

Dr. Nata Menabde

WHO Representative to India



Dr Nata Menabde is WHO Representative to India. She has a solid public health academic background and 28 years of experience as a health professional, during which she has built an extensive track record in public health and health systems at country and international levels. As a leader, she has proven her ability to instil a clear vision, effective teamwork and high performance in the organizations she has led.

Prior to taking up her current job of leading WHO's largest country operation worldwide she has worked as Deputy Regional Director of the WHO Regional Office for Europe where she has tenaciously promoted strategic and results-based partnerships with other institutions. Earlier Dr. Menabde led the WHO European Regional Office's work on Health Policies and Systems and was in charge of WHO's extensive operations in 35 countries. She holds a Honours Diploma from Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Georgia and a PhD degree in Clinical Pharmacology from the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences. She has been awarded a Thomas Jefferson Fellowship in Health Management and Leadership, and International Health in USA and completed Health Care Economics course at the University of York, UK. Later on she studied Public Health at Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden.

Dr Menabde has long-standing experience in public health, European health system reforms and institutional restructuring. Her track record also includes accomplishments in the areas of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, noncommunicable diseases and risk factors such as tobacco and obesity, climate change and other environmental concerns, the International Health Regulations and other aspects of health security, intellectual property rights and the social determinants of health.

Dr Menabde has successfully partnered with key stakeholders such as the Council of Europe, the European Union, the European Commission, UNICEF, the World Bank, OECD, the Global Fund, the European Investment Bank and others to increase the effectiveness of WHO's work. Her current interests are related to health and health systems governance and policies, and to promoting evidence based decision making, and accountability though performance of health systems, as well as addressing public health concerns in other sector policies.
