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From Water to Air; Scientific Pathways towards a Clearer, Cleaner Future.

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Talk Title — How can systems approaches inform our evidence base for scientific guidance development and implementation?

"Linearity and traditional thinking on these problems only take us so far - we have to put the time and effort in to considering dynamics of people, places and pathogens in both research design and policy recommendations."

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Dr John Grove became the first director of Quality Assurance for Norms & Standards (QNS) on July 1, 2019 at [WHO](#), Headquarters in the [new Science Division](#) announced in March 2019. He is establishing and leading functions and assurance services for all WHO global norms and standards products, and oversees the WHO Press, and [WHO Global Library and Digital Information Services](#). Prior, he was director of the Department of Information, Evidence and Research (IER), overseeing global health statistics, monitoring and evaluation, applied ethics, research coordination, and guidelines development. Before joining WHO, Dr. Grove was Deputy Director for Evidence and Policy in the [MNCH team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \(BMGF\)](#). He was responsible for the investment portfolio on evidence and research and also worked within the organization to set strategy and guide related health analytics, in addition to being a representative on evidence and policy with the foundation's external partners, including the UN system. He also served on the global health strategy team in the Office of the President and worked across HIV, TB, pneumonia, diarrhea, and immunization teams on strategy development and evaluation. Before this, he served with the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for 8 years in team lead and section chief roles based in Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), Zambia (Lusaka), and Cote d'Ivoire (Abidjan) supervising disease surveillance, program monitoring and evaluation, health informatics, nurse, lab, and medical training programs, and as a lead US diplomat with host country governments on technical assistance and resource negotiation. His academic training is in applied anthropology, health services research, and international relations.

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