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## **PLENARY SESSION 1**

**LEADERSHIP NEEDED FOR MANAGING EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF  
THE 21ST CENTURY**



## | BACKGROUND

We now live in a world where any local infectious disease outbreak event has the potential to become an epidemic or pandemic. While preparedness of local agencies is key to quickly identify and contain outbreaks, global partnerships and international collaboration across all sectors must be effective to support and manage events. These partnerships have the potential to proactively alter the global architecture in order to quickly detect, prevent and respond to infectious disease threats as they emerge.

The plenary session will address the *Leadership Needed for Managing Emerging Infectious Diseases of the 21st Century*. It will set the scene of the global health architecture and how the international community is organizing to address effectively EIDs. It will also address leadership needed at country level for managing emerging infectious diseases.

The session will feature speakers from organizations with recent experience of preparing for, and responding to global health crises in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and consider how, as risks, environment and global architecture change, funding varies, how organizations change and adapt to tackle the contemporary challenges, and how are the lessons learned from recent challenges being incorporated into plans for future events. Speakers from countries and civil societies will bring a national and community level perspective on how to respond to global health crises.

## | OBJECTIVES

The objective is to identify what kind of leadership, at all levels, is needed to address the increased risk and the complexity of EID and AMR and bring together different partners and groups acknowledging the various organizational and sectoral cultures.



Panelist

## David Nabarro

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David Nabarro secured his medical qualification in 1974 and has worked in over 50 countries – in communities and hospitals, governments, civil society, universities and in United Nations programmes. David served in the British Government in the 1990s - ending up as head of Health and Population and Director for Human Development in the Department for International Development. David joined the World Health Organization (WHO) in January 1999: his responsibilities covered Malaria, AIDS and TB, and responses to crises. He then moved to the office of the UN Secretary-General in 2005 as Assistant Secretary-General. Initially he was responsible for coordinating UN system responses to avian and pandemic influenza: from 2008 he coordinated UN system action on food insecurity, from 2010 he coordinated the Movement to Scale Up Nutrition, from 2014 he served as the former UN Secretary-General's Envoy for the West Africa Ebola outbreak and Under-Secretary-General. From 2016 he worked as Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Cholera in Haiti. His service with the UN ended in June 2017. Through his social enterprise 4SD, which is based in Switzerland, he now supports systems leadership for sustainable development and advises on global health issues from the perspective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.