

## **Private meeting between Holger Knaack, president of Rotary International and two experts in the frame of the online conference on Global Health Security, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**



### **Holger Knaack**

is the present President of Rotary International.

Holger Knaack holds a degree in business administration from the University of Applied Sciences Kiel. Since 1995, Holger has been CEO of the real estate company Knaack KG. Holger is founder and Chairman of the Karl Adam Foundation. A Rotarian since 1991, Holger is a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln. For six years, he served as Chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange Germany. He was RI Director and RI Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.



### **Agnes Binagwaho**

is a Rwandan pediatrician and Vice Chancellor of the University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda. Since 1996, she has provided clinical care in the public sector and held a number of project management, health system strengthening, and government positions, including Minister of Health of Rwanda.

<https://ughe.org/meet-the-team/agnes-binagwaho/>

**University of Global Health Equity (UGHE)** is a health sciences university in Rwanda. In 2014, thanks to the Cummings Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Government of Rwanda, Partners In Health took the first steps towards realizing a long-sought aspiration: to create a university that would advance global health delivery by training a new generation of global health leaders who are equipped in not just building, but sustaining effective and equitable health systems.

Nowhere has this approach had more profound results than in Rwanda, which has achieved some of the most dramatic gains in population health and poverty reduction in the world.

<https://ughe.org/the-story-behind-the-university/>

Prof. Dr Agnes Binagwaho, MD, PhD, will be developing the following subjects:

- Vaccination disruption due to the current pandemic and the risk of resurgence of diseases in unprotected children and communities.
- How to better prepare the world for the next pandemic.
- How to educate people to improve pandemic preparedness and response.

She will be focusing on children vaccination, primary care, and education.



### **Pierre Van Damme**

is full professor at the University of Antwerp, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. He chairs the Vaccine & Infectious Disease Institute (VAXINFECTIO, University of Antwerp). Pierre Van Damme is the leading expert on the clinical trials of the nOPV2. He is a member of the Rotary Club Aartselaar-4 Rivieren.

<https://www.virology-education.com/pierre-van-damme-md-phd/>

**Vaxinfectio** is a consortium of three research units within the university: the Laboratory of Medical Microbiology (LMM), the Laboratory of Experimental Hematology (LEH), and the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV).

<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/vaxinfectio/research-mission-and-members/>

Prof. Dr. Pierre Van Damme, MD, PhD, will be developing the following subjects:

- Collaboration across geographies and among pre-clinical and clinical investigators, vaccine manufacturers, global partners, and other stakeholders, clinical development of the first new oral polio vaccine in over sixty years.
- How series of clinical trials are expected to improve the use of nOPV2 for vaccine-derived outbreaks in the near future.
- Perspective: If successful, this vaccine would further strengthen the chances of achieving and sustaining a world free of paralysis from all types of polioviruses.

## **Programme**

6.30 PM: Debate between Holger Knaack and Agnes Binagwaho.

7.00 PM: Debate between Holger Knaack and Pierre Van Damme.

7.30 PM: Debate between Holger Knaack, Agnes Binagwaho, and Pierre Van Damme.

7.45 PM – 8.00 PM: Questions from the floor

Actors: Holger Knaack, Agnes Binagwaho, Pierre Van Damme

Participants: Claude Arnold, Michel C. Coomans, Judith Diment, Emmanelle Groenen, Peter Kyle, Jane Lawicki, Migle Niauraite, Carol Pandak, Ekkehart Pandel, Hugo Schally.

The meeting will be online by zoom. To join the meeting, please click here-bellow

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82295411228?pwd=U2RiZUJrWTR4TjRjTHp2Z0p2U0h3dz09>