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The Private Sector Contribution on Health Emergency Situations



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14.00 – 14.10	Welcome remarks by Roberto Suárez Santos , Secretary General, IOE
14.10– 14.25	Setting the Scene by Maria Neira , Director of the Department of Public Health, World Health Organization (WHO)
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15.00 – 15.25	Tour de table
15.25 – 15.30	Concluding remarks, Roberto Suárez Santos

Setting the Scene

Maria Neira, Director of the Department of Public Health, World Health Organization (WHO)

Studied medicine at the University of Oviedo in Asturias, Spain. She was the Vice Minister of Health and Consumer Affairs in Spain from 2002 and 2005. She also served as President of the Spanish Food Safety and Nutrition Agency. She was the Public Health Adviser in the Ministry of Health in Maputo and Mozambique. She was the UN Public Health Advisor/Physician for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kigali, Rwanda.

Maria Neira joined the WHO in 1993 as the Coordinator of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control. In 1999, she was the Director of the Department of Control, Prevention and Eradication. She was appointed the Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment at the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2005.



Laurent Taymans, Regional Medical Director, International SOS

Joined International SOS in 2013 as Regional Medical Director, Assistance Services and Medical Services for the Benelux.

Dr Laurent Taymans has extensive medical assistance experience in particular with Europ Assistance Belgium and is an active emergency physician with more than 20 years of clinical practice. Active in the medical aviation world, Dr Taymans is the president of the European Aeromedical Institute (EURAMI) since 2012.

As Regional Medical Director he fulfils a role as assistance medical director for the Europe, Middle East, Africa and Oceania assistance centres.

Dr Taymans is a point of reference for Duty of Care and medical risk mitigation. Recently he has helped support initiatives with major organisations in establishing Mental Health programmes as well as Non-Communicable Diseases programmes.



Joaquim Pintado Nunes, Chief of Labour Administration,
Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Branch
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Fernando Alvear, General Manager, Confederación de la Producción y del Comercio, Chile

Fernando Alvear Artaza serves as the General Manager of the Chilean Confederation of Production and Commerce (Spanish: CPC – Confederación de la Producción y del Comercio). Founded in 1935, the CPC is one of the major commercial advocacy groups in Chile, representing various industries and business sectors across the country.

Prior to his role at CPC, Mr. Alvear was President of the National Supermarket Association, and before that worked in the financial services industry. He has more than thirty years of experience working in the private sector and has also served on the Chilean government's Committee for Foreign Direct Investment. He holds a law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and completed a post-graduate degree in macroeconomics at the Universidad de Chile.



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