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**SPEAKER BIOS**



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Kenneth Moch has played a key role in building six life science companies, resulting in multiple marketed products focused on the treatment of chronic or acute life-threatening conditions. His overarching skill is creating results-oriented environments and constructing strong, efficient teams that produce superior individual and team performance, thereby maximizing the opportunity for the products to succeed. Moch is currently serving as a Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the Global Health Crisis Coordination Center in Atlanta. He previously served as President & CEO of five life science companies - Cognition Therapeutics, Chimerix, BioMedical Enterprises, Alteon and Biocyte Corporation - having started his career in biotech drug development as a co-founder of The Liposome Company, the pioneering company for one of the most widely used drug delivery/carrier technologies. He has also been a Managing Director of Healthcare Investment Banking at ThinkEquity Partners and a management consultant with McKinsey & Company. Moch also served for over a decade on the Governing Board of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), and most recently chaired BIO's Bioethics Committee and co-chaired the Emerging Companies Section Strategy and Policy Committee. He is a founding member of the New York University Working Group on Compassionate Use and Pre-Approval Access, a past Chairman of BioNJ, New Jersey's biotechnology trade organization, and a past member of the Executive Committee of the New York Biotechnology Association. Moch received an A.B. in biochemistry with a minor in health policy from Princeton University and an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.



**Prof. Arthur L. Caplan,  
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Dr. Arthur Caplan is the Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and founding head of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU School of Medicine in New York City. Prior to coming to NYU School of Medicine, he was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. Caplan has also taught at the University of Minnesota, where he founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics, the University of Pittsburgh, and Columbia University. He is the author or editor of 35 books and over 725 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He has served on a number of national and international committees, including as the chair of the National Cancer Institute Biobanking Ethics Working Group. He is currently the ethics advisor to the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency on synthetic biology, a member of the University of Pennsylvania's External Advisory Committee for its Orphan Disease Center, a member of the Ethics and Ebola Working Group of the World Health Organization and an advisor to the National Institutes of Health on organ transplantation. Caplan is the recipient of many awards and honors, including, most recently, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities in October 2020. He received his PhD from Columbia University.

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**Prof. Awa Marie  
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Prof. Awa Marie Coll-Seck is the President of the National Committee of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. From 2001 to 2003 and again from 2012 to 2017, she served as the Minister of Health of the Republic of Senegal. From September 2017 to April 2019, she has served as Minister of State to the President of Senegal. Coll-Seck received the "Best Minister Award" during the World Government Summit in Dubai in 2017. While Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the University of Dakar, she served as Chief of Service for Infectious Diseases at the University Hospital in Dakar before she started her international career. From 1996 to 2001, she served as a Director at the Joint United Nations Programme for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Then she served as Executive Director of The Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership from 2004 to 2011. Coll-Seck is the author of over 150 scientific publications and communications on diverse subjects (including malaria, measles, meningitis, tetanus, typhoid, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and cardiovascular diseases), and is a member of over 20 professional societies and organizations.



**Prof. Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan, PhD**

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She earned a degree in medicine from the University of Dakar. Dr. Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan is Neil Moskowitz Endowed Professor of Economics at University of Maryland, College Park. She is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research and the co-editor of Journal of International Economics. She also serves at the editorial board of American Economic Review and at the economic advisory panel at the NY Federal Reserve. Kalemli-Özcan was the Duisenberg Fellow at the European Central Bank (2008) and held positions as Lead Economist/Adviser for the Middle East and North Africa Region at the World Bank (2010-2011), the Houlblon-Norman Fellow at the Bank of England and as a CFR International Affairs Fellow in International Economics (2017-2018). She was selected as one of the three Senior Research Fellows of the International Monetary Fund in 2013. She is the first Turkish social scientist to receive the Marie Curie IRG prize (2008) for her research on European financial integration. She has published extensively in the areas of international finance, international development and applied growth theory. Her work has also appeared in many invited book volumes, policy outlets, and featured in World Bank Reports and International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlooks. In January 2021, Dr. Kalemli-Ozcan co-authored "[The Economic Case for Global Vaccinations: An Epidemiological Model with International Production Networks](#)," published by the National Bureau of Economic Research. A native of Turkey, Kalemli-Özcan received her BS in Economics from Middle East Technical University in 1995 and her PhD in Economics from Brown University in 2000.



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Dr. Russell M. Medford serves as Founding Chairman of the Center for Global Health Innovation (CGHI), an organization that represents a coalition of over 250 national organizations and companies involved in global health, life science innovation and health technology. He is also co-Chair of the Global Health Crisis Coordination Center, a subsidiary of CGHI. Medford is Chairman and CEO of Covanos, Inc, an Atlanta-based development stage medical device company, developing advanced computational technologies for the non-invasive diagnosis of cardiovascular disease. He is a senior executive with over 25 years of private and public company experience as Chief Executive Officer and Board member of multiple public and private biotechnology, medical technology, digital health and other health-related companies, organizations and research institutes. He is a past member of Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) Board of Directors (2002-2014) and Co-Chairman of BIO's Bioethics Committee. From 1995 to 2009, Dr. Medford served as co-founder, President, CEO and Director of publicly-held AtheroGenics, Inc and was a founding Board Director of publicly-held Inhibitex, Inc. He received a B.A. from Cornell University, and a M.D. with Distinction and a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He publishes widely and holds over 16 U.S. and international patents.