

Dra. Mirta Roses Periago

Former Assistant Director (DPM/WHO) 1995-2003 and two terms Director of the Pan-American Health Organization, PAHO, Regional office for WHO in the Americas (2003-2013).

A physician and epidemiologist, with more than 40 years' experience in the promotion of public health, international technical cooperation, and the development of health programs.

Chair of the GAC (Global Agenda Council) World Economic Forum (WEF) leading to the High-level session of the UN General Assembly on Non-communicable diseases, Mental health and Aging. Dr. Roses has been awarded high level decorations for her work by governments, civil society

and non-governmental organizations, and she has received Doctor Honoris Causa from six major Universities.

As a prestigious manager of an international organization she has adhered to a transparent and accountable results-based performance and has succeeded in incorporating equity, gender and human rights approaches and principles in several policies and projects.

Dr. Roses has forged successful alliances and partnerships, using her recognized interpersonal and health diplomacy capacities as well as her strong analytical work and convincing arguments in the pursuit of Health for All.

After 30 years career in WHO, she retired and went back to her home country Argentina. She was incorporated to the National Academy of Medicine (2007) and to the National Academy of Sciences (2018). Currently she seats in various Boards: Global Fund AIDS-Malaria-Tuberculosis, Fundación Mundo Sano, Gulbenkian Global Mental Health Platform (Portugal), DNDi Drugs for Neglected diseases, Sasakawa Health Foundation (Japan), IAB-International advisory board on global health (Germany), UNU-IIGH University of the United Nations (Tokyo-Kuala Lampur) and is a member of several WHO Advisory Boards and Experts Group on Polio, Leprosy and Malaria eradication.