World Health Organization Observer

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Experience and suitability for the role (by observer):

Dr Briand is currently coordinator of the Influenza, Respiratory Diseases, Hepatitis and PIP framework Unit (HIP) at WHO - Headquarter in Geneva. This unit is part of the Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases department (PED) in the Health Security and Environment Cluster (HSE).

She was head of the Global Influenza Programme (GIP) during the H1N1 2009 pandemic. She joined WHO in 2001 initially working as a medical officer in the Global Task Force on Cholera Control. Then, from 2004 to June 2007, she has been leading the Yellow Fever (YF) Programme including the management of the global YF vaccine stockpile for emergency and the Yellow Fever Initiative funded by the GAVI Alliance. Her working experience in WHO has mainly been oriented towards alert and response to epidemic prone disease including deadly viral haemorrhagic fevers such as Marburg disease.

Before working at WHO, Dr Briand project director at the CREDES International, a consulting agency specialized in Public Health. She led various projects on health sector reform for Development Banks, European Commission and bilateral cooperation agencies. Previous to this experience, she spent 4 years in South America as director of PROCED, a regional project funded by the European Commission to support Andean countries in controlling the re-emergence of cholera outbreaks.

Dr Briand is a medical doctor specialized in Public Health, Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology with an academic background in socio-anthropology and philosophy.