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Dear Dr Roses,

**Membership to the COVID-19 SOLIDARITY Trial
World Health Organization Executive Group of the Steering Committee**

I have pleasure in inviting you to serve as a member of the above-mentioned Executive Group (“Group”) of the international Steering Committee for the COVID-19 SOLIDARITY trial. The Executive Group consists of globally recognized experts who will govern the conduct of the trial in accordance with the agreed international protocol.

The Group will confer at frequent intervals to ensure the study is being conducted appropriately and to ensure that the Steering Committee is consulted and informed as needed. The Group will meet by teleconference, which will be facilitated by the World Health Organization (WHO) Secretariat. The SOLIDARITY trial protocol and appendices, which also describe the Terms of Reference of the Group (Appendix 2), are enclosed.

Appointment to the Group is for an initial period of one year, from 26 March 2020 to 25 March 2021. Members do not receive any remuneration for the work performed.

Communications related to the functioning of the DSMC should be directly addressed to Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist either by telephone at +41 22 791 3090 or by e-mail at swaminathans@who.int. We would be grateful if you could confirm acceptance to serve on this Committee.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your commitment to assist WHO in this important work.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General

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DESIGNACIÓN COMO MIEMBRO DEL GRUPO EJECUTIVO DEL COMITÉ DE COORDINACIÓN DEL ENSAYO COVID19 SOLIDARIDAD1

Tengo el placer de invitarla a formar parte del mencionado Grupo, el cual está constituido por expertos reconocidos mundialmente que conducirán el desarrollo del ensayo de acuerdo con el protocolo aprobado internacionalmente.

El Grupo se reunirá periódicamente a fin de asegurar que el estudio se desarrolle de manera correcta y para asegurar que el comité de coordinación se mantenga informado y consultado como corresponda. El Grupo se reunirá de manera virtual a través de teleconferencias facilitadas la Organización Mundial de la Salud. Se adjuntan el protocolo del ensayo Solidarity1 y sus anexos que contienen los términos de referencia del Grupo.

La designación del Grupo tiene una validez inicial de un año a partir del 26 de marzo de 2020 hasta el 25 de marzo de 2021. Los miembros del Grupo no recibirán ninguna remuneración por su participación.

Las comunicaciones relacionadas con el DSMC deberán ser canalizadas a la Coordinadora Científica Principal de la OMS Dra. Soumya Swaminathan.

Firma Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General OMS

Para saber más:

<https://www.who.int/es/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/solidarity-clinical-trial-for-covid-19-treatments>

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Dear Dr Roses,

I would like to thank you for your willingness to accept the nomination to serve as Director-General's Special Envoy for COVID-19 Preparedness and Response of the World Health Organization (WHO).

As the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak continues to cause significant human suffering, coupled with devastating societal and economic disruption, your voice, credibility and influence – as a global health leader – will be critically important to ensure the international community remains vigilant and aligned in stopping the spread of this disease.

I welcome your engagement as part of an eminent group of individuals to provide strategic advice, conduct high-level political advocacy, and maintain coordinated partnership with a spectrum of key stakeholders regarding COVID-19 in different parts of the world.

Your work, in close coordination with the WHO Secretariat across all levels of the Organization, as well as key partners, will prove essential in amplifying WHO's guidance to governments and their citizens, and in ensuring that WHO is maximizing its support to the international community. The attached Terms of Reference reflect the objectives of this important role as we collectively aim to address this global public health challenge.

I look forward to working with you closely to halt this outbreak as rapidly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General

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WHO Director-General's Special Envoys on COVID-19

Terms of Reference

Background

WHO encourages nations and their people to get ready for COVID-19 outbreaks, diminishing the impact of outbreaks through innovative and rigorous operations, sharing up-to-date information and encouraging best fit-for-purpose responses. WHO encourages: well organized public health action; effective case-finding, contact tracing and social distancing; repurposing of clinical facilities to reduce suffering and death while protecting health workers; resilience of health systems so that they can function in the face of the COVID-19 threat; and honest, transparent and compassionate communication with individuals and communities. To help increase the reach of WHO's efforts, the WHO Director-General (DG) has appointed six Special Envoys on COVID-19.¹ They will mobilize global support, expand policy dialogue platforms and advocate for policy options that characterize regional and national specificity.

Vision

The WHO Envoys support WHO's efforts to be familiar with, and to anticipate, the needs related to containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. They convey WHO's emphasis that the spread of COVID-19 can be contained and build on any existing efforts taken by the countries to encourage urgent and aggressive action at the local, national and international levels. WHO offers credible, high-level guidance on preparedness, readiness and response to COVID-19 outbreaks to countries, communities, families, individuals and stakeholders in the public and private sectors. They disseminate the DG's messages and approach where most needed and with maximum impact, generating sustained relationships and communications, promoting COVID-19-ready mindsets and ensuring the continuity and resilience of health services and the resilience of people's livelihoods.

Scope and focus

The WHO Envoys will pursue this vision through high-level advocacy, political engagement and strategic advice on preparedness, readiness and response to COVID-19 outbreaks. They will amplify the DG's analyses and messages with all stakeholders, including government, public and private sector actors, communities and individuals. They will help ensure that guidance from WHO on COVID-19 preparedness and response is implemented consistently and to a high standard. They will help limit the impact of outbreaks on already overwhelmed health systems.

High-level advocacy and political engagement

The WHO Envoys will engage with regional bodies and national governments, interpreting WHO guidance, encouraging adoption and adaptation in the light of local, national and regional circumstances. They will contribute to the mobilization, use and accounting for resources appropriately throughout the epidemic phase and beyond. At all times they will work closely with WHO DG, Regional Directors (RDs) and country offices.

The WHO Envoys will encourage international, regional and in-country partners to support and resource regional and national-level implementation of WHO guidance, with a focus on the resilience and capabilities of health systems in the face of crisis. They will identify and engage with platforms and networks which can aid implementation of guidance and coordination of actors.

¹ The six WHO Envoys are: Professor Dr Maha El Rabbat, former Minister of Health of Egypt; Dr David Nabarro, former special adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change; Dr John Nkengasong, Director of the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr Mirta Roses, former Director of the WHO Region of the Americas; Dr Shin Young-soo, former Regional Director of the WHO Region of the Western Pacific; and Professor Samba Sow, Director-General of the Center for Vaccine Development in Mali.

Strategic advice

The WHO Envoys will focus on effectively disseminating the most up to date WHO guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 readiness and response. Effective preparation and response to COVID-19 necessitates informed and effective implementation of WHO guidance to a high and consistent standard to limit the impact of outbreaks on already overwhelmed health systems. The focus is on readiness for outbreaks through the identification of new cases, as well as patient care and communications, from high-level strategy to local-level operations. In addition, research action will be encouraged and coordinated by WHO in collaboration with the existing, experienced research centers and technical and financial partners to better understand the epidemiology, diagnostic, treatment, prevention (vaccine candidates) and control of this new virus.

Working methods

It is essential that national governments can take up, in real time, WHO guidance and gauge how it applies to them and their health systems. This is also of paramount importance in terms of ensuring that resources are mobilized and accounted for appropriately throughout the epidemic phase and beyond.

To this end the WHO Envoys will work closely with the WHO DG, RDs and county offices, as well as Member State governments, intergovernmental bodies and all technical and financial partners at local, national, regional and global levels to:

- Identify regions and prioritize countries for engagement; and
- Work with the WHO country offices to prioritize areas for urgent action and effective prioritization and deployment of resources.
- Ensure a balance between COVID-19 response and provision of other health services;

The WHO Envoys will

- Promote the provision of timely and reliable information about COVID-19 and ways to minimize risks of infection, based on evolving scientific information, amplifying the messages of WHO's messages and guidance on COVID-19 with governments and partners through all appropriate communication channels.
- Utilize the available channels for communications with relevant members of government including, as appropriate, Heads of State or Government to help support outbreak tracking and provide clear communications about risks and opportunities in compliance with International Health Regulations.

High-level visits

The WHO Special Envoys, with facilitation from WHO regional and country offices, will engage with countries at higher-risk or with outbreaks or upon country request to transmit and interpret WHO guidance with leaders within government and beyond. These interactions will contribute to greater engagement and assist with mobilizing financial and human resources for implementing this guidance.

Local-level visits

At times it may be required for the WHO Special Envoys to make visits to the local level in conjunction with high-level Government officials from the country for maximum impact. This will be for the purposes of assessment and evaluation of activities and progress. It will also be important for the field workers, who are on the frontline, to be reassured that their work – and the risks they are taking – is appreciated and valued.

Joint visits

It may be appropriate at various times for the WHO Special Envoys to make joint country visits. This may be to garner extra support and political will, or for cross-sector and cross-country learning, or for diplomatic or other COVID-19 related reasons.

For any support mission to countries, the terms of reference should be defined by the Regional Director of the concerned Region, in collaboration with the Director General. A staff from the Region should be part of the mission as much as possible, at the discretion of the Regional Director.

Networking and remote meetings

The WHO Special Envoys will maintain close contact with countries, in-country representatives and other country-specific partners, through networks and remote meetings that enable them to troubleshoot issues, to share learning and best practice and to provide technical support.

Amplifying the messages of WHO

The WHO Special Envoys will, as and when available, take part in regular teleconferences with leaders of media and related organizations as organized by, or set up on behalf of, the WHO HQ Communications Department

Connections between the WHO Special Envoys

The WHO Special Envoys will remain in close contact with each other so that they can share experiences and work to communicate the situation on the ground.

Expected achievements

Short term – within three months: Identify and prioritize countries to engage with and support them to urgently implement required preparedness, preventive and response activities.

Medium – within 6 months: Maintain and monitor the gains from the past few months. Monitor and ensure effective ongoing activities and feed learnings and required corrective actions from the first phase back to WHO.

Long term – after 12 months: Sustain progress made. Provide vital feedback of learning for future outbreaks of COVID-19 and other infections. Support countries in reviewing their health systems beyond the current outbreak to support recovery and resilience by suggesting required sustainable system changes.

Method of work

Special Envoys shall serve in their personal capacity and shall not represent any government or entity.

Collaboration/partnership

The WHO Special Envoys will work in close collaboration with all relevant WHO offices and departments at national, regional and global levels, as well as other relevant UN institutions, intergovernmental bodies, external partners and stakeholders from the public, private and non-governmental sectors.

Strategic geographic engagement

The WHO Special Envoys will work with the WHO Secretariat to identify appropriate opportunities to engage with Member States and stakeholders at all levels: global, regional, national and local. In engaging, the WHO Special Envoys will work together to determine who (i.e. which Envoy or combination of Envoys) is best placed to have the greatest impact at each event, meeting or other opportunity, with a view to maximizing their Regional presences, influence and access.

Division of labor among the Special Envoys

The WHO Special Envoys will work in a coordinated manner and conduct missions jointly as needed. In terms of geographic focus, the proposed division of labor among the Special Envoys is:

- African Region (anglophone): Dr John Nkengasong
- African Region (francophone): Professor Sambo Sow
- Eastern Mediterranean: Professor Dr Maha El Rabbat
- Europe and North Americas: Dr David Nabarro
- Latin Americas and Caribbean: Dr Mirta Roses
- Western Pacific and South-East Asia: Dr Young-soo Shin

Reporting

The WHO Special Envoys will provide the DG with strategic advice and will report to him on their ongoing activities and observations of important issues.

The WHO Special Envoys will regularly report on their work and the situation in the countries with which they are liaising to the DG, RDS, WHO country and Regional Offices and other WHO leadership as appropriate. A reporting template will be developed to enable this reporting.

Duration

The WHO Special Envoys will serve in this capacity for an initial period of one year, renewable on request of the DG and agreement (individually) of each Envoy.

While acting in the role, each WHO Special Envoy will act to carry out his or her Envoy duties to the extent possible, given their respective existing commitments and availabilities.

Requirements

In order to carry out these tasks, the WHO Special Envoys will require:

- A formal letter of appointment from WHO sent out through WHO diplomatic channels and via the Regional and countries offices to all the country governments, including at the highest levels.
- Human resources in the form of a small team to support their work; this team will include technical, operational, communications, logistical and administrative support.
- Funding to cover various expenses necessary to enable them to carry out their duties effectively.

Support to the WHO Special Envoys

Financial support to the functions of the WHO Special Envoys will be provided by the WHO Secretariat, including, as available and appropriate, remuneration for expertise provided by the Envoys and support for their required substantive and administrative support related to their Envoy roles.

Technical expertise and guidance on COVID-19 for the functions of the WHO Special Envoys will be provided by the WHO Secretariat. The WHO Secretariat will also provide support to the Envoys and their essential support staff for all travel undertaken to fulfill the Envoy role. All direct costs for such technical and logistic Secretariat support to be met from WHO funding.

ENVIADOS ESPECIALES DEL DIRECTOR GENERAL DE LA OMS SOBRE COVID19

Antecedentes

La OMS alienta a las Naciones y a los pueblos a prepararse para los brotes de covid19, reduciendo su impacto, mediante operaciones rigurosas e innovadoras, compartiendo información actualizada y apoyando las respuestas más adecuadas a cada situación. La OMS promueve: acciones de salud pública bien organizadas, identificación activa de casos, búsqueda de contactos, distanciamiento social, adecuación de infraestructura clínica para reducir el sufrimiento y la muerte, protección de los trabajadores de la salud, y resiliencia de los sistemas de salud para funcionar frente a la amenaza del covid19; y la comunicación honesta, transparente y compasiva con individuos y comunidades. Para ayudar a ampliar el alcance de los esfuerzos de la OMS, el Director General ha designado a seis Enviados especiales en covid19. Ellos amplificarán los mensajes y se acercarán donde sean más necesarios, generando relaciones sostenibles y comunicación con todos los sectores y niveles de la sociedad. Trasmitirán los análisis y recomendaciones del DG entre todos los actores de la sociedad: gobiernos, empresarios, comunidades e individuos. Facilitarán la adaptación de las medidas a las situaciones específicas de cada contexto social, económico, cultural y político.

Los seis Enviados especiales son: la Dra. Maha El Rabbat, ex Ministra de Salud de Egipto; el Dr. David Nabarro, ex asesor especial del Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas para la agenda 2030 de Desarrollo sostenible y cambio climático; el Dr. John Nkengasong, Director del Centro Africano de prevención y control de enfermedades (CDC); la Dra. Mirta Roses, ex Directora de la Oficina Regional de la OMS para las Américas; el Dr. Shin Young-soo, ex Director Regional de la Oficina Regional de la OMS para el Pacífico occidental; y el Profesor Samba Sow, Director General del Centro para el Desarrollo de Vacunas y ex Ministro de Mali. La división de tareas será la siguiente:

- Región de África (angloparlante): Dr. John Nkengasong
- Región de África (francoparlante): Profesor Sambo Sow
- Mediterráneo oriental: Dra. Maha El Rabbat
- Europa y América del Norte: Dr. David Nabarro
- Latinoamérica y el Caribe: Dra. Mirta Roses
- Pacífico occidental y sudeste Asia: Dr. Young-soo Shin.

Para saber más:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/who-director-general-s-special-envoys-on-covid-19-preparedness-and-response>

Como es de público conocimiento, por sus apariciones y menciones en los medios (ver abajo), la Académica titular de la ANCBA Dra. Mirta Roses de Periago ha sido nombrada Embajadora Global de la OMS para coordinación de acciones relacionadas con la Pandemia de Coronavirus. Esta es una noticia que los Académicos compartimos con orgullo y satisfacción.

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<https://www.infobae.com/politica/2020/03/10/el-gobierno-anuncio-una-partida-presupuestaria-extra-de-1700-millones-de-pesos-por-el-brote-de-coronavirus/>

El Gobierno anunció una partida presupuestaria extra de 1.700 millones de pesos por el brote de coronavirus

Lo resolvió tras la reunión de Alberto Fernández con ministros y especialistas de la salud. Lanzaron recomendaciones sobre los viajes y admitieron que “está en carpeta” suspender eventos masivos.

Luego de la reunión en Casa Rosada entre Alberto Fernández, miembros del Gabinete y especialistas de la salud, el Gobierno anunció una **partida presupuestaria extra de 1.700 millones de pesos por el brote de coronavirus**. La encargada de anunciarlo fue la secretaria de Acceso a la Salud, **Carla Vizzotti**, quien estuvo acompañada por **Mirta Roses**, la representante argentina en la OMS y **Pedro Cahn**, titular de la Fundación Huésped.

CONSENSO SALUD

<http://www.consensosalud.com.ar/una-medica-argentina-fue-designada-emabajadora-de-la-oms-para-el-covid-19/>

UNA MÉDICA ARGENTINA FUE DESIGNADA EMBAJADORA DE LA OMS PARA EL COVID-19

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Mirta Roses acompañará a otros cinco expertos, que tendrán la misión de "brindar asesoramiento estratégico e impulsar el compromiso político de alto nivel en diferentes partes del mundo".



(Télam) La médica argentina Mirta Roses fue designada por la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), junto con otros cinco expertos, como embajadores globales del organismo para la lucha contra el virus COVID-19.

Roses compartirá esta labor con el británico David Nabarro, el egipcio Maha el Rabat, el camerunés John Nkengasong, el surcoreano Shin Young-soo y el maliense Samba Sow, anunció el director general de la OMS, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, consignó EFE.

Estos embajadores tendrán la misión de "brindar asesoramiento estratégico e impulsar el compromiso político de alto nivel en diferentes partes del mundo", subrayó Tedros en su rueda de prensa diaria sobre la lucha contra el nuevo coronavirus.

La carrera de Mirta Roses

Mirta Roses nació en Santa Fe el 20 de octubre de 1945, se graduó como médica cirujana en la Universidad Nacional de Córdoba y completó su formación en medicina clínica y epidemiología de enfermedades infecciosas en la Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Entre sus galardones se cuenta un Diploma al Mérito en Salud Pública con orientación en epidemiología, un Premio Konex de Platino en Ciencia y Tecnología y el Premio Konex de Brillante 2003. Además, fue condecorada con la Orden de la Salud Pública de Bolivia.

En 2002, fue elegida directora de la Oficina Sanitaria Panamericana por un período de 5 años, convirtiéndose en la primera mujer en alcanzar esa posición en el organismo de salud pública internacional, cargo para el que fue reelegida en 2007 por otro lustro.

Además, es profesora extraordinaria en la Facultad de Salud Pública y Administración de la Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia.