



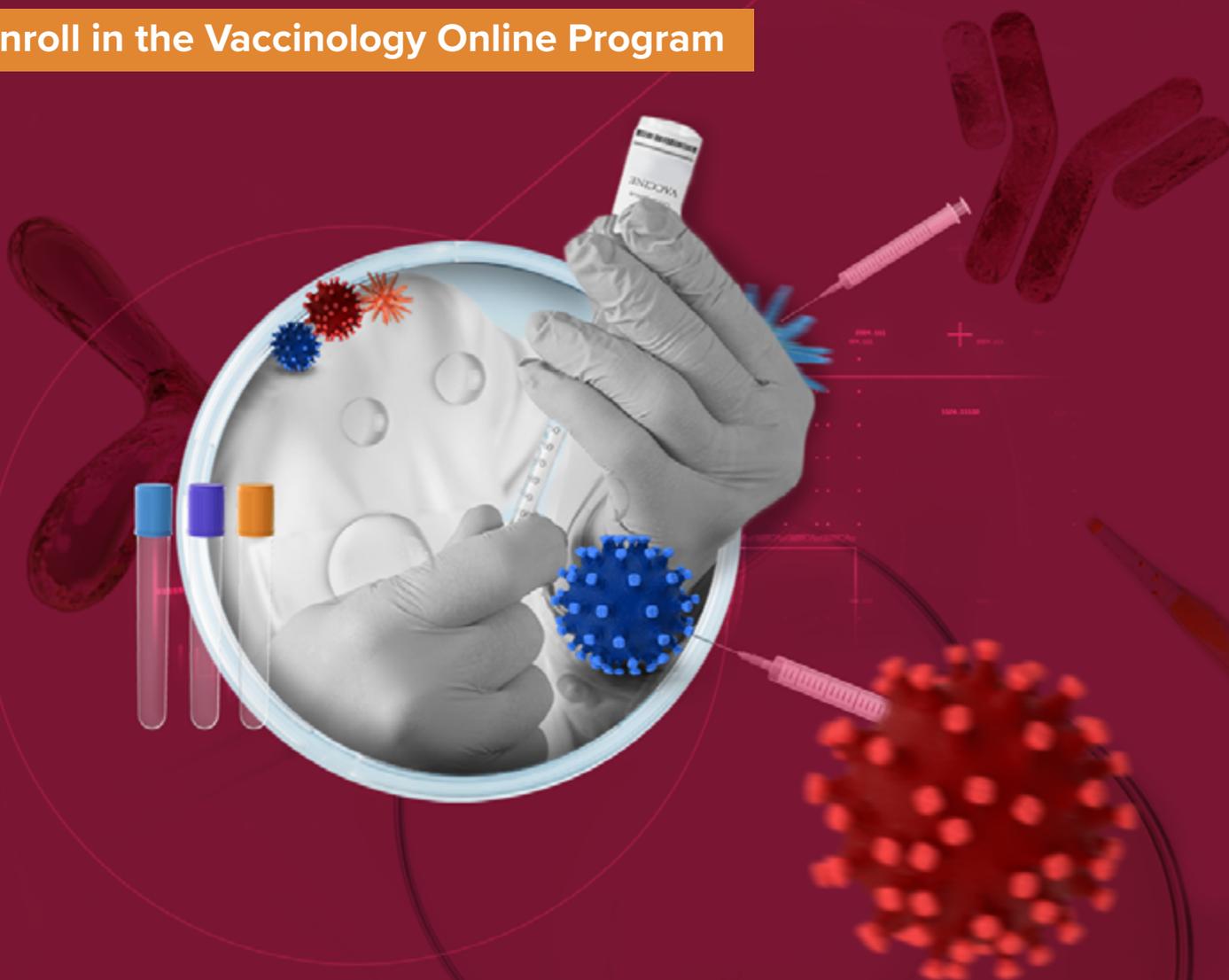
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Dr. Ghassan M. Matar is currently a Tenured Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Experimental Pathology, Immunology & Microbiology, Co-Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR) and Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Reference and Research on Bacterial Pathogens at the Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon. Prof. Matar is also an Adjunct Prof. at the Dept. of Infectious Diseases, MD Anderson, University of Texas, USA.

To present Prof. Matar published 168 articles in refereed international journals and presented more than 160 abstracts in international, regional and local conferences. He received funding from various extramural sources including CDC (BAA), CDC CRDF, WHO EMRO, US Dept. of Defense (DOD), WHO-AGISAR, Lebanese Ministry of Health (MoPH) and pharmaceutical companies.

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Kamel Senouci is the Director of the ADVAC course at the University of Geneva. He has more than 20 years of work in public health, with a strong experience in vaccines and infectious diseases in low and middle income countries.

Most recently Kamel was a Deputy Director at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the Polio Program, the Regional Immunization Advisor at UNICEF for the Middle East and North Africa and the coordinator of the Decade of Vaccines secretariat at the WHO. He was also the director of the SIVAC Initiative at AMP which provided direct technical assistance to strengthen and establish NITAGs in countries. He also worked at PAHO as a medical officer for IHR and outbreak response and as a medical officer at the French MoH.

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LOUISE HENAFF

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Louise Henaff joined the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO Headquarters in June 2017. She currently serves as the Executive Secretary of the Global NITAG Network (GNN), where she leads efforts to promote collaboration and peer-to-peer learning among National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs) worldwide. In this role, she organizes the biannual Global NITAG Network meetings, and a series of thematic webinars aimed at facilitating the exchange of best practices and strengthening evidence-informed immunization policy-making.

Ms. Henaff plays a central role in driving WHO's global strategy to support NITAGs and institutionalize evidence-based decision-making at the country level. She oversees all NITAG strengthening activities in close coordination with WHO regional offices and global partners, including the development of training, tools, and guidance. Additionally, she serves as the focal point for communication and knowledge translation for the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE), contributing to the dissemination of global immunization policies and recommendations.

Prior to joining WHO, she worked as Knowledge and Network Manager at the "Agence de Médecine Préventive" (AMP), where she played a key role in establishing international networks and supporting capacity building for immunization stakeholders. In her spare time, Louise indulges in radio-documentary making. Several of her documentaries have been broadcast on France Culture, the French National Radio.



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