



PMAC | PRINCE MAHIDOL
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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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Ken Banks, Founder of kiwanja.net and creator of messaging platform FrontlineSMS, devotes himself to the application of mobile technology for positive social and environmental change in the developing world. He has worked at the intersection of technology, anthropology, conservation and development for the past twenty-five years and, during that time, has lived and worked across the African continent. He is a PopTech Fellow, a Tech Awards Laureate, an Ashoka Fellow and a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, and has been internationally recognised for his technology-based work. In 2013 he was nominated for the TED Prize, and in 2015 was a Visiting Fellow at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. In late 2015 Ken was appointed CARE International's first Entrepreneur in Residence. He is also a published author, with his first edited book "The Rise of the Reluctant Innovator" self-published in late 2013 with a Foreword from Archbishop Desmond Tutu. A follow-up, published by Kogan Page with Forewords from musician and activist Peter Gabriel and Ashoka founder Bill Drayton, was released in March 2016. In recognition of his pioneering work in mobile, in June 2017 Ken was presented with the Eugene L. Lawler Award for Humanitarian Contributions within Computer Science by the Association for Computing Machinery in the USA.