health Lead at Harm Reduction International. She has 24 years' experience as a Director, Project Manager, and Technical Advisor in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, gender, human rights, challenging operating environments, and community systems strengthening, working to deliver access to essential health services. She has worked in programs globally and in a variety of settings, including the UN agencies World Health Organization (WHO), Stop TB Partnership (UNOPS), international NGOs Harm Reduction International, Treatment Action Group, Health Action International, and the Tongan and Australian Governments. She initiated the global strategy on TB and human rights and worked with TB and HIV civil society to increase their capacity to engage with the Global Fund, UN agencies, donors and governments. She also worked to catalyse global leadership to accelerate momentum toward universal access for high-quality TB and TB/HIV services; and to accelerate funding and progress in R&D for better tools to prevent, diagnose, and treat TB. At WHO, she was responsible for developing and implementing advocacy campaigns and communications strategies to accelerate TB/HIV service delivery in developing countries. She is a current member of the Technical Review Panel for the Global Fund and the IAS Industry Liaison Forum and an Advisory Committee Member of the Racial Diversity in Global Health Project. She holds a MA in International Relations from the University of Melbourne and BA from St. Mary's University.

**Mr. Jeffry Acaba** (M, Filipino) is currently Senior Programme Officer at APCASO, working towards prioritizing issues around community engagement, gender, and human rights in Global Fund grants in Asia and the Pacific. He also currently coordinates the Activists Coalition on TB – Asia Pacific (ACT! AP). He previously served as Asia Pacific delegate of the NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) from 2015 – 2017. During this time, he was part of the Global Review Panel to refine the UNAIDS Operating Model, and was heavily engaged in ensuring efficient programmatic and financial reporting through the UBRAF. He was also part of the MERG Indicator Working Group and lobbied for the development of community-led indicators to support the reporting of community-led responses as part of the 2016 Political Declaration on AIDS targets. He also championed the focus to address stigma and discrimination as a priority within the UNAIDS PCB, which led to the establishment of the Global Partnership to End All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination (Global Partnership). He is a Filipino gay migrant living with HIV based in Thailand and has been working to advance the rights of key populations and those living with HIV since 2006. His expertise revolves around health policy advocacy, monitoring and evaluation, and health governance. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences and took postgraduate studies

in Anthropology at the University of the Philippines, as well as Transnational History of Health at the University of Cambridge.

Ms. Sonal Mehta (F, Indian) is the Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in Asia and the Pacific. She holds special interest in programme-related monitoring and evaluation, particularly indicators of success. She was a member of the PCB NGO Delegation (Asia-Pacific) from 2016-2017 during which she was actively associated with UBRAF reviews. She was also member of indicators' framework committee for the GAM review. With over three decades of experience in the field of sexual health and development, HIV and human rights, she has a wide experience of community engagement, large scale programmatic management, including multi-dimensional developmental programs in public health and human rights. Previously she was associated with India HIV/AIDS Alliance as the CEO where she led various programs emphasizing on marginalized populations, including men who have sex with men, transgender, sex workers, people who inject drugs, youth, and PLHIV and TB. She has a very strong experience in developing and strengthening partnership with government organizational, donors and other stake holders. Prior to HIV/AIDS Alliance India, she was the Challenge Fund Manager in the Department for International Development program that contributed to many path-breaking interventions in India, including bringing oral substitution therapy for people who inject drugs. She also has experience working within the Government's AIDS Control Program at state and national levels in India. She is on the Developing Countries' NGO Delegation for the GFATM Board and Co-Chair of Women for Global Fund. She holds a Masters in Practicing Management (McGill) and a Master's in science in International Management (Lancaster, UK).

Ms. Teresa Guthrie (F, South African and Irish) has over eighteen years of health financing experience in East and Southern Africa: costing, budgeting and financing of health interventions (HIV, PHC, TB, hepatitis, immunisation, nutrition) and working with African public health finance systems as well as PEPFAR and GFATM funding systems – public financial expenditure management, public and donor tracking, out- ofpocket expenditure tracking (for HIV and TB), costing, budgeting, cost efficiency analysis, investment cases & value-for-money analysis and fiscal space analysis (within the social sectors), policy & legislative analysis, sound research (qualitative and quantitative methods), analysis and writing skills, large cross- country (African) research project management, public employee capacity development, adult education with several years' experience in facilitating capacity building courses and mentorship (such as: public expenditure tracking, health financing, civil society budget monitoring and advocacy). Specific South African experience with the public finance and Basic Accounting System, with PEPFARs Expenditure Reporting and Analysis and GFATM Finance and other reports. Costing of the South African National Strategic Plan and costing contribution to the GFATM Concept Note development in Mauritius, South Africa, and Zambia. Some experience in East European countries in health budget monitoring: Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Georgia, Macedonia and Azerbaijan. Prior to her involvement in the financing aspects: another 10 years in public health sector in Zimbabwe (primary health care), Ethiopia (leprosy) & South Africa (child health). She is a member of the International Health Economic Association (IHEA); the African Health Policy, Economics and Research Network (AfHEA); the International AIDS Economic Network (IAEN), the Immunization Economics Community of Practice.

#### **Cosponsor Representatives (2)**

Andrew SealeWHO (as current CCO Chair)Global Coordinator Adviser, Global HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Programmes

**Chewe Luo** 

UNICEF

Global Coordinator, Associate Director, Programme Division Chief, HIV Section

## **Representatives of UNAIDS Secretariat (4)**

Vinay Saldanha, Special Adviser, Executive Office Morten Ussing, Director Governance and Multilateral Affairs George Farhat, Director Planning, Finance and Accountability Trouble Chikoko, Senior Programme Coordinator, Programme Branch