

# THE IRISH AID ANNUAL PROFESSOR FATHER MICHAEL KELLY LECTURE ON:

## **HIV & AIDS**



## **SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF HIV AT A TIME OF GLOBAL CRISIS**

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### **SPEAKER BIOS**

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# MODERATOR

## DIL WICKREMASINGHE – IRELAND

Dil is a social entrepreneur and co-founded the mental health support service Insight Matters with her wife Anne Marie Toole. Alongside her work as a mental health advocate she was a dedicated Social Justice and Mental Health broadcaster and journalist for a decade where she presented the award winning weekly programme “Global Village” on Newstalk 106-108. After her departure from Newstalk in 2017 she began her own weekly podcast “Sparking Change with Dil” on the Head Stuff Podcast Network.



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## PROFESSOR FATHER MICHAEL KELLY – ZAMBIA

Father Michael is a renowned speaker and advocate on HIV and AIDS. He has authored several books and worked tirelessly to educate and promote safe behaviour among youth and those most at risk in Zambia, and across Africa.



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### DR. LIA TADESSE GEBREMEDHIN – ETHIOPIA

Dr Lia is an obstetrician and gynecologist with extensive experience in healthcare leadership and hospital administration. She has worked in government, NGOs, academia and leading grant-funded programs.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### SAIDY BROWN – SOUTH AFRICA

Saidy is a 24 year-old young lady born with HIV. She has been a strong advocate for HIV and used her status to educate other people via social media. She works with various NGOs, such as Y+ South Africa and Network for Young People Living with HIV in South Africa.



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## MARIJKE WIJNROKS – SWITZERLAND

Marijke Wijnroks became Chief of Staff at the Global Fund in 2013. From June 2017 through February 2018, she served as Interim Executive Director. Her distinguished career includes more than 30 years of experience in global health and development, serving in government, at the United Nations and in civil society, and working in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe.



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## SPEAKER

### RUAIRÍ DE BÚRCA, – IRELAND

Ruairí has led the Division charged with managing the Irish Aid development cooperation programme since 2017. In this capacity, he advises on the most effective and efficient policy options for the delivery of Ireland's international development goals, including humanitarian aid. He represents Irish positions on development matters in international fora, including the EU and UN.



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