Appendix 3:
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Gregory W. Taylor

Chief Public Health Officer, PHAC

Dr. Gregory Taylor is Canada's Chief Public Health Officer.

Dr. Taylor obtained his MD from Dalhousie University in Halifax where he also completed a family medicine residency. After several years in active primary care in Ontario, he completed a fellowship in Community Medicine at the University of Ottawa and joined Health Canada’s Laboratory Centre for Disease Control. His initial responsibilities focused on cardiovascular disease and he has been involved with a wide range of Federal chronic disease activities.

He joined the Agency’s Office of Public Health Practice in 2007, with primary responsibilities focused on building public health capacity in Canada, and a number of key leadership roles within the Agency and in the Public Health Network.

Dr. Taylor became the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer in 2012 directly supporting the Chief Public Health Officer and Associate Deputy Minister.

Dr. Taylor before the Chief Public Health Officer in 2014 and has been PHAC’s acting Chief since 2013.

He maintains his connection with the University of Ottawa as adjunct professor of Epidemiology and Community Medicine.
Amha Kebede

Director General, Ethiopian Health & Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI)

Dr. Amha Kebede is a biomedical researcher who has dedicated himself to the advancement of the public’s health. He received his PhD in Biomedical Science in 2005 from Addis Ababa University & Leiden University, The Netherlands. He got his MSc in Molecular Biology from Belgium at Free University of Brussels in 1997. His career includes 25 years at the Ethiopian Health & Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI), where, apart from being a full time researcher, he held leadership positions as Head, Infectious & Other Diseases Research Department, from July 2005 - November 2006 and as Deputy Director General for Research & Technology Transfer since November 2006 until Nov 2011. He has been Director General since March 22, 2011. He has published over 25 scientific articles in a reputable peer reviewed international and local journals. He has also presented his findings in a number of international and national scientific forums.

At the moment, as the DG, he is responsible for managing EHNRI's research activities and ensuring that they generate evidence-based knowledge, which furthers the Ministry's efforts to improve the health of the population. He oversees the operations of all research Directorates (Departments) and ensures coordination of activities between these entities, as well as with the National Laboratory Capacity Building Directorate, Public Health Emergency Management Center, and Institutional Support branches of the Institute. He is also responsible for developing and motivating a team with a unified sense of mission and vision. As a DG also, he plays a key role in managing the Institute's relationship with partner organizations that support the Institute's public health related activities. He also assesses the progress of the Institute’s research and referral testing activities, take corrective actions when necessary, and ensure responsible use of available funds.
Fernando De La Hoz

Director General, National Health Institute Colombia (INS)

Dr. Fernando de la Hoz became the new Director General of the National Health Institute Columbia (INS) in March of 2013. Fernando de la Hoz has a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Vallee and holds a PhD in infectious disease epidemiology from the University of London. He is also field epidemiologist in the Applied Epidemiology Program at National Institute of Health.

Before taking the position as Director General, Fernando de la Hoz held a position as professor at the Columbian National University’s School of Medicine in the Department of Public Health. He still maintains this position today.

Fernando de la Hoz has published over 25 scientific articles, has received numerous awards and distinctions for his work in public health and science and is a member of several scientific societies.
Yu Wang

Director General, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Wang Yu received his MD degree from Peking Medical University in 1989, specializing in hepatology. In 1993, he received his PhD in viral immunology and molecular virology from the department of preventive biology at Jichi Medical School, Tokyo, Japan.

From 1985 to 2000, Dr. Wang Yu worked at the Peking Medical University as a researcher, then as Director of the Institute of Hepatology and Vice President of the Peking University Health Science Center. Since September 2000, Dr. Wang has been Deputy Director of the China Biomedical Engineering Development Center, and subsequently Deputy Director General of the Department of Rural and Social Development, Ministry of Science and Technology, People’s Republic of China. Since he was appointed as the Director General of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention in July 2004, had shown his great expertise and leadership in a variety of efforts in promoting capacity building in disease control system in China, pandemic influenza preparedness and response, swine streptococosis outbreak control, ensuring public health safety during 2008 Beijing Olympics, melamine-contaminated milk power incident response, post-Wenchuan and Yushu earthquake relief, which had won him several awards granted by the central government, the State Council and related ministries.

Dr. Wang Yu currently serves as the member of WHO Review Committee of the International Health Regulation (IHR) and international preparedness and response to influenza pandemic.
Reinhard Burger

President, Robert Koch Institute

Professor Reinhard Burger is the President of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). The institute is the German National Public Health Institute. It has a wide range of functions in the prevention, investigation and management of infectious diseases and also non-communicable diseases and health risks. It plays a strong national role in basic and translational infectious diseases research. The RKI had a key role in the investigation of the 2011 EHEC-outbreak and coordinated the national public health response to it.

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Burger received his degrees at the Inst. for Med. Microbiology, Univ. of Mainz, was Professor for Immunology at the Univ. of Heidelberg and is Professor for Immunology at the Free University of Berlin since 1989. Until 2010 he was Head of the Dept. for Infectious Diseases and Vice President of the Robert Koch Institute. 2010 he was appointed as President. He was visiting scientist in various institutions abroad, e.g. 1977-1979 at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA, later Harvard Medical School, Boston, and at the Medical University, Wuhan, PR China. His major research areas were complement system, anaphylatoxins, differentiation antigens on lymphoid cells and transmission of infectious diseases through blood transfusion and plasma products.

1993 he was appointed as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee Blood (Arbeitskreis Blut) of the German Federal Ministry of Health. This national committee of experts gives advice to the Federal Government to all aspects of infection safety and efficient use of blood products.
Naïma El Mdaghri

Director General, Institut Pasteur Du Maroc (IPM)

Naïma El Mdaghri has been the Director of the Pasteur Institute Maroc (IPM) since 2013. Before becoming Director, she was a Graduate Faculty of Pharmacy, Head of the Microbiology Laboratory Unit at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Casablanca as well as a the Ibn Rushd University Hospital, and has been a Professor of Higher Education since 1992.

Naïma holds several Board Member positions, including several Moroccan Ministry of Health Committees as well and the WHO-EMRO Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group.

Her interests include infectious diseases in children, specifically diagnostic aspects, antibiotic resistance and epidemiology of the causative organisms with a focus on invasive diseases and vaccine preventable diseases. She also specializes in hospital acquired infections and hospital hygiene.