



HOST BIOGRAPHIES



Ms Bridget McNulty

Diabetes advocate and IDF Blue Circle Voice member from South Africa

Bridget McNulty has been living with Type 1 diabetes for 15 years, and is the co-founder of [Sweet Life Diabetes Community](#), South Africa's largest online diabetes community. She is also the co-founder of the Diabetes Alliance and SA Diabetes Advocacy, of which she is the current chairperson. She is an active member of the IDF Blue Circle Voices, a published author and a mom, living in Cape Town with her husband, son and daughter.

PANELLIST BIOGRAPHIES



Prof Stephen Colagiuri

IDF Vice-President

Prof. Colagiuri has had a professional interest in diabetes for over 35 years and has worked as a clinician, academic and researcher across a broad range of settings. He is currently Professor of Metabolic Health, Director of The Boden Institute and Solutions Domain Leader at the Charles Perkins Centre at the University of Sydney, as well as Co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity. His research focuses on diabetes and obesity prevention, economic aspects of

diabetes and obesity, and diabetes care delivery.

Prof. Colagiuri has served as President of the Australian Diabetes Society and in advisory roles to WHO. He has been actively involved in IDF activities for many years, serving as Chair of the Clinical Guidelines Task Force, Deputy-Chair of the IDF Diabetes Atlas Committee (2018-19), Editor-in-Chief of the IDF journal, Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice (2008-2016) and Vice-President (2018-19).

In 2017, Prof. Colagiuri was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for national and international services to diabetes.



Dr Bente Mikkelsen

NCD Director

Dr Bente Mikkelsen is Director, Noncommunicable Diseases in the division of UHC/Communicable and Noncommunicable diseases, World Health Organization Headquarters (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland. She was formerly Director, Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-course at the WHO Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen, Denmark), Head of Secretariat

for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (WHO GCM/NCD) at WHO Headquarters (Geneva, Switzerland) from its inception in 2014 as well as a former CEO of the Southern and Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority.

Dr Mikkelsen is trained as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician and holds a Master's degree in Health Administration and Management from the University of Oslo. Her current focus is on achieving the SDGs through the reduction of premature deaths from NCDs in the context of WHO General Programme of Work, and working across sectors with multistakeholders, within and beyond the health sector using innovation, implementation research, health literacy and new technologies.



Dr Slim Slama

Unit Head, NCD Management-Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, WHO Switzerland

Slim Slama is an Internal Medicine specialist with an interest in non-communicable disease management. After graduating from Geneva University Medical School in 1998, he worked as a clinician for 17 years at the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG), Switzerland.

Prior to joining WHO headquarters, Dr Slama started at WHO in 2014, at the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, based in Cairo, Egypt. Successively, assuming the positions of Medical Officer and then of Regional Adviser, he spent 7.5 years in charge of Noncommunicable Diseases Prevention and Management Units, in the Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Division (NMH).

During his tenure at WHO EMRO, Dr Slama provided strategic and technical support to the twenty-two Member States of the region, supporting them in scaling up their efforts to better prevent and control noncommunicable diseases (NCD). From the development of multisectoral NCD action plans to the integration of NCD in primary health care, he covered a very large portfolio and progressively contributed in building the NCD team at EMRO. Part of his work was dedicated to strengthening WHO normative and technical support to countries affected by humanitarian crises.

Dr Slama is now in charge of the NCD Management Unit, In the NCD department, WHO Headquarters, responsible of a large portfolio focusing on the early detection, diagnosis and management of several major NCD, such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, oral health but also digital health solutions for NCDs and NCD in humanitarian settings.

Dr Leanne Riley

Head of the Surveillance, Monitoring and Reporting Unit, WHO Country



Kazi Zebunnessa Begum

Additional Secretary, Bangladesh Ministry of Health

Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (World Health) & SUN Country Focal Point, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is a career civil servant. She has been serving the country for the last 31 years in the different capacities of the government service. She is also experienced in Public Health activities aligning with are Civil Services.

Ms Kazi Zebunnessa Begum completed MSS degree from Department of Social Welfare under University of Dhaka. Then she completed MA on Development Science from Netherlands.

As an officer throughout her career, Kazi Zebunnessa Begum held responsible positions with outmost honesty and dignity. Apart from this she worked in the field of Violence against Women under Department Of Women Affairs and also worked on lien as Government Engagement & Sustainability Lead, Project named "Platforms for Dialogue (P4D)" with British Council funded by European Union.

She is working as Programme Director of National Tobacco Control Cell under Health Services Division. She is also actively involved in art, literature, social and cultural activities. Notable positions currently she is acting as National Commissioner, Bangladesh Girls Guide Association.



Prof Edward Gregg

School of Public Health, Imperial College of London

Edward W. Gregg is the newly appointed Head of the School of Population Health and Professor at **Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland** and is Professor and Chair in Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at **Imperial College London**, and before that led a multi-disciplinary public health research unit for chronic diseases at the US Centers for Disease Control Prevention.

He has worked extensively in chronic disease epidemiology and surveillance, prevention effectiveness trials, the development of natural experiments to study health policies, and modelling of health impact and cost-effectiveness of public health interventions. His research has focused on understanding the causes, dynamics, and prevention of diabetes and its complications, and includes long-term follow-up studies of the lifestyle interventions as well as the evaluation of US and UK-based public health prevention programmes.

He has published more than 350 peer reviewed articles and chapters and was awarded the American Diabetes Association (ADA) 2016 Kelly West Award for Excellence in Diabetes Epidemiology and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) 2015 award for Epidemiology award for Epidemiology.



Prof João Raposo

Associação Protectora dos Diabéticos de Portugal

João Filipe Cancela Santos Raposo, graduated in Medicine in 1988 in Lisbon and got his PhD in Medicine – Endocrinology in 2004 in Lisbon. He had his Endocrinology residency in the Portuguese Cancer Institute being a Consultant of Endocrinology at APDP – Diabetes Portugal since 2006.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the DESG (Diabetes Education Study Group)

Currently he is an Assistant Professor of Public Health in the NOVA Medical School of Lisbon; Clinical Director of APDP – Diabetes Portugal and President of the Portuguese Society of Diabetology.



Ms Emma Klatman

Global Advocacy and Policy Manager, Life for a Child

Emma is Global Policy & Advocacy Manager for LFAC. She works with partners to encourage evidence-based advocacy initiatives that underpin the sustainable provision of adequate T1D care. Emma has been engaged in advocacy since she was diagnosed with T1D in 1999. She has witnessed firsthand the impacts that community initiatives and advancements in diabetes care have had on her own health outcomes, and believes everyone with T1D should be given the opportunity

to live safe and healthy lives.