



Short Bios of Presenters and Panelists for G2H2 Webinar
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Dr Katherine Pettus is the Senior Advocacy and Partnerships Director for the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC). She holds a PhD in Political Theory from Columbia University and a master’s degree in health law and policy from the University of California San Diego. Katherine attends UN organization meetings to advocate for improved availability and rational use of essential palliative care medicines as a component of the right to health. She addresses issues of global palliative care development and policy as an essential element of universal health coverage throughout the life course. Her focus is equitable inclusion of people with palliative care needs at the peripheries such as fail older persons, prisoners, persons living with disabilities, indigenous persons, and those affected by humanitarian emergencies.



Dr Sherin Paul is an independent M&E consultant and public health physician based in Geneva, Switzerland, with interests and expertise in impact evaluation, ageing policy, palliative medicine and epidemiology. She previously worked as a Professor of Community Medicine and a Consultant, Unit of Pain & Palliative Care at Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, India and as a faculty member of Community Health at the department of RUHSA (Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs) of Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, India.



Dr Daniel Munday, Following a career in general practice, palliative medicine and health services research in the UK, Dr Munday has been working mainly in South Asia (Nepal and India) since January 2013. He has a PhD in Health Sciences from University of Warwick and is Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at University of Edinburgh. He is currently involved in a project developing primary palliative care in rural Nepal and is especially interested in primary palliative care as an essential element of universal health coverage, hence his membership of the EAPC primary palliative care reference group.



Ms Irena Laska, APRN is a palliative care nurse and the Executive Director of the Mary Potter Hospice in Albania. She has worked within palliative care since 1998 when she began volunteering in a team of Catholic nuns who were providing care for dying people at their home. As well as leading the hospice team of doctors, nurses, social workers, healthcare assistants and volunteers, she is a national advocate for palliative care, a national trainer for palliative care and a faculty member at the Nursing Department at Fan. Stilian. Noli University, Korça Albania.



Dr Hammodah Abu-Odah Dr. Hammodah Abu-Odah is a Research Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He trained as a staff nurse in the Gaza Strip, Palestine, and earned his Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, as well as his PhD in transitional, supportive, and palliative care from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Dr. Abu-Odah has extensive experience in the healthcare field, having worked as a staff nurse at the European Gaza Hospital and as the head of the research department at the General Directorate of Nursing at the Palestinian Ministry of Health. Additionally, he serves as the Palestinian representative to the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) Palliative Care Expert Network.



Eve Namisango heads the Programmes, Research and Development portfolio at the African Palliative Care Association and a BUILDcare Fellow, at Cicely Saunders Institute King's College London. Eve also coordinates the 300-member African Palliative Care Research Network and is a board member at the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa, where she also teaches Research Methodology. She is the patient engagement and involvement lead at APCA.

