

SIDE EVENT FOR THE 70TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

# URBAN HEALTH IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 • 8:30–1:30PM

## OBJECTIVES

This meeting seeks to bring together stakeholders from the many disciplines and sectors affecting urban health to exchange knowledge, policies and practices that promote the health of individuals in urban areas and to consider the opportunities and challenges of the urban environment on health issues across the Sustainable Development Goals. The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Improve the shared knowledge among urbanists and health related professionals on the factors important in sustainable and healthy urbanization through discussion of experiences and best practices
- Advance coordination and cooperation within and between different sectors to advance urban health
- Advocate for effective governance at national and local government levels to support coordination across multiple sectors to achieve healthy and sustainable urban communities

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## SCHEDULE

**8:30-9:00 WELCOME**

**Jo Ivey Boufford**, President, The New York Academy of Medicine

**Shamim Talukder**, President, ISUH

**A F M Ruhul Haque**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh

**KEYNOTE: Poonam Singh**, Regional Director WHO South East Asia

## 9:00-10:00 PLENARY ONE: THE IMPORTANCE OF URBAN HEALTH IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Moderator: Jo Ivey Boufford**, President, The New York Academy of Medicine

**Simon Bland**, Director, New York Liaison Office, UNAIDS

**Joshua Glasser**, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of International Health & Biodefense, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, United States Department of State

**Zahid Maleque**, State Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Johanna Ralston**, CEO, World Heart Federation

**Jeffrey L. Sturchio**, President and CEO, Rabin Martin

## 10:00-11:00 PLENARY II: ENSURING URBAN ENVIRONMENTS THAT PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

**Moderator: Yonette Thomas**, Science Advisor for Urban Health, New York Academy of Medicine, and Senior Advisor, Association of American Geographers

**Ramón Cruz**, International Policy Program Manager, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy

**Abdul Malek**, Secretary, Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Nata Menabde**, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations

**Elliott D. Sclar** — Professor of Urban Planning, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and Director, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Earth Institute – Columbia University

**Tianna Scozzaro**, Director, Global Population & Environment Program, Sierra Club

## 11:00-11:30 BREAK

## 11:30-12:30 PLENARY THREE: GOVERNANCE FOR URBAN HEALTH

**Moderator: Jo Ivey Boufford**, President, New York Academy of Medicine

**Natalia Linos**, Science Advisor to the Commissioner at New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Angel Mendoza**, Director of Health Policy, New York Academy of Medicine

**Jane Thomason**, Chief Executive Officer, Abt JTA, and Senior Advisor, International Social Policy

## 12:30-1:30 CLOSING: NEXT STEPS

**Chair: Shamim Talukder**, President, ISUH, CEO, Eminence

**Eugenie Birch**, Lawrence C. Nussdorf Chair of Urban Research and Education, Penn Institute and Chair, World Urban Campaign

**Nikhil Chandavarkar** – Chief, Communications and Outreach Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA

**Khandker Mosharraf Hossain**, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Alex Ross**, Director, WHO Kobe Center

## Eugénie L. Birch, PhD, FAICP, RTPi

**Lawrence C. Nussdorf Chair of Urban Research and Education,  
Penn Institute and Chair, World Urban Campaign**

Eugénie L. Birch, PhD, FAICP, RTPi (hon), is the Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research, Department of City and Regional Planning, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania. She is the founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, and co-editor of Penn Press's *The City in the 21st Century* series. Dr. Birch's most recent publications include *Slums: How Informal Real Estate Markets Work* (forthcoming, co-edited with Susan Wachter and Shohana Chattaraj), *Global Urbanization* (2011, co-edited with Susan Wachter), *Women's Health and the World's Cities* (2011, co-edited with Afaf Meleis and Susan Wachter) and *Neighborhoods and Life Chances, How Place Matters* (2011, co-edited with Susan Wachter and Harriet Newberger). Dr. Birch has served as editor, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, chair, Planning Accreditation Board, president, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) and the International Planning History Society. Her awards include: Lawrence C. Gerkens Award in Planning History (SACRPH), Jay Chatterjee Award, Margarita McCoy Award and Distinguished Educator Award (ACSP). Dr. Birch has served as a member of the New York City Planning Commission and of the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site. She is currently chair, UN-HABITAT's World Urban Campaign and president of its special initiative, the General Assembly of Partners. Dr. Birch, who lives in New York City, holds a Ph.D and Master in Urban Planning from Columbia University and an A.B. cum laude in History and Latin American Affairs from Bryn Mawr College.

## Simon Bland CBE

**Director, UNAIDS New York Office**

Prior to joining UNAIDS as Director of the New York Office in August 2013, Simon was a senior civil servant in the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID). Most recently, he worked with public-private partnerships in health and education. Simon represented the UK on the Boards of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, GAVI, UNITAID and the Global Partnership for Education. From 2011 to 2013, Simon was Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and oversaw a substantial transformation culminating with the introduction of its new funding model and strengthened partnership approach. He has spent most of the last thirty years working in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and led DFID country programmes in Russia, Ukraine, Kenya and Somalia.

## Jo Ivey Boufford, MD

**President, The New York Academy of Medicine**

Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, is President of The New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Boufford is Professor Emeritus of Public Service, Health Policy and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine. She is Co-Director of the National Program Office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program. She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May 1997. While at HHS, she served as the U.S. representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1994–1997.

# Nikhil Chandavarkar

**Chief of the Outreach and Communication Branch, Division for Sustainable Development,  
at the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs**

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Nikhil Chandavarkar is Chief of the Outreach and Communication Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, at the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, with responsibility for dialoguing and developing partnerships with various constituencies, particularly major groups of society and the media, on sustainable development issues including the Post 2015 Development Agenda, the sustainable development goals (SDGs), green economy, climate change, education for sustainable development and related policy matters. He led outreach and communications for the Rio+20 Conference and the 2014 Conference on Small Island Development States, and oversees the knowledge platforms for partnerships emerging from both conferences. Nikhil holds a Ph. D in economics from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., where he was also a teaching fellow. Since joining the United Nations in 1979, he has served in Brazil, Colombia, and Paraguay and in management positions in New York. He has advised governments in a variety of countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, on human development and sustainable development policies. His publications include the book *Building the Green Economy: A Guide to the Practice of Sustainable Development* (available in English and Spanish from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)). He is a fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Commerce and Manufacture of London. Nikhil is fluent in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

# Ramón Cruz

**International Policy Program Manager, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy**

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Ramón Cruz has over 15 years of experience intersecting the fields of sustainability, transportation, urban planning, environmental policy and climate change. In the past he was Senior Policy Analyst at the Living Cities Program of the Environmental Defense Fund, Vice President for Energy and Environment at the Partnership for New York City and most recently Vice President of the Environmental Quality Board (environmental regulatory agency) in Puerto Rico. He has been a consultant for the World Bank, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Since 2009, he has worked for ITDP's Global Policy Program in different processes in the United Nations: UNFCCC, Post-2015 agenda, Commission on Sustainable Development, the Rio+20 process and the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport. Ramón has a B.A. in International Relations from American University in Washington D.C., and Masters in Public Policy and in Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University in New Jersey.

# Joshua Glasser

**Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of International Health & Biodefense, Bureau of Oceans and  
International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, United States Department of State**

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Joshua Glasser is a Foreign Affairs Officer in the US Department of State's Office of International Health and Biodefense. He covers an array of issues at the nexus of global health, environmental cooperation, and international development, including health aspects of urbanization. Joshua joined the department in 2013, following master's work in Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health. His thesis applied geo-spatial methods to identify hotspots of urban flooding risk in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He also holds a bachelor's degree in political science and public policy analysis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 2007-2008, he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Hanoi, Vietnam.

# A F M Ruhul Haque

**Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology**

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# Khandker Mosharraf Hossain

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# Natalia Linos

**Science Advisor to the Commissioner at New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

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Natalia Linos is Science Advisor to New York City Health Commissioner Mary Bassett and advises on issues related to health equity. Previously she was a policy specialist in the office of UNDP Administrator, Helen Clark, focused on UNDP's health and human development agendas. She also worked with the United Nations in Lebanon on economic and social development in the Middle East. She completed her doctorate at the Harvard School of Public Health, and her research has primarily focused on violence and health, with a specific interest on intimate partner violence in different countries including Nigeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan.

# Abdul Malek

**Secretary, Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

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# Dr Nata Menabde

**Executive Director of the WHO Office at the United Nations, New York**

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Dr Nata Menabde is Executive Director of WHO Office at the United Nations, New York since May 2015. Prior to her current role, since 2010, Nata Menabde was WHO Representative to India where she has led a large team of thousands of dedicated professionals across India supporting the governments' efforts in tackling health and health systems challenges, such as eradication of polio and saving lives from vaccine preventable diseases, promoting universal health coverage for sustainable development, combatting TB and reversing the growing trend of noncommunicable diseases, amongst others.

# Angel Mendoza, MD

**Director of Health Policy, The New York Academy of Medicine**

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Angel Mendoza, MD started in April of this year as The New York Academy of Medicine's Director of Health Policy, after many years in New York City government and non-profit organizations serving and advocating for under-represented and vulnerable communities. Prior to working at the Academy, he was Medical Director at Fedcap for the WeCARE program which addressed age-related barriers, among other factors affecting employment and productivity. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at New York University/Bellevue Hospital.

# Alex Ross

**Director, WHO Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre, Kobe, Japan)**

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Mr Ross is the Director of the WHO Centre for Health Development (Kobe, Japan or WKC), a global centre for excellence in research on the consequences of social, economic and environmental change and its implications for health policies. Mr Ross oversees the Centre's new research strategy that focuses on advancing universal health coverage (UHC), innovation, and ageing; as well as the Centre's portfolio leading WHO's work on urban health, inclusive of a focus on health inequities, health governance and intersectoral action, and urban health emergencies. The Centre is part of WHO's Headquarters' Health Systems and Innovation Cluster. Mr Ross is a public health policy expert trained in the United States at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA, BSPH, MSPH) and at the Rand Graduate School. With 30 years of experience in domestic and international health systems, Mr Ross has been involved in policy development, planning and research for a wide variety of health issues. Prior to his joining the Centre, he served as Director for Partnerships and UN Reform at WHO Headquarters (Geneva) for four years, as well as in deputy and senior advisory roles to the Assistant Director-Generals for Communicable Diseases and for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria for four years. During this time, he led development of a WHO partnerships policy, nurtured WHO's engagement with global health initiatives, non-governmental and private sectors, as well as helping to manage or contribute to WHO initiatives such as the HIV/AIDS "3x5" campaign, control of H5N1, and development of the UN Political Declaration on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases. Mr Ross authored a number of reports for WHO that were issued by the UN Secretary General on foreign policy and global health. He led WHO work on innovative financing strategies and initiatives (the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness framework negotiations, a Solidarity Tobacco Contribution initiative) and was directly engaged in the creation of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and UNITAID.

# Johanna Ralston

**CEO, World Heart Federation**

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Johanna Ralston joined the World Heart Federation, one of the founding members of NCD Alliance, as Chief Executive Officer in February 2011. The World Heart Federation is headquartered in Geneva with 200 member organizations in more than 100 countries and focuses on the global fight against heart disease and stroke, with a focus on low-and middle-income countries. Before joining the World Heart Federation Johanna was Vice President, Global Strategies at the American Cancer Society, where she was hired in 1999 to build the Society's global programs, eventually developing and overseeing cancer and tobacco control projects in more than 30 countries. Johanna's work in development and global health has also included positions at New York University and International Planned Parenthood Federation of Latin America, where she served as Program Development Adviser. Johanna studied at Harvard Business School, and studied public health at Harvard and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



# Elliott Sclar

**Director of the Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) at Columbia University's Earth Institute**

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Elliott Sclar is the director of the Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) at Columbia University's Earth Institute; He is a professor of urban planning in Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. An economist and urban planner, Professor Sclar's research interests include urban economic development planning, transportation and land use planning, and the economics and finance of public services and infrastructure. CSUD is one of eight global centers of excellence in Future Urban Transport supported by the Volvo Foundations of Gothenburg, Sweden. CSUD's major project currently is addressing the infrastructure and land use challenges of metropolitan growth in Nairobi, Kenya. Sclar was a co-coordinator of the Taskforce on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers, one of ten task forces set up by the UN Millennium Project to aid in the implementation of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. He was a lead author on the Taskforce's book length report (2005): A Home in the City. Professor Sclar has been active in the scholarly movement to reconnect the work of population health experts and urban planners in creating healthier cities. He has published articles in The Lancet, The American Journal of Public Health and The Journal of Urban Health. One of the main challenges he sees is the need to begin to develop more precise measurements of built environment impacts on population health.

# A.Tianna Scozzaro

**Director of the Sierra Club's Global Population & Environment Program**

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A.Tianna Scozzaro serves as director of the Sierra Club's Global Population & Environment Program. The program works to advance connections between gender, reproductive health, development, climate change and environment with Sierra Club chapter, youth education, USAID policy and global development frameworks. Previously, A.Tianna spent three years at Population Action International (PAI) working on integrated women's health and climate policies within the U.N. and with global partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to PAI, A.Tianna served as a program manager at Rachel's Network, a national network of women environment philanthropists, and as a public policy fellow for the U.S. Congressional Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. A.Tianna has lived in Chile, Bolivia and Spain. She earned an MPA in environmental science and policy from Columbia University, and holds a BA in international relations from University of California at Davis.

# Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh

**WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia**

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Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, an Indian national, became the first woman to assume the office of WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia on 1 February 2014. Dr Khetrpal Singh's priority areas of work in the Region are:

- addressing the persisting and emerging epidemiological and demographic challenges;
- promoting universal health coverage and robust health systems;
- strengthening emergency risk management for sustainable development;
- articulating a strong regional voice in the global health agenda.

She served for over 2 decades as a civil servant in India as member of the Indian Administrative Services. She was the Health Secretary of the State of Punjab, with a population of 22 million and a health budget of US\$ 350 million.

In 1987 she moved to the Health, Population and Nutrition Department of The World Bank. In 1998 she joined WHO headquarters as Executive Director, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments Cluster, and a member of the HQ senior management. Dr Khetrpal Singh served as WHO Deputy Regional Director for the South-East Asia Region from 2000 to 2013. In February 2013, she joined the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India as Advisor for International Health, where her principal task was to strengthen global health outcomes and provide guidance to the Ministry to take forward the international health agenda.

# Jeffrey L. Sturchio

President and CEO at Rabin Martin

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Jeffrey L. Sturchio is President and CEO at Rabin Martin, a global health strategy consulting firm, and former President and CEO of the Global Health Council. Before joining the Council in 2009, Dr. Sturchio was vice president of Corporate Responsibility at Merck & Co. Inc., president of The Merck Company Foundation and chairman of the U. S. Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), whose 180 member companies represent some 85 percent of total US private sector investment in Africa. While at Merck & Co., Inc., for more than a decade he was a leader of the company's global HIV/AIDS policy and was centrally involved in the UN/Industry Accelerating Access Initiative established in 2000 to help improve HIV/AIDS care and treatment in the developing world. He was a member of the board of the African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships in Botswana (2005-2009) and a member of the private sector delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (2002-2008). He is chairman of the BroadReach Institute for Training and Education and a member of the boards of the Corporate Council on Africa, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS and the Museum of AIDS in Africa. Dr. Sturchio is also currently a visiting scholar at the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health and the Study of Business Enterprise at The Johns Hopkins University; Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Affairs; a principal of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network; Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; and an advisor to amfAR, the Clinton Global Initiative and the NCD Alliance. He received an AB in history from Princeton University and a PhD in the history and sociology of science from the University of Pennsylvania. His publications include Noncommunicable diseases in the developing world: addressing global gaps in policy and research (edited with L. Galambos, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).

# Shamim Talukder, MD

Founder and CEO of Eminence Associates for Social Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Shamim Talukder, MD, is founder and CEO of Eminence Associates for Social Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Since 2003, Eminence has been committed to improving the lives disadvantaged and marginalized populations through research, training, advocacy, community based interventions and communications in the areas of health, education, environment, governance and information technology. Dr. Talukder is the first Member Secretary of Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) and has also co-authored a chapter of the first Bangladesh Urban Health Survey 2006 and the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (2011) that later was transformed into a National Policy Brief on Non Communicable Disease. He was co-author of a working paper of Measure DHS, an analysis from Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS), 2011 on different variables of reproductive and fertility issues of women of reproductive age. Dr. Talukder also serves as the member secretary of the Non Communicable Diseases Forum (NCD-F), coordinator of Bangladesh Civil Society Network for Promoting Nutrition (BCSNPN), and founder and general secretary of the Global Citizen Forum for Sustainable Development. He has worked nationally and internationally to develop health policy with special focus on non-communicable diseases and nutrition. He is also actively involved in environment, climate change and health related civil society platforms at national and international levels such as the Climate Action Network (CAN) and Population and Sustainable Development Alliance (PSDA).

# Yonette Thomas, PhD

Yonette Thomas, PhD is science advisor for urban health to the New York Academy of Medicine, a member of the International Society for Urban Health board, and a senior research advisor to the Association of American Geographers. She is a faculty affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center at the University of Maryland College Park, and a voluntary associate professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine where she teaches social epidemiology. She was formerly the associate vice president for research compliance at Howard University. Previously she served as the chief of the Epidemiology Research Branch and program director for the sociology epidemiology program at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health. She has held faculty appointments in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and in the School of Pharmacy at Howard University. She is a member of the Consortium of Social Science Associations Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee of the National Hispanic Science Network. Her primary research and publications have focused on the social epidemiology of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS and the link with geography, including edited volumes: Geography and Drug Addiction, Crime, HIV, and Health: intersections of Criminal Justice and Public Health Concerns. She has a Ph.D. in medical sociology and demography, with post graduate training in epidemiology.



# Jane Thomason

Chief executive officer of Abt JTA

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Jane Thomason is the chief executive officer of Abt JTA. Dr. Thomason established JTA International in 1999 and has successfully led its growth, building from an initial portfolio of aid programs to diversify into the mining sector and develop Australian operations. In 2013, JTA International became Abt JTA, a wholly owned subsidiary of Abt Associates. Dr. Thomason has worked extensively in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific, Mongolia and the Philippines and has held executive roles in Australia and internationally, including: Chair of the Wesley Hospital Board; Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Royal Children's Hospital; Director of Women's Health in Queensland; Senior Social Sector Specialist at the Asian Development Bank in Manila; and head of the Department of Community Medicine at the University of PNG and adviser to the Health Metrics Network Executive Board at WHO, Geneva, where she focused on building regional partnerships to improve country civil registration and vital statistics systems. Dr Thomason has led several multi-country research studies, including Health Sector Reform in Asia and Private Sector Growth in the Health Sector in Asia, as well a number of health impact assessments and PPP designs on behalf of resource sector clients. She is frequently invited to assist global organizations to develop their future strategies. Dr. Thomason has a Ph.D. from the University of Queensland, a Master's degree in Public Health (Tropical) from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Social Work, majoring in Community Development, from the University of Queensland.

The International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) is the pioneer global organization bringing together experts from across academia, government, NGOs and business to improve the health of cities. The ISUH was founded in 2002 at the New York Academy of Medicine as an organization primarily concerned with building the field of urban health through its annual scientific meeting, the International Conference of Urban Health (ICUH). As the only nongovernmental global conference of its kind, the ICUH advances understanding and action to improve urban health by addressing its broad determinants. As such, ICUH is a critical platform for sharing lessons, both successes and problems, to promote learning and progress. Because more than half the world's population lives in cities in all regions of the world, and since this number is increasing each year, the roles of the ISUH and ICUH in global health will only become more significant.

The ISUH has formed relationships with global organizations like the United Nations University and the International Council for Science to broaden our networks and enhance the global discussion across disciplines and sections of urban health challenges and their solutions. We invite you to become a member: [www.isuh.org](http://www.isuh.org)



The New York Academy of Medicine advances solutions that promote the health and well-being of people in cities worldwide.

Established in 1847 to take on the critical health issues facing New York City at the time, The New York Academy of Medicine continues to address the health challenges facing the world's rapidly growing urban populations. We accomplish this through our Institute for Urban Health, home of interdisciplinary research, evaluation, policy and program initiatives; our world class historical medical library and its public programming in history, the humanities and the arts; and our Fellows program, a network of more than 2,000 experts elected by their peers from across the professions affecting health. Our current priorities are healthy aging, disease prevention, and eliminating health disparities.

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Since 2003, Eminence has been committed to improving the lives disadvantaged and marginalized populations through research, training, advocacy, community based interventions and communications in the areas of health, education, environment, governance and information technology. Today, Eminence is a vibrant, rapidly growing NGO, who strives to bring about a progressive Bangladesh where people live in health equity. Eminence envisions reinforcing an extensively participatory society that will be sustainable in terms of healthcare, education and economy locally as well as globally. It is registered (Reg No. - 2632) under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 46, 1978) of the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB), Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh and the Voluntary Social Welfare Agency (Registration and Control) Ordinance (1961) of the Ministry of Social Welfare of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the City Corporation Ordinance (1983).