

Curriculum vitae of Professor MUKESH KAPILA, CBE

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

40 years of experience in global and public health, international humanitarianism, development, human rights, conflict management and diplomacy with substantive leadership roles handling large teams and budgets. Senior positions in the UK Government, United Nations agencies, World Health Organization, International Red Cross and Red Crescent, at both headquarters and in the field, and in academia. Active involvement through founding and leadership positions in NGOs and civil society groups. Innovative “start-ups” of programmes and institutions have been a particular strength.

Functions and expertise have included policy, strategy, programming and evaluation, knowledge development, partnership and network development on a global scale with major resource mobilisation. Mentoring and teaching, capacity building, and substantial organisational growth and change management.

Extensive experience with communications including media, diplomacy and representation, advocacy, negotiation and mediation. Author of two books and many papers.

CURRENT ROLES

2012 – present

Professor (Emeritus since 2020), Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Manchester, UK

Established a new hub for global health initially at the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC), and subsequently in the Division of Population Health, Health Services Research & Primary Care of the School of Health Sciences at the Faculty of Biology, Medicine, and Health. Senior affiliate faculty at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI). Patron of Manchester Global Health Society. Established Manchester Global Foundation, a non-profit entity for fostering partnerships with developing countries. Teaching medical undergraduates and multi-disciplinary postgraduates. Supervision for ‘Personal Excellence Pathway’ student projects in global health. Developed the “Global Health in the 21st Century” module for the Masters in Public Health. Coaching students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access University education. Mentoring for students’ career development, advising on service and research collaborations on international development initiatives across the multi-disciplinary faculties of the University and the National Health Service in Manchester.

2020 – present

Senior Adviser to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

Writer, Speaker and Adviser to various international bodies including World Health Organization (**WHO**), Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development (**DIHAD**), Turkish Radio & Television (**TRT**) **World Forum**

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Jan 2018 – July 2019 **Chief Executive Officer, The Defeat-NCD Partnership
(senior director D2 level @UN)**

Founded and established Defeat-NCD – an innovative ‘public-private-people partnership’ hosted in the United Nations system and charged with scaling-up action on NCDs under the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. Developed its policies, strategies, results framework, and mobilised major resources for implementation in low and middle income countries.

June 2015- Aug 2016 **Special Adviser to the United Nations for the
World Humanitarian Summit, 2016 Istanbul**

First-ever summit on humanitarian matters attended by heads of state and government. Provided policy and strategy advice on the wide ranging Summit agenda, facilitated global consultations, and helped drafting of key documents. Negotiated agreed Summit outcomes. Focal point and organiser of the special High-Level Session on Global Health.

Sept 2006 – Jan 2012 **Under Secretary General (2010-12), International
Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**

Earlier roles at IFRC: Special Adviser to the Secretary General, Special Representative of the Secretary General, Director of Policy and Planning Division.

IFRC is the world’s largest humanitarian and development network with millions of staff and volunteers spanning thousands of branches in all countries. I handled a wide range of global policy, strategy, organisational development, change management, and representation matters, including at the Governing Board. Formulated the corporate Strategy 2020 with worldwide adoption including new thinking in areas such as climate change, and conflict and peace. Developed new initiatives in planning, reporting and performance rating, global accredited learning, and use of information technology to connect and collaborate. Provided leadership at senior management level across the then-187-strong global Red Cross Red Crescent network of National Societies. Led worldwide “global alliances” of the Red Cross Red Crescent such as on HIV&AIDS and disaster risk reduction with massive scale-up achieved.

Sept 2009- Aug 2010 (part-time) **Chief Executive, Foundation for Genomics and
Population Health, Cambridge, UK**

The mission of the PHG Foundation is to help “create a blueprint for public health in the 21st century” by knowledge-sharing and translating the latest scientific advances into better health care worldwide. My role, as CEO was to manage the staff and budget, lead the future strategic development of the Foundation, initiate key international partnerships for example, with Cambridge University, World Health Organisation, and the Clinton Global Initiative, with an emphasis on building developing country capacities in science for evidence-based public policy development. Pioneered a novel concept in resource mobilisation through a “corporate social bond” investment products for philanthropic and general public contributors.

Jan 2008 – July 2009 (part-time): **Policy Adviser, Global Facility for Disaster
Reduction & Recovery, World Bank, WashingtonDC**

A new initiative at the World Bank with multi-donor support. Provided advice on policy and strategy, and designed a new global programme on South-South Co-operation, a new corporate “Global Strategy 2015+”; and a new global facility for accelerated post disaster recovery which raised tens of millions of dollars and leveraged hundreds of millions more.

May 2004 – Sept 2006: **Director (UN senior director level D2) at World Health Organization, Geneva** in the Department of Health Action in Crises, and subsequently as **Senior Adviser to the Director General, Internal Oversight Services.**

Responsible for emergency response and operations and for policies, strategies, and partnerships for health action in crises for WHO. Chair of the IASC Health Cluster. Also, oversight of thematic programmes such as on women's health and sexual and gender violence in humanitarian situations, and natural disaster preparedness and reduction. Field experience of dealing with major emergencies include the Indian Ocean Tsunami. Responsible for pulling together an inter-agency consortium for a major new work programme on scaling-up HIV services for populations of humanitarian concern. Senior Adviser to the Director General on programme performance, evaluation and accountability issues.

Feb 2003 – April 2004: **SUDAN: UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (senior director level D2), and Designated Official for Security, UNDP Resident Representative, OCHA Representative, & Director of UN Information Centre.**

Overall head of the United Nations system in the Sudan, with oversight of the largest (at the time) UN programme in the world: about US\$380 million and approx.1000 staff, with offices in Khartoum, Nairobi, and several in-country locations. UN programmes included major humanitarian assistance, conflict and disaster prevention and mitigation, recovery, rehabilitation, human rights, and capacity building. In-country representation on behalf of the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan including in the North-South Peace Process.

Dec 2002 – Feb 2003: **Special Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the late Mr Sergio Vieira De Mello, in Geneva.**

Dealing with country-based operations of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Review of human rights protection and promotion programmes in Burundi, Cambodia, and several other countries. My recommendations for reform were accepted ultimately by the UN General Assembly and largely implemented.

May – November 2002: **Special Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary General, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, Mr Lakhdar Brahimi**

Responsible for the resourcing of UNAMA's mission in peace-support, humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Facilitated links with donor governments. Successfully mobilised some US\$1.5 billion for the initial phase of Afghan recovery after the removal of the Taliban and following the Bonn Agreement. Special assistance on security sector reform, drugs action and related issues.

Jan 1998 – April 2002 **Head of Conflict & Humanitarian Affairs Department, UK Govt. Department for International Development (now Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office)**

Direct management of some US\$500 million annual expenditure and 100-strong team. Policy support to Ministers and high-level representation of British Government in international fora including boards of multilateral agencies. Handling policy and programmes on crisis management, humanitarian assistance and post-crisis recovery/reconstruction, conflict prevention, peacekeeping, and peace building. Field and management experience dealing with a range of complex situations e.g. Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, and other parts of the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Great Lakes, Indonesia and East Timor, Iraq,

Angola, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Sri Lanka, North Korea, Central Asian republics, Latin America. Official travel to more than 70 countries.

1994-97: **Head of Conflict Prevention & Humanitarian Policy Section and Senior Humanitarian Adviser** in Emergency Aid Department of DFID (previously Overseas Development Administration – ODA- at the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office)

1990 - 1994: **Senior Health and Population Adviser to the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office's Overseas Development Administration** *designing and supervising the delivery of health and development assistance programmes in South Asia, Caribbean, Southern Africa, Central and South America; resident (1993-94) in Central/Southern Africa in ODA's Regional Office. This included developing major new programmes in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.*

1987 - 1990: **Deputy Director, National UK AIDS Programme** at the Department of Health's Health Education Authority. *Responsible for design, start-up, and management of the first HIV nationwide programme in the UK. Concurrently Adviser to the World Health Organisation's Global Programme on AIDS, directly contributing to the planning of the first generation of HIV Prevention and Control Programmes in India, Indonesia and China, and advising on programmes in Africa and Eastern Europe. Member of the International Working Group that reviewed the future of GPA - leading to the formation of UNAIDS.*

1984 – 1987: **Public Health Specialist** (training grades) at Cambridge Health Authority, UK *covering district health planning, management, and reorganisation of services, monitoring quality of health service delivery in hospitals and primary care, public health surveillance, communicable disease control and epidemiological investigations.*

1980 – 1984: **Physician** (training grades) in UK National Health Service (in High Wycombe and Cambridge, UK) *with posts in hospitals (medicine, surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology) and in primary health care.*

Earlier Miscellaneous:

Varied international work experience since 1974 with numerous assignments with government, inter-governmental and non-government institutions in many countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Latin America & Caribbean, Pacific. Travelled for professional reasons to some 130 countries. Apart from country of birth (India) and country of residence (UK, France), lived and worked for prolonged periods in Bangladesh, Malawi, Sudan, and Switzerland.

Experience with NGOs & private sector. Founder (and Secretary 1975 - 79, Director 1979 - 83, Vice President 1983 - 86) of *World Community Development Service*, an international development agency. Founder (and Director 1983 - 1990) of *Action Health*, an international NGO with programmes in Asia and Africa. Vice President (1982 - 83) of *Indian Volunteers for Community Service*, a voluntary agency specialising in community development programmes in India and amongst the Indian ethnic community in Britain. Co-opted member of the Governing Council (1985 - 1988) of *Christa Grama Seva Sangha*, India. Co-founder (and Company Secretary 1988, Chairman of Board of Directors 1988 - 90) of *North South Travel Limited* (a travel company in London, the profits of which were channelled to the *North South Charitable Trust* and used to fund programmes in developing countries). Co-founder (2006) of the *Alliance for Direct Action against Rape in conflicts and Crises*. Co-Founder (2014) of *People4Sudan*.

Adviser/ Consultant on HIV and AIDS. Initially (1988 - 1990) to *World Health Organisation* for its Global Programme on AIDS including participation in various country planning and review missions and as Chair or Rapporteur in expert groups and consultations in WHO HQ Geneva, and WHO Regional Offices in Copenhagen, Delhi and Manila. Organisation of numerous expert meetings, including the World Summit of Ministers of Health in London, 1988. Member of Steering Group (1988 - 1992) of AIDS and Reproductive Health Network - supporting collaborative research in developing countries, co-ordinated from the Department of Population Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA. Numerous publications on HIV/AIDS including co-editor of an HIV/AIDS series of monographs. Advisor to UNAIDS.

OTHER KEY ROLES (RECENT OR PAST)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Representative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aegis Trust for the Prevention of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunct Professor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs, Nairobi |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Board (2016-18) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonviolent Peaceforce |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Council (2011 - 2014) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Rights Group International |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-director (2010-13) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project on Post-2015 Development |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Member (2009) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hughes Hall College, Cambridge University |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy Adviser (2016) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Red Cross Society |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Editorial Board (2005-) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Governance |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser (2009) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solutions International |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser (2005) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (2001-04) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Peace Academy (IPA), New York |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board UNITAR (2002-04) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal appointment of the UN Secretary General at the <i>United Nations Institute for Training and Research</i> (UNITAR). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Disaster Assessment and Co-ordination Team (UNDAC) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser (2009 - 11) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNISDR Mid Term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor (2006) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director (2006-07) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV Humanitarian Programme UNAIDS. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser (2008) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geneva Humanitarian Forum |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President (2006-11) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alliance for Direct Action against Rape in Conflicts and Crises (co-founder) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Board (2006-8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser (2008-09) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Labour Organisation, Geneva |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Board of Trustees, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester Global Foundation |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Fellow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Certification Commission, Professional for Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) |

HONOURS, PRIZES & AWARDS

2014	California Legislature Assembly Resolution 395 – as stated “for a lifetime of achievements and meritorious service to humanity”
2013	“I Witness!” Award – for human rights
2007	Dr Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award – as stated “...for moral courage, personal integrity, and passion...dedicated to solving the most pressing problems facing the world...” Institute of Global Leadership, Tufts University, USA
2002	Bestowed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - for international services
1993	Sarajevo-Operation Phoenix (emergency relief)
1984	Syntex prize - Cambridge
1976	Christian Deelman Award - for development work in India
1974	Muir Bursary - for cyclone relief work in Bangladesh
1971 - 73	(Commonwealth) Scholarship to United Kingdom
1971 - 73	Scholarship & various prizes at Wellington College, England
1970	Government of India National Merit Award

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Schools:	1961-70 St John's School, Chandigarh, India
	1971-73 Wellington College, Berkshire, UK
Universities:	1974-80 Oxford University (St Peter's College)
	1984-85 London University (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)
Graduate qualifications	BA Honours (Oxford, 1977) BM BCh (Oxford, 1980)
Advanced (masters) quals.	MA (Oxford, 1981) MSc (London, 1985)
Other postgraduate quals.	DRCOG 1982, MRCGP 1984, MFPHM 1988, elected FFPHM 1997 : all UK professional qualifications

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- **‘No Stranger to Kindness’** (Sharpe Books, 2019)
- **‘Against a Tide of Evil’** (Mainstream Books 2013, re-issued Sharpe Books 2019): Nominated for the Best Nonfiction Book Award.
- **‘Responding to the AIDS challenge’** Monograph with M Pye. Health Education Authority, 1989)

Blogsite “Flesh and Blood”: <https://mukeshkapilablog.org/>

Selected book chapters, key reports, articles:

- ‘Global Health’ in *Foundation of International Relations* (Macmillan 2020, forthcoming)
- Profile: Mukesh Kapila, The international humanitarian (British Med J, 2019)
- ‘Implications of self-care for health service provision’: with Manjulaa Narasimhan (Bull World Health Organ 2019)

- 'Healthcare in Conflict Settings: Leaving No one Behind'. World Innovation Summit on Health. with R. Thompson (Qatar Foundation, 2018)
- 'Afterword: The Last lecture' In *Last Lectures on the Prevention and Intervention of Genocide (Routledge 2017) Studies in Genocide and Crimes against Humanity*
- 'Responsibility to Protect' in *Santé mondiale: Enjeu stratégique et jeux diplomatiques (Sciences P Les Presses, 2016)*
- 'The Red Cross and Red Crescent' in *The Routledge Companion to Humanitarian Action (Routledge, 2015)*
- 'Post-2015 Development Agenda: Goals, Targets and Indicators'. Centre for International Global Innovation & Korean Development Institute, 2012)

Various well short films available at www.mukeshkapila.org

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Media: Extensive continuing experience of dealing with radio, TV and print media globally and nationally in many countries in all continents. Appearances in major flagship programmes of BBC, Sky News, CNN, ABC, CBC, VOA, PBS, France24, Al Jazeera, SABC, Kenya TV and many others..

Public and motivational speaker: TedX speaker. Numerous public speaking engagements including Oxford, Cambridge, London, Manchester, Edinburgh, York, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Cornell, Rome, Geneva, St Petersburg, and many others. Keynote speaker at numerous conferences, book festivals and public events.

Delivered the 2nd memorial lecture in Nairobi in honour of Nobel Prize winning human rights activist Wangari Maathai in 2013.

PERSONAL

Born 1955, India.

Nationality: British citizen; Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)