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## **PLENARY SESSION 2**

**FUTURES OF PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFER WORLD**



## | BACKGROUND

This plenary is an interactive session that will introduce four core questions, based on the Futures approach, to shape the discourse of partnerships for greater biosecurity in the world. It will begin with an introduction of Futures thinking by Dr. Sohail Inayatullah, UNESCO Chair of Futures Studies and Professor at Tamkang University, Taiwan. Then, the plenary will involve a short discussion on the current state of partnerships or lack of in certain thematic areas, and challenges in forging effective partnerships. It will delve into exploring various futures for partnerships and what effective and inclusive partnerships can achieve to make the world a safer place for all. Attempting to jointly uncover the “unknown unknowns” within a Futures methodology will lead to an innovative approach in organizing an interactive plenary that would hopefully lead to new directions and interesting discussions within the parallel sessions.

## | OBJECTIVES

- To jointly envision possible scenarios for the future of partnerships in EID and AMR.
- To generate excitement in creating effective partnerships for a safer world by imagining alternate futures based on Futures techniques. It is envisioned that the novelty of the technique will add to the richness of PMAC and to bring in cross-disciplinary approaches into a Public Health conference.
- To get participants to think creatively in an out-of-the-box manner on working collaboratively together to build greater biosecurity for all.



Panelist

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Since July 1st, 2017, Dr Marie-Paule Kiény is assuming a position of Director of Research at Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (Inserm), Paris, France, where she assists the CEO in enhancing the Institute's international institutional collaborations. Dr Kiény was elected in 2017 as Chair of the Board for two prominent global health initiatives: the Medicines Patent Pool Foundation (MPPF), which aims at increasing access to HIV, viral hepatitis C and tuberculosis treatments in low- and middle-income countries, and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases' Initiative (DNDi), a collaborative, patients' needs-driven, non-profit drug research and development (R&D) organization that is developing new treatments for neglected diseases. She is also a member of the Board of the Human Vaccine Project (USA) and of bioMérieux (France), a global actor in the world of in vitro diagnostics for the last 50 years. Between October 2010 and June 2017, Dr Kiény served as Assistant Director-General at the World Health Organization, with a broad portfolio covering Health Systems and Innovation. She oversaw a group of more than 400 staff, assisted by a group of 9 directors, with a budget of over US\$ 115 million per year, and strived in particular towards the vision of a world where every child, man and woman can afford and has access to the quality essential medicines, vaccines and diagnostics they need to lead a healthy and productive life.