

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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FROM AFRICA, ASIA AND EUROPE**

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SPEAKERS

DEANE DE MENEZES

Founder, Red is the New Green (RING Sustainable Development Foundation),
India



Deane de Menezes is a Master student in the interdisciplinary programme in development studies at the Graduate Institute of Geneva. Deane De Menezes is the founder of Red is the New Green (RING Sustainable Development Foundation) – an award winning registered non-profit organisation working towards reducing the social stigma attached to menstruation. She has created a framework for sustainable menstrual hygiene management through education, menstrual product access and waste disposal solutions. She was awarded the Queen’s Young Leader Award in 2018 by HM Queen Elizabeth II and has been featured in Forbes Asia 30 under 30 List for 2019 for her work.

MARIE-SIMONE KADURIRA

Founder, Vasikana Vedu, Zimbabwe



Being an African woman positioned in a world riddled with limited choices, Marie-Simone Kadurira has committed her work to the pursuit of human rights for all people across the spectrum. She focuses on the promotion of the rights of women and girls in the Global South, where they face significant barriers to success due to their biological makeup; a focus area spurred by her experience of the limitations on the ability to progress due to deficient reproductive health frameworks. She is the founder of Vasikana Vedu, a non-profit organisation that seeks to address issues around period poverty in Zimbabwe. In this position, she has been immersed in the field of reproductive health from a grassroots perspective. The purpose of this association is to make the dissemination of sanitary products obsolete, as a result of committed efforts from governments to ensure access to sanitary products for all.

HÉLOÏSE ROMAN

Agenda 21-Ville durable, Ville de Genève, Switzerland



Héloïse Roman works for the service Agenda 21-Ville durable of the City of Geneva and is in charge of developing the municipal gender equality policy. She holds a master in development studies from the Graduate Institute (2009) and has been working on gender equality policies at the local level for over ten years. She coordinates the municipal gender equality strategy 2020-2030 and implements projects on various topics such as sexist violence, gender equality in the public space or menstrual equity.

VENKATRAMAN CHANDRA-MOULI

Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, Switzerland



Dr. Chandra-Mouli joined WHO in 1993 and worked on HIV prevention in WHO's Global Programme on AIDS until the end of 1995. Before joining WHO, he worked in Zambia, India and Zimbabwe for 12 years – providing primary care services and preventing childhood malnutrition. He currently works on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) in the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (which includes the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Human Reproductive Programme). His work includes building the epidemiologic and evidence base on ASRH and supporting countries to translate this data and evidence into action through well-conceived and well-

managed policies and programmes. His work aims to inform advocacy, policy formulation and programme development, to strengthen epidemiologic estimates in selected aspects of ASRH at both the national and subnational levels.

MODERATOR

TAMMAM ALOUDAT

Managing Director, Global Health Centre



Tammam Aloudat is the Managing Director of the Global Health Centre. He is a Syrian physician and humanitarian worker with 20 years of experience working with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) working in conflicts, natural disasters, forced displacement, and disease outbreaks both in projects and in the headquarters. He has worked on issues ranging from medical standards and quality of care, humanitarian ethics, palliative care, to access to medicines. He has engaged in the debate on decolonising aid and global health and co-founded Action to Decolonise Global Health (ActDGH).



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