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Dr Ranieri Guerra Assistant Director-General for Special Initiatives, World Health Organization



Dr Ranieri Guerra has been appointed Assistant Director-General for Special Initiatives. A physician from Italy, he has more than 30 years of public health experience.

Since 2014, he has served as Director-General for Preventative Health and Chief Medical Officer of the Italian Ministry of Health.

Additional roles include serving as Scientific Attaché for the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre and Director of the Office of External Relations at the President's Cabinet at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, the national research organisation of the Italian Ministry of Health, and Medical Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

He has published extensively on humanitarian and emergency operations and health reform in developing and transitional countries. He also has worked with several multilateral organisations and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in these settings.