

COMPOSITION OF THE PCB WORKING GROUP ON THE FURTHER TRANSITION AND INTEGRATION OF UNAIDS INTO THE UN SYSTEM AND BEYOND

Co-Facilitators (in alphabetical order)¹

MURPHY, Fionnuala



Fionnuala is a civil society leader with more than two decades experience working at the intersection of HIV, health justice and human rights. Currently, she holds the role of Associate Director of Advocacy at Frontline AIDS, a global partnership of civil society and community organisations working together to end AIDS, having previously worked at Harm Reduction International, ActionAid, and Youth STOPAIDS, among others. She joined the PCB NGO Delegation in January 2024, initially leading the delegation's work on sustaining the HIV response beyond 2030. Since early 2025, she has served as the delegation's focal point on UNAIDS' transition. She works to safeguard essential Joint Programme functions during a challenging period for frontline communities and the global HIV response.

PHAAHLA, Joe



Dr M.J. Phaahla is Deputy Minister of Health in South Africa, appointed in July 2024, and previously served as Minister of Health from 2021 to 2024. A medical doctor with a long career in public service, he led major national health efforts during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and oversaw key national health reforms and the strengthening of public health systems. Before entering national government, he worked for a decade in frontline clinical practice, rising to Senior Medical Superintendent, and served as MEC for Health in Limpopo from 1994 to 1997. Dr Phaahla has held multiple senior positions in the health sector, including two terms as Deputy Minister of Health from 2014 to 2021, and was also a leader in health-sector anti-apartheid organisations such as NAMDA.

RAE, Bob



Bob Rae was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York from 2020–2025. He served as President of ECOSOC 2024-25. He was also Special Envoy of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, on Myanmar and as well as on Refugee and Humanitarian Issues from 2017-2020. Mr. Rae served as Premier of Ontario from 1990-1995, and interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2011-2013.

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Members (in alphabetical order)²

BAINS, Anurita



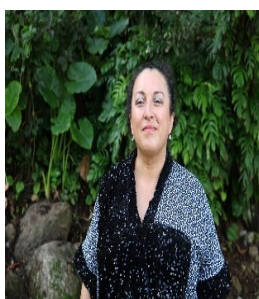
Anurita Bains is a senior global-health leader with more than 20 years of experience in global, regional and country roles in the United Nations and development sector. Currently, Anurita is Associate Director in UNICEF's global Health programme, leading the organisation's efforts to end AIDS in children and adolescents, and strengthening sexual and reproductive health and rights for adolescents and young people. Her career spans senior roles with UNICEF, the Global Fund, CHAI (Rwanda), and the UN Envoy on AIDS in Africa. She is a Trustee of the Graça Machel Trust and a former award-nominated journalist. In every leadership role she has held, she has championed gender equality, health equity, and social justice with passion and determination.

BIGGS, Xavier



Xavier Biggs is a Monitoring & Evaluation specialist and global HIV advocate with extensive experience in strategic information, programme performance management, and community-led accountability systems. As Monitoring & Evaluation Manager at Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL), he leads data-driven systems that strengthen service delivery, improve client outcomes, and align national programming with global targets. He served as an NGO Delegate to the UNAIDS PCB for LAC (2023–2025), advancing community engagement and rights-based HIV policy.

CASTELLANOS, Erika

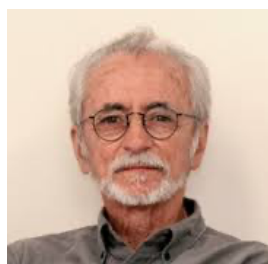


Erika Castellanos is a trans woman living with HIV from Belize residing in the Netherlands. A social worker by profession, Erika joined GATE in April 2017 as Director of Programs. In 2022, she was appointed Interim Executive Director, and in 2023, she became the Executive Director.

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CHUMA, Aeneas

Aeneas C. Chuma, a national of Zimbabwe, has over 30 years of service with the UN System. During this period, he served in various regions and countries in different capacities, the highlights of which included serving as Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) (2012-2014), Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, ILO (2014–2016), and Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, UNAIDS (2020–2021).

GRECO, Dirceu Bartolomeu

Dirceu Bartolomeu Greco, MD, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus of Bioethics and Infectious Diseases, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil. With over 40 years of experience in HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, he served as Director of the Brazilian Department of STI, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis at the Ministry of Health (2010-2013). He chaired the Brazilian Society of Bioethics (2017-2021) and was a member of UNESCO's International Bioethics Commission (2018-2025)

HU, Yiyun

Yiyun Hu, MD, is serving as Director, Division of Exchange and Cooperation, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (NCAIDS). He has more than 20 years working experience on national and international programs on AIDS control and prevention.

KAZATCHKINE, Michel

Michel Kazatchkine is a French physician, diplomat and advocate who is best known for his work in international AIDS treatment issues. From February 2007 to March 2012, he was director of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. On July 20, 2012, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed him as his United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

MAHANTY, Binod

Binod Mahanty is a science-trained public health expert with extensive experience in HIV prevention and care, epidemiology, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). He has worked with national governments, the United Nations, bilateral agencies (German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), PEPFAR, as well as Civil Society Organisations and academic institutions.

PIÑEIRÚA MENÉNDEZ, Alicia

Alicia Piñeirúa Menéndez, MD, MPH, is an infectious disease physician and public health researcher with over 13 years of progressive experience at the intersection of HIV clinical care, national program implementation, evidence generation, and institutional governance in Mexico. She has been working as Associate Researcher & Technical President of the Health Research Consortium (CISIDAT) since 2023.

TAYERI, Katayoun

Katayoun Tayeri is a consultant at the Ministry of Health of Iran, with 22 years of experience working in the field of HIV/AIDS (clinically and administrative). As a member of the national scientific HIV/AIDS care and treatment committee, she has been closely involved in developing and revising national and global HIV/AIDS care and treatment guidelines.

THIAM, Safiatou

Safiatou Thiam is a Medical Doctor with a Master in Public Health, with over 25 years of professional experience in public health administration and policy making at national and international levels as Senegal's Minister of Health and Executive Secretary of the National AIDS Council.

WYSOCKI, Piotr

Piotr Wysocki is currently Head of the International Cooperation Unit at the National AIDS Centre, the Agency of the Ministry of Health of Poland. He has been involved in the healthcare sector for the last 20 years, with a particular focus on infectious diseases and HIV/STIs. Since 2014, he has been a representative of Poland in the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board.

YILLA, Mamadi

Dr. Mamadi Yilla, PhD, is a member of the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. government and is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Health Diplomacy. Prior to joining the Dept. of State, Dr. Yilla served the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention as a research fellow in immunology, improving diagnostic tools for vaccine-preventable childhood diseases.