

U.S. Strategy for Combating Malaria Around the World: Looking Ahead

Panelist Biographies

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Natasha Bilimoria

Natasha Bilimoria is the Executive Director of Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In this role, she leads the organization's efforts to educate, engage, and mobilize American leaders to support the important work of the Global Fund to end the worldwide burden of these three diseases. Ms. Bilimoria joined Friends in April 2005 and has an extensive background working on global health issues, including international HIV/AIDS. Ms. Bilimoria previously served as Acting Director of Public Policy at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, where she led efforts to ensure maximum funding for global programs to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV as well as programs to provide care and treatment for entire families. Prior to that, she spent four years in the Clinton Administration, including the White House and the U.S. Department of Treasury, advising senior Administration officials on domestic economic development issues. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and has a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

David Brandling-Bennett

David Brandling-Bennett is Deputy Director for Malaria at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the lead for the Foundation's Malaria Strategic Program Team. He received his undergraduate and medical education at Harvard University and did his initial training in internal medicine at Stanford University. He joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1971, where he completed a residency in preventive medicine. Under a career development program with CDC, he finished his training in internal medicine at Harvard and became a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1975. In 1976, he obtained a Diploma in Tropical Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Brandling-Bennett has lived and worked in Central America, Thailand, and Kenya, where he studied the epidemiology, prevention, and control of tropical diseases, including malaria, and helped to establish and conduct training programs in epidemiology. He also worked with vaccine preventable diseases at CDC. In 1989, he joined the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Regional Office for the Americas, where he served as head of epidemiology and director of communicable diseases until 1995, when he became the organization's deputy director. Dr. Brandling-Bennett joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in August 2003 as Senior Program Officer in Infectious Diseases. In 2007, he became the lead for the Foundation's Malaria Strategic Program Team and in 2008 the deputy director for malaria.

Sir Richard Feachem

Sir Richard Feachem is Professor of Global Health at both the University of California, San Francisco and the University of California, Berkeley, and Director of the Global Health Group at UCSF Global Health Sciences. He is also a Visiting Professor at London University and an Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland. From 2002 to 2007, Sir Richard served as

founding Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Under Secretary General of the United Nations. During this time, the Global Fund grew from scratch to become the world's largest health financing institution for developing countries, with assets of US \$11 billion, supporting 450 programs in 136 countries. From 1999 to 2002, Professor Feachem was the founding Director of the Institute for Global Health at UCSF and UC Berkeley. From 1995 until 1999 Dr. Feachem was Director for Health, Nutrition and Population at the World Bank. Previously (1989-1995), he was Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Professor Feachem served as Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Global Forum for Health Research; Treasurer of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative; Council Member of Voluntary Service Overseas; and on numerous other boards and committees. He was a member of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, and the Commission on HIV and Governance in Africa. He has worked in international health and development for 40 years and has published extensively on public health, health policy and development finance. Professor Feachem holds a Doctor of Science degree in Medicine from the University of London, and a Ph.D in Environmental Health from the University of New South Wales. In 2007 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering by the University of Birmingham. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. In 2002 he was elected to membership of the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academy of Sciences. Sir Richard was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2007.

Mark Green

Mark Green joined the Malaria Policy Center after his tenure as United States Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. As Ambassador, Mark worked tirelessly to create lasting relationships with the government and people of Tanzania to create economic growth and fight diseases like malaria. Prior to serving as ambassador, Mark served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a member of the House Judiciary and International Relations Committees, and served as an Assistant Majority Whip. While in Congress, Mark was a leader in designing tough laws aimed at protecting children and families. Mark authored the "Two Strikes, You're Out Child Protection Act," which dramatically enhanced federal penalties for child molesters. He also wrote legislation reauthorizing and expanding the Violence Against Women Act. He co-led the floor debate on the "Faith-Based Initiative" – a groundbreaking plan to bring the community of faith back into the national fight against poverty and social crises – and co-founded the bipartisan Faith-Based Caucus. As a member of the International Relations Committee, Mark played a leading role in crafting the Millennium Challenge Act, America's historic commitment to invest in developing nations that are pursuing political and economic reforms. He played an important role in crafting the Global Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Awareness and Treatment Act of 2001, and the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act. Mark's interest in Africa goes back some years. From 1987-1988, he and his wife served as secondary school teachers in Kenya through WorldTeach Project, a development organization based at the Phillips Brooks House of Harvard University. During this time, they traveled extensively in East Africa, including western Tanzania. Ambassador Green has also spent time in Southern and Western Africa. Mark is very much a Wisconsin product. He attended the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire and received his law degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jennifer Kates

Jen Kates is Vice President and Director of HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where she oversees policy analysis and research focused on the domestic and global HIV epidemics. She has been working on HIV policy issues for twenty years and is a recognized expert in the field. In addition, Ms. Kates works on the Foundation's broader global health policy projects which are designed to provide timely policy analysis and data on the U.S. government's role in global health. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. She previously worked at Princeton University, where she served as the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office, and was also the Coordinator of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. Ms. Kates received her masters degree in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and her bachelors in political science from Dartmouth College. She also holds a masters degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in public policy at George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer.

Admiral Timothy Ziemer

Admiral Timothy Ziemer was appointed in June 2006 to lead the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI). The PMI is a historic \$1.2 billion, five-year initiative to control malaria in Africa. Announced by President Bush on June 30, 2005, it is a collaborative U.S. Government effort led by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the Department of State, the White House, and others. The goal of the Initiative is to reduce malaria-related deaths by 50 percent in 15 countries by achieving 85 percent coverage of proven preventive and curative interventions. As coordinator, Admiral Ziemer reports to the USAID administrator, with direct authority over both the PMI and USAID malaria programs. Admiral Ziemer previously served as Executive Director of World Relief, which provides disaster response, community development, child/maternal health, HIV/AIDS, agricultural assistance, and microcredit programs in over 30 countries. World Relief is operational in the United States, resettling refugees and providing immigration services through 24 affiliate offices across the country. The son of missionary parents serving in Vietnam, Admiral Ziemer was born in Sioux City, Iowa, but was raised in Asia. After graduating from Wheaton College, he joined the Navy, completed flight school, and returned to Vietnam to fly during the war. During this tour, he flew 550 combat sorties in support of the Navy Seals and riverine forces.