

First 100 Days Kickoff

Speaker Bios

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Chairwoman Barbara Lee (D-CA)

Barbara Jean Lee serves as the U.S. Representative for California's 13th congressional district. Now in her 12th congressional term, Lee has served since 1998. She was recently named the new Chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS).

Chairwoman Lee will be the first African American Member of Congress to serve as Chair of the subcommittee, which funds many of the nondefense international affairs activities of the United States. The subcommittee funds the State Department and other Foreign Operations accounts and is one of the 12 annual appropriations acts that fund the federal government each fiscal year.

Chairwoman Lee has long advocated for legislative action to end poverty and has been a fierce advocate for women's health and ensuring an AIDS-free generation.

Loyce Pace, President and Executive Director, Global Health Council

Loyce Pace, a leader who has worked on the ground in more than 15 countries delivering health programs and mobilizing advocates, has served as Global Health Council's (GHC) President and Executive Director since December 2016. Loyce comes to the role having held leadership positions in global policy and strategic partnerships at LIVESTRONG Foundation and American Cancer Society. Additionally, she has worked with Physicians for Human Rights and Catholic Relief Services.

Over the course of her career, Loyce has championed policies for access to essential medicines, testified for congressional global health appropriations, and elevated the voices of people at the community level around various shared advocacy goals. She has been recognized by the Union for International Cancer Control as a Young Leader at their World Cancer Summit and has been an expert advisor in high-level forums hosted by World Health Organization, U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and other policymaking bodies. She is a highly sought after public speaker and frequently quoted in media regarding global health trends.

Dr. Joanne Carter, Executive Director, RESULTS

Dr. Joanne Carter is the Executive Director of RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund, supporting a movement of passionate, committed everyday people who are using their voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Under her direction, RESULTS leads advocacy campaigns to tackle major diseases of poverty, improve nutrition, increase access to quality education, and expand economic opportunity for people living in poverty in the United States and around the world.

Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Peter Sands became Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in March 2018. Since assuming his role, Sands has engaged donors and partners to support the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment, resource mobilization efforts that culminated in 2019 with US\$14 billion in pledges for the Global Fund's three-year funding cycle. He has led organizational improvements at the Global Fund Secretariat, including the creation of senior management roles for information technology and for sourcing and supply chain.

Sands is the former Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered PLC, one of the world's leading international banks operating across over 70 markets, primarily in emerging markets. After a distinguished career in banking, Sands was a research fellow at the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard Kennedy School, where he immersed himself in a range of global public health projects.

Megan Curran, Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Center on Poverty & Social Policy at Columbia University

Megan A. Curran is a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at the Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University. Her research explores policy strategies for child poverty reduction, with an emphasis on income supports, poverty targets, and cross-national learning—including how the structure and impact of child allowance programs in other wealthy nations might inform the creation of a national US child allowance. Recent work on how COVID-19 economic relief efforts impact children and families also examines the ways in which a regularly delivered child allowance can support children through the immediate crisis and beyond. Curran has worked as a legislative analyst in the United States House of

Representatives and the Scottish Parliament and as a researcher on child and family poverty and policy solutions in the United States, United Kingdom, and Ireland. Curran holds a PhD in Social Policy from University College Dublin, Ireland.

Maureen Bowling, RESULTS Advocate and Expert on Poverty

Maureen Bowling is from Lexington, Kentucky. She is a full-time student at the University of Kentucky College of Social Work and in her senior year. She works as a personal assistant and was a Real Change Fellow 2018-2019, to which she attributes her knowledge and success in political advocacy. Her life's passion is to improve the lives of desperate and hardworking people, facing circumstances that she personally has lived through. She is dedicated to sharing her experiences in order to invoke real change for real people and is a RESULTS Expert on Poverty.

Dr. Namala Mkopi, Vaccine Advocate and Pediatrician at Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania

Dr. Namala Mkopi is a pediatrician and leading advocate for child health and access to vaccines in his home country of Tanzania where he previously served as the Secretary-General and thereafter as Vice President for the Pediatric Association of Tanzania and is the former president of the Medical Association of Tanzania. He has deep expertise in clinical pediatric medicine, research, and community-based child health issues. Dr. Mkopi is a prominent voice for child health in Tanzania, where vaccines for three top child killers – combined measles vaccine, pneumococcal, and rotavirus – have all been introduced since 2012, saving thousands of lives.

Dr. Mkopi is an attending pediatrician at Muhimbili National Hospital, working to provide and improve the quality of health care service delivery to patients. He holds a Masters of Medicine in Pediatrics and Child Health from the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Tanzania, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Dar es Salaam. He has presented and published on such subjects as under-nutrition among HIV positive children and the rotavirus vaccine in preventing diarrheal diseases in children. He has worked with several boards and technical working groups in the government and research groups throughout his career.

B.E. Farrow, Musician

Farrow is a musician, educator, songwriter, and independent researcher who has a focus in reshaping and reflecting American's musical history through sharing stories, creative musical expression through popular/historic musical structures, and inclusive dialog.

From touring with Grammy award winner Dom Flemons to, giving talks at the Library Company of Philadelphia, and running a music program in Greece with the refugees, Mr. Farrow forms a discipline in understanding the unspoken roots of music and exploring the impact of expression on cultural history.

You can hear Farrow as a member of the Clara Barton Sessions, a recording of DC folk/traditional musicians who released an album commemorating the revitalization of the Clara Barton Museum, Elena y Los Fulanos' Volcàn, R&B Soul artist Dante Pope's After 5 Music, and on Dom Flemon's Grammy nominated album Black Cowboys under Smithsonian's Folkways label.

You can find Farrow in a library, playing his fiddle at a busy intersection, the occasional solo show or presentation, or touring with Gangstagrass.