

JLN@10: Celebrating Ten Years of Joint Learning Towards UHC

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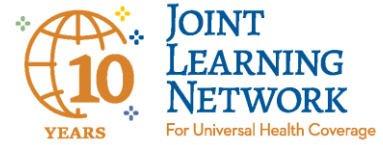
Opening Remarks



Ms. Violaine Mitchell is the Director of the Health Funds and Partnerships Team within the Global Delivery Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She represents the Gates Foundation on the GFF Investors Group and is an Alternate Board Member on the Gavi Board.



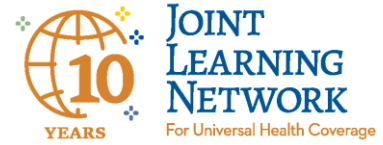
Dr. Adolfo Martínez Valle is the professor and researcher at the Policy, Population and Health Research Center of the National Autonomous University of Mexico as well as the Convener of the JLN. Dr. Adolfo Martínez Valle has pursued a professional career both as a researcher and a policymaker. In the academic setting he earned a doctoral degree from Johns Hopkins University on public policy and health and a master's degree on International Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He has conducted research at the Mexican Health Foundation and the National Institute of Public Health publishing several articles, chapters and books on the social determinants of health, health care systems, as well as health policy planning and evaluation. In the policymaking arena, he has participated in the design, implementation, and evaluation of two of the most important health-related public policies in Mexico in the past fifteen years: Seguro Popular, a voluntary public insurance scheme for the population not covered by social security and Oportunidades, a conditional cash transfer program targeted to address the multidimensional extreme poverty conditions of Mexican families. Internationally, he has provided technical assistance to several countries through WHO, PAHO, the OECD and has been part of the JLN since 2014.



Dr. Muhammad Ali Pate is the Global Director, Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Global Practice of the World Bank and the Director of Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF), based in Washington DC. Dr. Pate was until recently the Chief Executive Officer of Big Win Philanthropy, based in the UK, and prior to that held several senior positions, including that of Minister of State for Health in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He was previously in the World Bank Group where he joined as a Young Professional in 2000 and worked on health issues in several regions including Africa and the East Asia and Pacific. Dr. Pate is an MD trained in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, with an MBA from Duke University. Prior to this he studied at the University College London. He also has a Masters in Health System Management from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK.



Mr. Masashi Tanabe is currently serving as Director of Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Department, Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Japan. Since he joined the MOF in 1996, he has held many positions in the MOF and Financial Services Agency (FSA), including Director of Policy Coordination, Planning and Coordination Bureau, FSA (2013-2014), Director of Policy Coordination Office, Minister's Secretariat, MOF (2014-2015), Director of Development Issues, International Department (2019-2020). He also has extensive experience in development finance including Asian Development Bank (ADB) Staff (2003-2007), and Alternate Executive Director for Japan of ADB (2015-2019). He holds a BA from University of Tokyo (Law Faculty) and MA in East Asia Regional Studies from Harvard University, United States



Story-telling Session

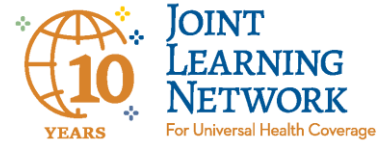
JLN Story-telling I: Evolution and growth of JLN



Dr. Stefan Nachuk is currently the Country Lead, Health System Design for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in India, and has designed a strategy in support of the Government of India's policy objectives regarding health system transformation. He has over twenty years of experience in international development program design and management, strategic planning, and team leadership in Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Senegal. His areas of technical expertise include health systems, primary health care, governance, institutional analysis, poverty reduction, micro-finance, and capacity building. He was a chief architect and leader of the Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC), as well as the Center for Health Market Innovations. Stefan was also a co-architect of Harnessing Non-State Actors for Better Health for the Poor (HANSHEP)—a network of donor agencies that work together to address the private sector in health. He has held staff positions with, among others, the World Bank, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the University of California San Francisco.



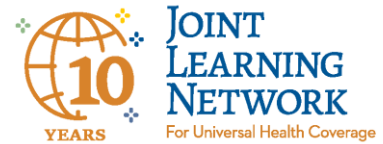
Ms. Gina Lagomarsino is president and CEO of Results for Development — a non-profit global development partner that collaborates with change agents around the world to create strong systems that support healthy, educated people. Ms. Lagomarsino helped establish R4D in 2008 and served as chief operating officer from 2013 to 2016. Prior to that, Ms. Lagomarsino spent a decade working to improve health systems in the United States working for D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, McKinsey & Company and Kaiser Permanente. She holds a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in public policy from Stanford University.



Dr. Gerard La Forgia, Sc.D. is currently, as the Chief Technical Officer for Aceso Global, Dr. La Forgia has led a number of assignments including the design of service delivery reforms for the government of India, assessing organized care networks in the Philippines, examining patient flow management in Mexican public hospitals, advising the Government of Qatar on pay-for-quality options, and developing an innovative training programs for improving the quality of primary health care in Central America. He was part of a group that founded the Joint Learning Network (JLN) and has been active in facilitating learning collaboratives on vertical integration, population targeting patient flow management for Covid-19. He was formerly the Lead Health Specialist at the World Bank for three of its largest clients - Brazil, China, and India – providing him with unique knowledge and experience to tackle major health system challenges. He has published books on health service delivery reform in China (2019), health insurance in India (2012), hospital performance in Brazil (2008) and health systems reforms in Central America (2005). He is also the author of number of articles and technical reports on health systems in developing countries. Dr. La Forgia has a Sc.D. degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.



Dr. Rozita Halina binti Tun Hussein is a Senior Deputy Director in the Planning Division of the Ministry of Health in Malaysia, where she oversees 3 sections i.e. National Health Financing, Policy and Health Plan Development and National Health Accounts. She has been involved in policy development, applied research and training for Health Systems Reform, Health Financing, and Health Economics since 1997. Dr Rozita planned and developed the non-profit 3-party payer company under MOH in 2016 which is the organisation for further health financing reforms in Malaysia. Previously she set-up the National Health Accounts system for the country in 1999. Dr Rozita was a member of the founding JLN Steering Group and then served as Convener from 2016-2018. She graduated with MBBS in 1988 from the University of Malaya and MPH in 1997 from Harvard School of Public Health.



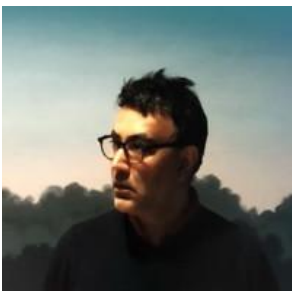
JLN Story-telling II: Impact of JLN



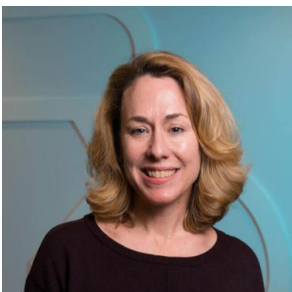
Dr. Somil Nagpal is the cluster lead for the World Bank's health and nutrition programs in Indonesia and Timor Leste. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2009, Somil has served as the health insurance regulator for India, and also in the Indian ministries of Finance and Health. He has been associated with the Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage since its inception.



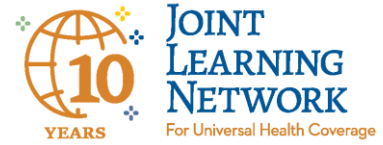
Dr. Lydia Dsane-Selby is currently the Chief Executive of the NHIA with 13 years + experience with the organisation rising through the ranks as Director Clinical Audit, Director Claims Management and Deputy Chief Executive, Operations. She is Ghana's representative on the JLN Steering Group and was the co-convenor. She is a Medical Doctor by profession.



Dr. Ajay Tandon is currently Lead Economist with the World Bank. He works on several countries including most recently on India, Indonesia, Bhutan, Laos, and Vietnam. He received a PhD in economics from Virginia Tech with a dissertation that focused on the intersection of macroeconomics and population dynamics. Previously, he has worked with Asian Development Bank, World Health Organization and has held visiting research appointments at both Oxford University and Harvard University. He is co-author of several books, including most recently of 'Going Universal: How 24 Countries Are Implementing Universal Health Coverage from the Bottom-up'.



Dr. Cheryl Cashin is a managing director at Results for Development in the global health practice. She co-leads a portfolio of more than 20 projects and initiatives in global health systems and serves on R4D's executive team. She is one of the original technical facilitators of the JLN, leading the Provider Payment Mechanisms initiative since it was launched in 2011.



Mr. Pandu Harimurti is Senior Health Specialist with the World Bank.

JLN Story-telling III: Forward-looking

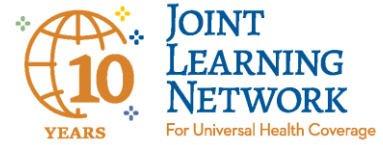


Mr. Ethan Wong is Senior Program Officer under Global Delivery Program's Health System team; he manages the Mesoamerica Health Initiative, the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative, and the Joint Learning Network. His areas of technical expertise include health systems, delivery at scale, public-private partnerships, policy analysis, and measurement & evaluation.



Dr. John ("Jack") Langenbrunner is a Senior Advisor for Financing and Health Insurance. Jack is a Health Economist with both research and operations experience. Jack has been an associate and friend with the Joint Learning Network from the beginning, working with the Rockefeller Foundation on the original design.

He was a Senior Officer with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation from 2015-2018. Previous to his Gates Foundation work, he was a Lead Health Economist for the World Bank, and coordinated a Health Financing and Health Insurance Thematic Group within the Bank. He led the Bank's Global Expert Team for Health Financing and Health Systems in 2011-2013. He has extensive experience in countries in Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Previous to his work at the Bank, Jack was with the US Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the US program for over 80 million Americans, and with the US Office of Management and Budget. In the mid-1990s, he served on the Clinton Health Care Reform Task Force for the US White House.



Dr. Ellen Van de Poel is Senior economist with the World Bank Group.

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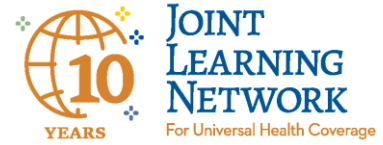
JLN Evolution and growth



Dr. Christoph Kurowski is the Global Lead for Health Financing at the World Bank Group. In this role, he directs knowledge initiatives to enhance the Bank's support to country reforms and to inform the global policy debate on financing for health. Christoph has advised governments at all stages of development in the design and implementation of health financing and health system reforms. He has researched and written on health financing and system issues and contributed to global health initiatives, among others, the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health. Prior to his career in international finance and development, he gained hands-on experience in the delivery of health services working as a pediatrician for Doctors without Borders as well as at the Children's Hospital of the University of Cologne/Germany.



Dr. Nguyen Khanh Phuong is currently Vice-Director of the Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Ministry of Health. Dr. Phuong is viewed as a leading health economist with more than 20 years of experience in health financing, health economic and health system reform in Vietnam. She also has a strong background on policy evaluation and monitoring, research proposal design and development, provider payment methods, hospital services cost, health technology assessment and project evaluation. Dr. Nguyen Khanh Phuong has extensive experience in the healthcare sector, having held many positions such as coordinator, senior technical officer, principal investigator and national consultant. She has involved in several studies which provided evidence for developing important health policies such as health insurance, health financing reforms. She is currently a member of HTAsiaLink Scientific Board, HTAi Asia Policy Forum Organizing Committee, Joint Learning Network.



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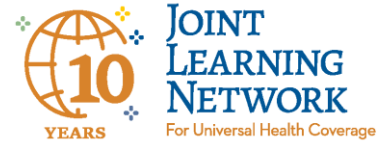
Ms. Sheena Chhabra is a Senior Health Specialist with the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice based in New Delhi, India. In her career, spanning over three decades, Sheena has a strong track record of impacting national and state health programs related to universal health coverage, reproductive, maternal & child health, infectious diseases, nutrition, and water & sanitation covering areas such as health policy & strategy, health financing, health systems strengthening, private sector engagement, and monitoring & evaluation. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2016, Sheena headed the Health Systems Development Division of USAID/India (United States Agency for International Development). Before that, she was a Senior Project Director at the Social and Rural Research Institute (SRI) and a Lecturer at Lady Irwin College, Delhi University.



Ms. Modupe Ogundimu is currently a General Manager with Nigeria's National Health Insurance Scheme. She has contributed to the country's drive towards UHC in policy and programme development and implementation, information technology and Health Financing. As a member of the JLN since 2011, she has played key roles in the development and implementation of the network's strategic thrust in supporting countries to attain UHC.

JLN Impact and Importance

Dr. Karima Saleh, Senior Economist at the World Bank, holds a Ph.D. in health economics from the Johns Hopkins University, USA.



Her expertise is in financing, governance and health insurance, with almost 25 years of global experience (including fieldwork) covering South, Southeast, and Central Asia, Africa, Middle East and North Africa.



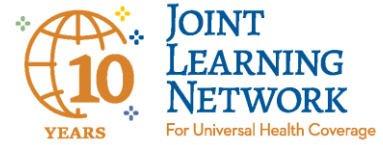
Ms. Isabel Maina is a public health specialist currently working in the Ministry of Health Kenya as the head of the Health financing Division. She has previously worked in the UHC coordination department and has extensive experience in Health Systems planning; monitoring and evaluation; management of health programs within the Kenya Health system and beyond. She chairs the Kenya CCG and Co-convenor of the JLN steering group. She looks forward to a "time" when UHC dream shall be realized especially for those in Low and Middle income countries.



Ms. Sofi Bergkvist is the President of Center for Care Innovations, an organization that sparks, seeds, and spreads innovations that strengthen the health and wellbeing of historically underinvested communities in the United States. Prior to CCI, Sofi co-founded ACCESS Health International, a think tank, advisory group, and implementation partner working on health system transformation in Asia.



Ms. Natalie Phaholyothin currently serves as CEO of WWF Thailand where she has transformed the organization by bringing new technologies for conservation while addressing emerging and pressing environmental issues. Prior to this, she worked at The Rockefeller Foundation with their global health team. Natalie was also seconded by the Foundation as Asia Regional Director for the Global Resilience Partnership (GRP). She is an alumni of Brown University and received her M. Phil from Sciences-Po Paris.



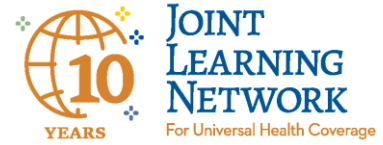
Ms. Kate Wilson believes that digital technology products, new technology policies and updated business model practices are required to make transformative change in the lives of the under-served and decrease the growing digital divide. Kate joined DIAL in February, 2016 as its CEO to fulfill this vision. She has committed the past 26 years to bringing diverse stakeholders together to find common ground in business, technology, and policy, holding leadership roles in both the corporate and non-profit sector. Prior to DIAL, Kate co-founded and led the Digital Health Solutions Group at PATH, the Seattle-based international health organization driving transformative innovation to save lives. During her eight years at PATH, Kate designed and led several global projects, working in both Africa and Asia, most notably those including the use of digital technology to improve the delivery of immunization services and health information systems for universal health coverage. Prior to PATH, Kate held diverse senior roles in the commercial software sector and international trade. At Microsoft, Intel, and General Electric. Kate holds an M.B.A. and an M.A. in Southeast Asian studies from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a B.A. in International Relations from the College of William and Mary.



Dr. Ariel Pablos-Méndez is Professor of Medicine at Columbia University where he worked on MDRTB in NY and around the world. He was Director of Knowledge Management at WHO and Managing Director for International Health at The Rockefeller Foundation. In 2011, Dr. Pablos was appointed by President Obama to lead USAID's bureau for Global Health. Dr. Pablos is a Board-certified internist, received his M.D. from the University of Guadalajara and his M.P.H. from Columbia University.



Dr. Uchenna Ewelike, MBBCh, PhD Is a Senior Health Economist with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) in Nigeria. Has works on Health Insurance for the Informal Sector Population. He is the author of Basics of Health Financing in a Developing Economy. He has been part of the Medical Audit and Domestic Resource Mobilisation collaborative of JLN.



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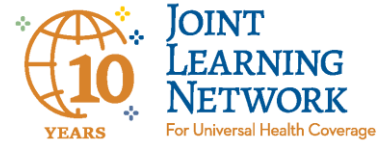
Dr. Mizan Kiros Mirtuse is an Ethiopian physician with a Master's in Global Health, Health Financing and Economics. He is currently serving as the National COVID-19 Task Force Coordinator and Health Financing Advisor to the Minister at the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, while simultaneously pursuing a PhD in Global Health at the University of Bergen. Through his extensive academic training and seven years of professional experience leading Ethiopian government agencies, Dr. Kiros is an expert in global health, health systems, and health economics and financing. Outside of his career, Dr. Kiros is a husband and father of two children.



Ms. Beth Tritter is Executive Director of the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI), a global platform that supports country efforts to achieve quality primary health care for all people. She previously served in global development policy roles in the U.S. government and at a strategic communications consultancy.



Mr. Nathaniel Otoo is a Health Systems & Public Policy Consultant and Senior Fellow at Results for Development Institute. He has contributed to and supported numerous UHC polices, activities and events in Ghana, Africa and globally and is a founding member of the JLN and its first convener.



Dr. Reem Hafez is a Senior Economist with the World Bank. She has 12 years' experience working on international health policy, health financing, and health system reform issues. Prior to joining the bank, she worked as a researcher at the Health Economics Research Centre and the Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford University on the impact of health interventions, particularly wider health system reforms on health equity and financial protection in China. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Duke University, masters' degrees in public health and health economics from George Washington and York Universities respectively, and a doctorate in health economics from Oxford University.



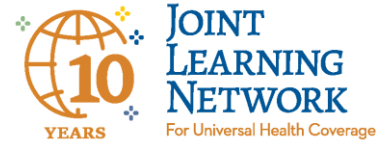
Dr. Patrick Eozenou is a Senior Economist at the World Bank in the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. His current work focuses on health policy and the measurement of health equity and financial protection in the context of UHC monitoring.



Dr. Andreas Seiter is the Global Lead for Private Sector in the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. His role is to work with World Bank teams and clients to strengthen private sector participation in the pursuit of Universal Health Coverage. His areas of special interest are access to medicines, quality of care and digital health solutions that can disrupt traditional, low performing service delivery models. Andreas joined the World Bank in 2004 and has been working on projects in more than 30 countries in all regions. Before joining the World Bank, he was with Novartis, a leading pharmaceutical company, where he spent 18 years in various positions in medical affairs, marketing, global policy and communications. Andreas is a German national and was trained as a physician.



Dr. Toomas Palu is the Adviser on Global Health Coordination in the World Bank office in Geneva. Before moving to Geneva Toomas served as the Global Practice Manager for the World Bank's US\$1.3B health portfolio of the East Asia and Pacific Region leading a team of 43 health and development professionals. Toomas is a member of the World Bank Health, Nutrition and Population Practice global leadership team. In his prior engagements, he led World Bank health programs in several countries in Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union, served as a Director in the Estonia Social Health Insurance Fund Management Board



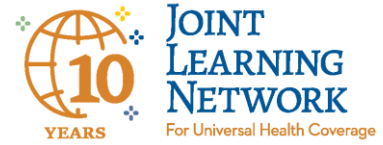
and as a Deputy Director of the Tallinn Emergency Care Hospital in Estonia. His work has focused on health reforms and health systems strengthening in low and middle-income countries, sustainable transition of externally financed health programs, financing pandemic preparedness among others. Toomas has a cum laude Medical Doctor degree from the Tartu University in Estonia and a Master of Public Administration degree from the Harvard University in the US. He has also studied public policy and medical sociology in the Oxford University and health economics in the University of York in the United Kingdom.



Dr. Mark Blecher is Chief Director: Health and Social Development in National Treasury of South Africa. His academic qualifications include a four year specialist degree in Community/Public Health at University of Cape Town and a PhD in an area of health economics. He has over 50 publications in the field of public health and health economics in a range of books and journals including the South African Medical Journal, SA Health Review, Vaccine, OECD book and others. He supervises a team of ten in the National Treasury and has previously worked in Policy and Planning and Health Economics in the public sector. His work encompasses many areas including National Health Insurance research and development, putting in place health conditional grants like the HIV/AIDS grant, heading Health and Social Protection Function Committees which make recommendations on sectoral budget allocations. His section of the Treasury also works on social grant modelling and budgeting, ECD and other aspects of Health and Social Development. He has also worked on aspects of social security development. Dr. Blecher was co-chair of UNAIDS Economic Reference Group and works regularly with various global organisations such as WHO, GAVI, Global Fund, GFF and others. He is currently co-authoring several international cross-country studies on UHC.



Mr. Thant Sin Htoo is the Director with the National Health Plan Implementation Monitoring Unit, Minister's Office, Ministry of Health, Myanmar.



Mr. Al-Nawakhtha has assumed the position of Secretary-General, Supreme Council of Health since May 2014. The responsibilities include management and execution of the council's national health policies and strategies for the health sector in Bahrain. One of his key roles is acting as an Executive Director for "National Social Health Insurance program" which is the main government initiative for health sector reform in the kingdom. He served as a member of the national task force to combat covid-19 (February 2020). During 25 years' experience in the public health sector, he has acquired a wealth of health management experience as he assumed various executive management position including a Consultant of health programs management to Minister of Health advising on various national health project. Also, as a Director of Health Information in the ministry, Mr. Al-Nawakhtha, has been very instrumental in designing and implementing various national Information technology project including National Health Information system whereby, setting-up a well-integrated information technology infrastructure for implementing "one electronic medical record" for the public hospitals and Health Centers.

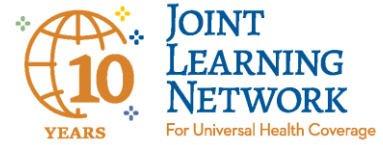


Dr. Soonman Kwon is Professor and Former Dean of the School of Public Health, Seoul National University (SNU), Republic of Korea. He is the founding director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health System and Financing and was the Chief of the Health Sector Group in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2016-2017. He received the excellence in education award of Seoul National University in 2020.



Ms. Caren Althausser is a senior advisor in digital health bringing 30 years of experience to clients in both the private sector and international development. Ms Althausser's areas of expertise include universal health coverage, health insurance information systems, software product strategy and management, private-public partnerships, and building local capacity and skills through peer-learning networks.

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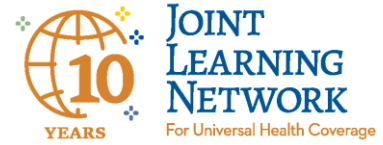
Dr. Nneka Orji is a Public Health Physician and Health Economist leading the Healthcare Financing Team at the Federal Ministry of Health in Nigeria. She is also the Technical Advisor to the Honorable Minister of State for Health and a staunch advocate for Universal Health Coverage and Strategic Purchasing.



Dr. Nishant Jain is heading Indian portfolio of Health and Social Security for GIZ. He has played a critical role in design and implementation of Indian national health insurance scheme called PM-JAY and have supported many countries in their UHC efforts. Dr. Jain is one of the founder member of JLN.



Ms. Amanda Folsom is a Senior Program Director and Practice Lead for Collaborative Learning at [Results for Development](#). She has over twenty years' experience facilitating practitioner-to-practitioner action learning to improve health systems. She leads Country Engagement under the [Health Systems Strengthening Accelerator](#) and has spent a decade supporting the [JLN](#) as a technical facilitator and previously as network coordinator.



Dr. Michael Borowitz, Chief Economist, The Global Fund. Dr Borowitz holds doctorate in public policy from the Irving Harris School of Public Policy Studies as well as degrees in medicine and public health. He has worked in the US and British governments on both domestic health reform and international development; the World Bank; the OECD; and was resident in post-Soviet Central Asia working health reform.

Closing Remarks



Dr. Kamiar Khajavi MD JD MPH, directs the Joint Learning Network for UHC and is a Senior Director at Management Sciences for Health (MSH). He has served as an advisor to the USAID/GH front office, worked as a consultant at McKinsey & Co., and practiced medicine and law (but not at the same time). He holds a JD and MPH from Columbia University and an MD from the University of Pennsylvania.

Moderator



Dr. Feng Zhao, MD, Ph.D, MPH, is the Practice Manager, Strategy and Operations, in the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice of the World Bank. Prior, Dr. Zhao was the Program Leader for the World Bank's Human Development programs in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, and Task Managers for the Africa region. Dr. Zhao has worked extensively on Europe, African, Middle East and Asia regions. From 2011 to 2014, he served as the Health Sector Manager at the African Development Bank (AfDB), where he was responsible for health operations in 54 Sub-Saharan African and Middle East and North Africa countries. Dr. Zhao possesses a Ph.D. in population and health economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, a Master of Public Health from University of California at Berkeley, and a Medical Degree from China. He serves as a faculty member for a number of universities, including being a lecturer for the Harvard Finance Minister Executive Leadership Program.