



MERCK Africa Asia LUMINARY

Merck Foundation Annual Conference

In partnership with
The First Lady of Ghana
and Government of Ghana

6th
Edition





MERCK Africa **Asia** **LUMINARY**
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6th Edition

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the Government of Ghana

Co-chaired by:

The First Lady of Ghana

H.E. REBECCA AKUFO-ADDO

& CEO of Merck Foundation

Dr. Rasha Kelej

H.E. MR. NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO

The President of the Republic of
Ghana



H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo was sworn into office on 7th January, 2017, as the 5th President of Ghana's 4th Republic.

He has been a prominent champion of human rights, rule of law, justice, freedom, and democracy in Ghana. Indeed, as a lawyer, he undertook many of the most important constitutional cases of the modern era in Ghana, which, inter alia, protected the independence of the judiciary, the right of the citizen to demonstrate without police permit, and the right of equal access of all political parties to the State-owned media.

Nana Akufo-Addo has held numerous positions, and played various active roles in the public life of Ghana. He was a three term Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2008. He served as Attorney General and Minister for Justice (2001-2003), and as Minister for Foreign Affairs from April 2003 to July 2007, both under the government of the former President of the Republic of Ghana, HE John Agyekum Kufuor.

On 23rd December, 2007, he was elected as the New Patriotic Party's presidential candidate. In the 2008 presidential election, Akufo-Addo led in the first round of voting, but failed to obtain the required 50%+1, pushing the election into a second round runoff between him and the National Democratic Congress candidate, the late John Evans Atta Mills, who eventually won with 50.23% as against Akufo-Addo's 49.77% vote.





In 2010, he was elected presidential candidate of the NPP, but, again, lost the 2012 election marginally to the incumbent, the then President John Dramani Mahama. The NPP challenged the results of the election through a petition at the Supreme Court, losing by a 5-4 verdict. Akufo-Addo immediately accepted the decision, congratulated President Mahama, and called upon all NPP supporters to accept the decision, even though he and they all disagreed with it.

This act of statesmanship culminated in the African Union, the European Union, the United Nations, the United States of America, the Christian Council of Ghana and the Chief Imam of Ghana, amongst others, applauding Akufo-Addo for preserving Ghana's peace, and maintaining Ghana's status as a beacon of democracy in Africa.

Nana Akufo-Addo was, on 18th October, 2014, re-elected to lead the NPP into the 2016 general elections. He won the presidential election, after defeating the incumbent, President John Dramani Mahama. He obtained 53.85% of the total valid votes cast, as announced by the Electoral Commission, with 44.40% for the losing incumbent.





Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp

Chairman of the Executive Board and Family Board of E. Merck KG and Member of the Merck family, Chairman of Board of Trustees of Merck Foundation

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp, born in 1948 in Dorsten, Germany.

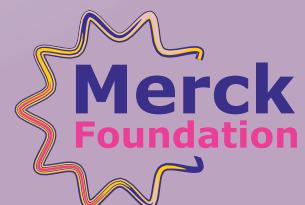
He is The Chairman of the Executive Board and Family Board of E. Merck KG and Member of the Merck family, Chairman of Board of Trustees of Merck Foundation.

Following his German University entrance qualification (Abitur) he served with the German Air Force, which he left as Lieutenant. At the University of Freiburg/Br, he studied economics and economic history.

After completing his studies, he worked at Commerzbank and the Investment Bank Baring Brothers and Hambros in London.

In 1984, he was elected to the Board of Partners of E. Merck KG and has been the Chairman of the Board since 2004.

In January 2014, he was elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Family Board of E. Merck KG.





H.E. MADAM REBECCA AKUFO-ADDO

**The First Lady of the Republic of Ghana
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary
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Born on the 12th of March 1951 to Justice Jacob Hackenburg Griffiths-Randolph, Speaker of Parliament in the Third Republic of Ghana and Frances Phillipina Griffiths-Randolph (nee Mann), Rebecca Naa Okaikor Akufo-Addo spent her formative years in Accra, Ghana. She attended Achimota Primary School and Wesley Grammar School in Accra. She continued her education at the Government Secretarial School and subsequently started her career at the Merchant Bank of Ghana. She relocated to the United Kingdom and pursued further education, becoming a legal secretary and going on to work for several prominent multinational law firms, including Clifford Chance and Ashurst Morris Crisp.

She is a passionate philanthropist with a keen interest in issues that impact women and children. She co-founded the charity, Infanta Malaria Prevention Foundation in 2005 to support the national effort to reduce malarial infections in infants and young children. Since 2017, the charity has added the eradication of malnutrition to its scope of work, having recognized the inter-relation between malaria and malnutrition, particularly in children. She has also donated generously to several other causes.

As First Lady, she has established The Rebecca Foundation with a focus on the well-being of Ghanaian women and children through the implementation of sustainable, collaborative and high impact strategies. Education of children, the health of women and children and economic empowerment of women are the three main intervention areas under the Rebecca Foundation.

In response to avoidable deaths of women and children as a result of lack of space and inadequate equipment, the First Lady raised funds to construct a mother and baby and Paediatric Intensive Care unit at the second Tertiary health institution in Ghana- the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, in her first year as First Lady. The Rebecca Foundation is also constructing a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and helping to finance the construction of a hostel for parents of children on cancer treatment at Ghana's premier hospital, the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, in the capital Accra.



Mrs Rebecca Akufo-Addo is the premier ambassador for HIV/AIDS, in Ghana with a focus on elimination of mother to child transmission and actively works with the Ghana Aids Commission and other partners to ensure Ghana meets all its HIV/AIDS targets.

As the West African Chair of the Organization of African First Ladies Against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA), she is a strong advocate for sound adolescent reproductive health and elimination of practices that affect the well-being of adolescents. She is also a patron of the Schools for the Blind and Deaf, Cancer Voices, a coalition of Non-Governmental Organizations against all cancers and is championing interventions to support childhood cancer sufferers and their families.

She is married to the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and they have five daughters and five grandchildren. She loves floristry and also enjoys interior decoration.





Dr. Rasha Kelej

**CEO of Merck Foundation,
President of Merck More Than a Mother,
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary
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Chief Executive Officer of Merck Foundation, President of Merck More Than a Mother, President of Merck Foundation Alumni, President of Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative (MFFLI). She is also the Chairperson of Merck Foundation's annual platform, the Merck Africa Asia Luminary and Chairperson of UNESCO Merck Africa Research Summit (MARS).

Rasha Kelej was born in February 1972 in Egypt.

She holds a degree in Pharmacy from Alexandria University and an MBA from Robert Gordon University, Scotland.

Rasha Kelej has more than 25 years of experience in International Pharmaceutical Industry and Healthcare & Social Development, having joined the industry in 1994. Rasha Kelej joined Merck in 1996 where she has undertaken many leading commercial roles in addition to serving as the Chief Social Officer and Head of the Global Social Responsibility & Market Development, SVP of Merck Healthcare from 2013 until June 2017.

In this position, she developed a structured and coherent CSR strategy and introduced programs since 2013 with the aim to build healthcare capacity, raise community awareness, break the stigma of infertility and empower women & youth through education and STEM. This subsequently led to the development and formation of Merck Foundation; the philanthropic arm of Merck Germany as nonprofit organization established in 2017.

Rasha Kelej has developed many impactful programs such as Merck Capacity Advancement Program, Merck Cancer Access Program, Merck More Than A Mother, Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative (MFFLI) and Merck STEM for women and youth. These programs are focused on building healthcare capacity and improving access to health in Africa and developing countries.

One of the most successful programs that she created and presided is the historic campaign "Merck More Than a Mother" and its innovative initiatives which aims to empower childless and infertile women through access to information, health, change of mind set and economic empowerment.



She is working closely with 18 African First Ladies as Ambassadors of “Merck More Than a Mother” in their countries, to break the stigma around infertility and empower infertile women.

Some of the initiatives of “Merck More Than a Mother” include Health Media Training, Media Recognition Awards, Fashion Awards and Film Awards. She is also working closely with local artists to develop local songs to break the stigma of infertility in their communities. More than 18 songs have been developed so far.

She has successfully established strong partnerships with African First Ladies, Governments, Ministries of Health, Gender, Education, Information & Communication, Academia, Global & Local Societies, media, art and not for profits organizations which has contributed significantly to the success of their programs.

Rasha Kelej has received many awards for her contribution towards advancing health-care capacity and women empowerment from African Governments & First Ladies as well as from the International Federation of Business and Professional Women - BPW-Int.

These awards recognize her contribution, through Merck Foundation, towards empowering African women in the field of Research and Healthcare and empowering underprivileged women who live with infertility in Africa and developing countries.

She has also been a member of Human Resources Science and Technology Cluster of African Union (ECOSOCC).





Merck Africa Asia Luminary 5th Edition, Senegal

From (L-R) The First Lady of Zambia, The First Lady of Niger, The First Lady of Central Africa Republic, The First Lady of Botswana, CEO of Merck Foundation, Chairman of the Executive Board of E. Merck KG, Prime Minister of Senegal, The First Lady of Senegal, The First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, The First Lady of Ghana, The First Lady of Sierra Leone, The First Lady of Chad

As the CEO of Merck Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Merck, I am very proud to work together with all of you to realize our vision of a world where 'Everyone Can Lead a Healthy and Fulfilling Life'

It gives us a great honor to have the **President of Ghana H.E. MR. NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO** with us today to officially inaugurate the **6th Edition of Merck Africa Asia Luminary**, that I Co-chair with The **First Lady Of Ghana, H. E. Madam Rebecca Akufo -Addo**.

First of all, I would like to acknowledge our **Chairman of Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Board of E. Merck KG, Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg-Haverkamp** for his valuable guidance and support for Merck Foundation strategy and programs to enable us to create significant impact in the under-served communities across the world.

Today, we are pleased to conduct Merck Foundation's Annual Conference, 6th Edition of Merck Africa Asia Luminary 2019 in Accra Ghana, with the aim to contribute to improving access to quality and equitable healthcare solutions and building healthcare capacity in the fields of Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer, Research, Fertility care and Women Health.

Also, we are going to celebrate together the 2nd Anniversary of Merck Foundation. Thank you for joining us.



I would like to welcome and thank our Guests of Honor, Keynote Speakers, and “Merck More Than a Mother” Ambassadors, The First Ladies of 14 African Countries:

H.E. First Lady of Burundi, H.E. First Lady of Central African Republic, H.E. First Lady of Chad, H.E. First Lady of The Gambia, H.E. First Lady of Guinea Conakry, H.E. First Lady of Lesotho, H. E. First Lady Of Liberia, H. E. First Lady Of Mali, H.E. First Lady of Malawi, H.E. First Lady of Mozambique, H.E. First Lady of Sierra Leone, H.E. First Lady of Zambia, H.E. First Lady of Zimbabwe.

Together we will work on a strong strategy to Build Healthcare Capacity and provide the necessary training to establish a strong platform of experts in Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer and Fertility care in their countries in collaboration with their Offices and Ministries of Health.

We will also define interventions to break the stigma around infertility in general and infertile women in specific as Ambassadors of "Merck More Than a Mother" campaign. Special thanks goes to our Guest of Honor of previous editions and Merck More Than a Mother Ambassadors & Merck Foundation Partners: H.E. First Lady of Botswana, H.E. First Lady of Congo, H.E. First Lady of Niger and H.E. First Lady of Namibia, they couldn't join us today for urgent matters but they are represented by their delegates.

We will celebrate this year our achievements together and will acknowledge your dedicated contribution to ensure our programs have a significant impact in your countries.

I would like to welcome Hon. Ministers of Health, Education, Information and Gender for their support to enable us to contribute to the development of Healthcare sectors and raise awareness about Health and Social issues such as infertility stigma.

I would also like to thank our Partners for their valuable participation and support to make great things happen.

Merck Foundation underscore their long term commitment to build healthcare capacity in more countries and with more Partners, will work closely with all of you to realize our vision and lead the world to a better future.

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation,
President of Merck More Than a Mother,
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary





OUR VISION

A world where everyone can lead a Healthy and Fulfilling Life

Merck Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Merck, that aims to Improve the Health and Wellbeing of people and Advance their lives through Science and Technology.

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Notre VISION

Un monde où chacun peut mener une vie saine et épanouissante

La Merck Foundation est une organisation philanthropique qui vise à améliorer la santé et le bien-être des gens et à faire progresser leur vie grâce à la science et la technologie.

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Merck Foundation **Africa** **Asia** Luminary
Ensemble nous faisons la Différence

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Day 1 Overview

29th October 2019 (Tuesday)

09:30
16:00

Inauguration Session

Adlon Ballroom, Kempinski Hotel

09:30
11:45

Inauguration Session

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11:45
12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00
14:00

Plenary Session

Adlon Ballroom

14:00
15:00

LUNCH

15:00
17:00

**High-level Ministerial
Panels**

Adlon Ballroom

17:00

CLOSE

19:00
22:00

**Merck Foundation Africa
Asia Luminary Dinner**

Omanyee Hall, Labadi Hotel



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Introduction to Merck Foundation
Programs and Merck Africa Asia
Luminary

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary

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Welcome Address

H.E. MADAM REBECCA AKUFO-ADDO

The First Lady of the Republic of Ghana,
Co-Chairperson of 6th edition Merck Africa Asia
Luminary

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Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg- Haverkamp

Chairman of the Executive Board and Family
Board, E. Merck KG
Chairman of Board of Trustees of Merck Foundation

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Keynote Speech and Official
Inauguration of Merck Africa
Asia Luminary in Ghana

**H.E. MR. NANA ADDO DANKWA
AKUFO-ADDO**

The President of the Republic of Ghana

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Photo Session

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High Level First Ladies Panel

H.E. Madam DENISE NKURUNZIZA
First Lady of Republic of Burundi

H.E. Madam BRIGITTE TOUADERA
First Lady of Central African Republic

H.E. Madam HINDA DEBY ITNO
First Lady of Republic of Chad



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First Lady of Republic of Liberia

H.E. Professor GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA

First Lady of Republic of Malawi

H.E. Mrs. AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI

First Lady of The Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. Madam FATIMA MAADA BIO

First Lady of Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Madam ESTHER LUNGU

First Lady of Republic of Zambia

H.E. Madam AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA

First Lady of Republic of Zimbabwe

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg- Haverkamp

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Chairman of Board of Trustees of Merck Foundation

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary

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Coffee Break



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The First Ladies Recognition
Award Ceremony

H.E. Madam DENISE NKURUNZIZA

First Lady of Republic of Burundi

H.E. Madam BRIGITTE TOUADERA

First Lady of Central African Republic

H.E. Madam HINDA DEBY ITNO

First Lady of Republic of Chad

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First Lady of Republic of Liberia

H.E. Professor GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA

First Lady of Republic of Malawi

H.E. Madam FATIMA MAADA BIO

First Lady of Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Madam ESTHER LUNGU

First Lady of Republic of Zambia

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Acknowledgment for
Merck More Than a Mother
New Ambassadors
and the Start of Partnership with
Merck Foundation

H.E. Mrs. AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI

First Lady of The Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. Madam AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA

First Lady of Republic of Zimbabwe



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Testimonials of Merck
Foundation Alumni (Graduates) by
country representatives

Merck Foundation Alumni (Graduates)

Dr. Samuel Mucheru

Graduate of PG Diploma in Diabetes
Management (Kenya) – 3 mins

Dr. Gatou Jean-Yves

Fertility Specialist (Chad) – 3 mins

Dr. Jacqueline Ngong

Graduate of PG Diploma in Preventive
Cardiovascular Medicine (Cameroon) – 3 mins

Dr. Joel Allotey

Graduate of (PG Diploma in Preventive
Cardiovascular Medicine) (Ghana)- 3 mins

Dr. Sulaiman Conteh

Fertility Specialist (Sierra Leone) – 3 mins

Dr. Patience Monica Mator

Embryologist (Liberia) – 3 mins

Dr. Adamson Paxon Ndhlovu

Representative of Diabetes Blue
Point project (Zambia) – 3 mins

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13:40

Partners Recognition Award
Ceremony

Hon. Sarah Opendi

Minister of State for Health, Republic of Uganda

Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya

Minister of Health, Republic of Zambia

Hon. Dr. Rashid A. Aman

Cabinet Administrative Secretary, Ministry of
Health, Republic of Kenya

Hon. Dr. Ahmadou Samateh

Minister of Health, Republic of The Gambia

Hon. Julieta Kavetuna

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services,
Republic of Namibia

Tata Memorial Center, India

University of Nairobi, Kenya

National Cancer Institute, Cairo University,
Egypt



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Dr. Rasha Kamal

Head of the Central Administration for International Students Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Arab Republic of Egypt

African Fertility Society (AFS)

International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS)

Groupe Inter-africain d'Etude de Recherche et d'Application sur la Fertilité (GIERAF)

International Institute for Training and Research in Reproductive Health (IIRRH) India.

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, (MAHE) India

Indonesian Reproductive Science Institute (IRSI), Indonesia

Indira IVF Hospitals, India

University of South Wales, UK

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Testimonials of Merck Foundation Alumni (Graduates) by country representatives

Merck Foundation Alumni (Graduates)

Dr. Musana Othiniel, Gynecology Oncology (Uganda) – 3 mins

Dr. Nicholas Mazuguni
Fertility specialist and Embryologist (Tanzania) – 3 mins

Dr. Fatoumatta Jaiteh
Surgical Oncologist (The Gambia) – 3 mins

Dr. Saran Camara
Fertility Specialist (Guinea) – 3 mins

Dr. John Butonzi
Medical Oncologist (Rwanda) – 3mins

Dr. Abdulkadir Gidey
Pediatric Oncologist (Ethiopia) – 3 mins

Dr. Mamadou Sow
Pediatric Oncology (Senegal) – 3 mins

Dr. Ibrahim Kante
Fertility Specialist (Mali) – 3 mins



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Lunch

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High Level Ministerial Panel 1

Advancing Quality and
Equitable Healthcare Capacity in
Africa in Partnership with Merck
Foundation

Hon. Dr. Thadée NDIKUMANA

Minister of Public Health and Fighting
against AIDS, Republic of Burundi

Hon. Prof. Mahamoud Youssouf KHAYAL

Minister of Public Health, Republic of Chad

Hon. Dr. Ahmadou Samateh

Minister of Health, Republic of The Gambia

Hon. Tina Mensah

Deputy Minister of Health,
Republic of Ghana

Hon. Dr. Rashid A. Aman

Cabinet Administrative Secretary, Ministry of
Health, Republic of Kenya

Hon. Dr. Wilhemina S. Jallah

Minister of Health, Republic of Liberia



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Hon. Jappie Chancy Mtuwa Mhango

Minister of Health and Population,
Republic of Malawi

Hon. Julieta Kavetuna

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services,
Republic of Namibia

Hon. Dr. Anthony Augustine Sandi

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation,
Republic of Sierra Leone

Hon. Sarah Opendi

Minister of State for Health, Republic of Uganda

Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya

Minister of Health, Republic of Zambia

Hon. Dr. Obadiah Moyo

Minister of Health and Child Care, Republic of
Zimbabwe

Dr. Rasha Kamal

Head of the Central Administration for International
Students Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education and
Scientific Research, Arab Republic of Egypt

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
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High Level Ministerial Panel 2

'Innovative initiatives to Sensitize Communities about Health and Sensitive Issues such as Launching Media Training, Art projects & Local Songs, Films and Children Stories'- Multisectoral Approach is the Key.

Hon. Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng

Minister of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation, Republic of Ghana.

Hon. Cynthia Mamie Morrison

Minister for Gender, Children, and Social Protection and MP, Republic of Ghana

Hon. Mark Michael Botomani

Minister of Information, Civic Education and Communications Technology, Republic of Malawi

Hon. Mary Thom Navicha

M.P. & Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Republic of Malawi

Hon. Dr. William Susuwele-Banda,

M.P., Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Malawi

Dr. Hossam Abdelghaffar

Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities, The Arab Republic of Egypt

Prof. Oladapo Ashiru

President of Africa Fertility Society, Nigeria

Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson

Past President of International Federation for Fertility Societies (IFFS), USA

Prof. Chittaranjan N. Purandare

Imm. Past President of FIGO, India

Dr. Kamini Rao

Medical Director, Milann-The Fertility Centre, India

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
President of Merck More Than a Mother

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Merck Africa Asia Luminary Dinner

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Session Plénière

Adlon Ballroom

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**Panel Ministériels de
Haut Niveau**

Adlon Ballroom

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CLOTURE

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**DÎNER DE MERCK AFRICA
ASIA LUMINARY**

Salle Omanyé, Hôtel Labadi



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Introduction aux Programmes de la
Fondation Merck et au Merck Africa
Asia Luminary

Dr. Rasha Kelej
CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary

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Mots de Bienvenue

S.E. MADAME REBECCA AKUFO-ADDO
La Première Dame de la République
du Ghana Coprésident de la 6ème édition de
« Merck Africa Asia Luminary »

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Remarques d'Ouverture

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg- Haverkamp
Chairman of the Executive Board and Family
Board, E. Merck KGaA Chairman of Board of
Trustees of Merck Foundation

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Discours d'Ouverture et Inauguration
Officielle de Merck Africa Asia
Luminary au Ghana

**H.E. MR. NANA ADDO DANKWA
AKUFO-ADDO**
Le Président de la République du Ghana

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Panel de Haut Niveau des
Premières Dames

S.E. Madame DENISE NKURUNZIZA
Première Dame de la République du Burundi
S.E. Madame BRIGITTE TOUADERA
Première Dame de la République Centrafricaine
S.E. Madame HINDA DEBY ITNO
Première Dame de la République du Tchad



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Premières Dames

S.E. Madame Rebecca Akufo-Addo

La Première Dame de la République du Ghana
Coprésident de la 6ème édition de Merck Africa
Asia Luminary

S.E. Madame CLAR MARIE WEAH

Première Dame de la République du Libéria

S.E. Professeur GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA

Première Dame de la République du Malawi

S.E. Madame AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI

Première Dame de la République Fédérale
du Nigeria

S.E. Madame FATIMA MAADA BIO

Première Dame de la République de Sierra Leone

S.E. Madame ESTHER LUNGU

Première Dame de la République de Zambie

S.E. Madame AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA

Première Dame de la République du Zimbabwe

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg- Haverkamp

Chairman of the Executive Board and Family Board,
E. Merck KG
Chairman of Board of Trustees of Merck Foundation

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary

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PAUSE CAFÉ



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Cérémonie du Prix de Reconnaissance des Premières Dames

- S.E. Madame DENISE NKURUNZIZA**
Première Dame de la République du Burundi
- S.E. Madame BRIGITTE TOUADERA**
Première Dame de la République Centrafricaine
- S.E. Madame HINDA DEBY ITNO**
Première Dame de la République du Tchad
- S.E. Madame Rebecca Akufo-Addo**
La Première Dame de la République du Ghana
Coprésident de la 6ème édition de Merck Africa Asia Luminary
- S.E. Madame CLAR MARIE WEAH**
Première Dame de la République du Libéria
- S.E. Professeur GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA**
Première Dame de la République du Malawi
- S.E. Madame FATIMA MAADA BIO**
Première Dame de la République de Sierra Leone
- S.E. Madame ESTHER LUNGU**
Première Dame de la République de Zambie

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Reconnaissance des Nouvelles Ambassadrices de « Merck Plus Qu'une Mère », et le Début d'un Partenariat avec la Fondation Merck

- S.E. Madame AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI**
Première Dame de la République Fédérale du Nigeria
- S.E. Madame AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA**
Première Dame de la République du Zimbabwe



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Témoignages de Diplômés de la
Fondation Merck par des représent-
ants de pays

Merck Foundation Alumni (Anciens Diplômés)

Dr. Samuel Mucheru

Diplômé, Prise en Charge du Diabète
(Kenya) - 3 minutes

Dr. Gatou Jean-Yves

Spécialiste en Fertilité (Tchad)

Dr. Jacqueline Ngong

Diplômé, Médecine Cardiovasculaire
Préventive (Cameroun) - 3 minutes

Dr. Joel Allotey

Diplômé (Diplôme en Médecine
Cardiovasculaire Préventive) (Ghana)

Dr. Sulaiman Conteh

Spécialiste en Fertilité (Sierra Leone)

Dr. Patience Monica Mator

Embryologiste (Libéria) - 3 minutes

Dr. Adamson Paxon Ndhlovu

Représentant du Projet Point Blue Diabète
(Zambie) - 3 minutes

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Cérémonie du Prix de
Reconnaissance
des Partenaires de la
Fondation Merck

Hon. Sarah Opendi

Ministre d'Etat de la Santé, République
d'Ouganda,

Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya

Ministre de la Santé, la République de Zambie

Hon. Dr. Rashid A. Aman

Secrétaire Administratif du Cabinet, Ministère
de la Santé, République du Kenya

Hon. Dr. Ahmadou Samateh

Ministre de la Santé, la République de
Gambie

Hon. Julieta Kavetuna

Vice-ministre de la Santé et des Services
sociaux, République de Namibie

Tata Memorial Center, Inde

Université de Nairobi, Kenya

**Institut National du Cancer, Université du
Caire, Égypte**

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Dr. Rasha Kamal

Chef de l'Administration Centrale pour les Affaires Internationales des Étudiants, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique, République Arabe d'Égypte

Société Africaine de Fertilité (AFS)

Fédération Internationale de la Sociétés de Fertilité (IFFS)

Institut International de Formation et de Recherche en Santé Reproductive (IIRRH) Inde.

Académie de l'Enseignement Supérieur de Manipal, (MAHE) Inde

Institut Indonésien des Sciences de la Reproduction (IRSI), Indonésie

Hôpital de FIV Indira, Inde

Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni

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Témoignages de Diplômés de la Fondation Merck par des représentants de pays

Dr. Musana Othiniel (Ouganda)

Dr. Nicholas Mazuguni
Spécialiste en Fertilité et Embryologiste (Tanzanie)

Dr. Fatoumatta Jaiteh
Oncologue Chirurgicale (Gambie)

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Dr. Saran Camara
Spécialiste en Fertilité (Guinée)

Dr. John Butonzi
Medical Oncologist (Rwanda) – 3mins

Dr. Abudulkadir Gidey
Oncologue Pédiatrique (Éthiopie)

Dr. Mamadou Sow
Oncologue Pédiatrique (Sénégal)

Dr. Ibrahim Kante
Spécialiste en Fertilité (Mali)

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Fondation Merck par des représentants de pays

**Merck Foundation Alumni
(Anciens Diplômés)**

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Panel Ministériel de Haut Niveau 1

Améliorer la Qualité et l'Équité des
Capacités de Soins de Santé en
Afrique en partenariat avec la
Fondation Merck

Hon. Dr. Thadée NDIKUMANA

Ministre de la Santé Publique et Lutte Contre
le SIDA, République du Burundi

Hon. Prof. Mahamoud Youssouf KHAYAL

Ministre de la Santé Publique de la
République du Tchad

Hon. Dr. Ahmadou Samateh

Ministre de la Santé de la République de
Gambie

Hon. Tina Mensah,

deputy minister for health, République de
Ghana

Hon. Dr. Rashid A. Aman

Secrétaire Administratif du Cabinet, Ministère
de la Santé, République du Kenya

Hon. Dr. Wilhemina S. Jallah

Ministre de la Santé de la République
de Liberia



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Hon. Dr. Wilhemina S. Jallah
Ministre de la Santé de la République du Libéria

Hon. Jappie Chancy Mtuwa Mhango
Ministre de la Santé et de la Population,
République du Malawi

Hon. Julieta Kavetuna
Vice-ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux,
République de Namibie

Hon. Dr. Anthony Augustine Sandi
Ministre de la Santé et de l'Assainissement,
République de Sierra Leone

Hon. Sarah Opendi
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Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya
Ministre de la Santé de la République de Zambie

Hon. Dr. Obadiah Moyo
Ministre de la Santé et les Soins de l'Enfant,
la République du Zimbabwe

Dr. Rasha Kamal
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Internationales des Étudiants, Ministère de
l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche
Scientifique, République Arabe d'Égypte

Dr. Rasha Kelej
CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary



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Panel Ministériel de Haut Niveau 2

« Des initiatives Innovantes pour Sensibiliser les Communautés sur la Santé et aux Questions Sensibles telles que le Lancement de la Formation des Médias, de Projets Artistiques et de Chansons Locales, de Films et d'histoires pour enfants », L'approche multisectorielle est la Clé.

Hon. Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng

Ministre de l'Environnement, des Sciences, de la Technologie et de l'Innovation, République du Ghana

Hon. Cynthia Mamle Morrison

Ministre du Genre, de l'Enfance et de la Protection Sociale, République du Ghana

Hon. Mark Michael Botomani

Ministre de l'Information, de l'Éducation Civique et Technologies de la Communication, République du Malawi

Hon. Mary Thom Navicha

M.P. & Ministre du Genre, de l'Enfance, Handicap et Protection Sociale, République du Malawi

Hon. Dr. William Susuwele-Banda,

MP, Ministre de l'Éducation, des Sciences et de la Technologie, République du Malawi

Dr. Hossam Abdelghaffar

Secrétaire Général du Conseil Supérieur des Universités, la République Arabe d'Égypte

Prof. Oladapo Ashiru

Président de la Société Africaine de Fertilité, Nigéria

Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson

Ancien Président de la Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Fertilité (IFFS), États-Unis

Prof. Chittaranjan N. Purandare

Ancien Président de la FIGO, Inde

Dr. Kamini Rao

Directeur Médical, Milann – Centre de Fertilité, Inde

Dr. Rasha Kelej

CEO of Merck Foundation
President of Merck More Than a Mother

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Dîner de « Merck Africa Asia Luminary »

Hôtel Labadi



H.E. MADAM DENISE NKURUNZIZA

The First Lady of the Republic of Burundi

S.E. Madame **Denise BUCUMI NKURUNZIZA** est la Première Dame de la République du Burundi. Elle a effectué sa scolarité à l'ENEFA (Ecole Normale d'Economie Familiale), puis à l'Université Espoir d'Afrique pour sa formation en Théologies. Elle a été ordonnée Révérend Pasteur en 2011. Mère de 5 enfants et de 12 enfants adoptifs, elle a créé en Décembre 2005, une organisation philanthropique dénommée "**Fondation BUNTU**" qui a pour mission de restaurer l'espoir et la promotion du fonctionnement social en faveur personnes déshéritées (personnes vivant avec le VIH, orphelins et autres enfants vulnérable, veuves, personnes âgées, personness vivant avec un handicap et autres groupes vulnérable, ce qui lui a valu le surnom de "Maman BUNTU". En plus des actions caritatives ponctuelles, Elle a mis en place un orphelinat dénommé « Umusamariya w'Imbaba-zi » ou « Le Bon Samaritain » en français pour accueillir les bébés qui ont perdu leurs mamans. Actuellement, cet orphelinat abrite 50 bébés. C'est pour cela que les gens de son entourage l'appellent "**Maman Buntu**" pour metre en exergue ses qualites d'une femme misericordieuse.

Engagée dans un plaidoyer continu auprès du Gouvernement, des Parlementaires, les partenaires techniques et financiers, des leaders administratifs, santaires, religieux et communautaires, ses interventions ont permis d'atteindre des performances dans différents domaines au Burundi. Ses actions sont articulées autour des axes suivants:

- **La lutte contre le VIH/SIDA** avec un accent particulier sur l'élimination de la transmission du VIH de la mère à l'enfant et la prise en charge pédiatrique du VIH.
- **La réduction de la mortalité maternelle et infantile.** S.E. Denise BUCUMI NKURUNZIZA déploie également son énergie dans des actions en rapport avec réduction de la mortalité maternelle et infantile. Alors que jadis, les aspects de santé maternelle et infantile étaient une question dont la gestion était considérée comme une responsabilité de la femme seule selon la culture burundaise, la Première Dame a su impliquer les hommes.



La lutte contre l'infertilité, le cancer et le diabète: Depuis mars 2019, S.E. la Première Dame du Burundi, à travers sa Fondation Buntu, a signé un accord de partenariat avec la Fondation Merck pour lui permettre de poursuivre l'engagement de S.E. la Première Dame du Burundi, à améliorer l'accès à des solutions de soins par le renforcement des capacités de soins de santé dans les domaines du diabète, du cancer et des soins de l'infertilité au Burundi.

Elle est l'Ambassadrice de la campagne **“Merck More Than a Mother”**, initiative de la Fondation Merck qui vise à autonomiser les femmes stériles par l'accès à l'information, à l'éducation, aux soins de santé et par un changement de mentalité. Dans ce cadre, Elle a mené une campagne **“Merck More Than a Mother”** dans tout le pays à travers les ateliers régionaux de mobilisation des leaders religieux, administratifs, sanitaires et autres parties prenantes sur la planification familiale et l'infertilité.

-La mobilisation des ressources : L'engagement de S.E. Madame Denise BUCUMI NKURUNZIZA font d'Elle une grande mobilisatrice des fonds pour fournir une assistance aux femmes et aux enfants en situation de grande vulnérabilité.

Il est à noter que les bonnes œuvres de S.E. la Première Dame du Burundi lui ont valu plusieurs témoignages de satisfaction par les bénéficiaires directs de ses actions et prix de reconnaissance par différents partenaires nationaux et internationaux. Ses qualités de son esprit humain, Elle appelée « Maman Buntu » par les gens de son entourage.

Le développement communautaire : La Première Dame est un modèle dans le développement du pays. Pour préparer un avenir brillant pour la jeunesse, elle a construit une Ecole Technique Secondaire, subventionne la scolarisation des orphelins à l'étranger, a établi une station de radio dénommée **« Radio TV BUNTU »** avec devise « la voix des orphelins et des veuves.

Afin de mener des actions à haut impact et accès sur les résultats, la philosophie de S.E. la Première Dame est d'oeuvrer en synergie avec les autres partenaires tant nationaux qu'internationaux en vue d'une complémentarité dans l'action. Ces partenaires sont principalement le Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Lutte contre le Sida, l'ONUSIDA, l'OMS, l'UNFPA, l'UNICEF, les autres acteurs de la Société Civile engagées dans la santé en general et la lutte contre le VIH/Sida en particulier.

Il est important de souligner que depuis 2005, elle est membre actif de l'OPDAS (Organisation des Premières Dames d'Afrique contre le Sida) devenue aujourd'hui OPDAD (Organisation des Premières Dames d'Afrique pour le Développement) dont elle vient d'être élue membre du Comité Directeur.





H.E. MADAM BRIGITTE TOUADERA

**The First Lady of Central African
Republic**

Titulaire d'une Licence en Lettres Anglaises, Madame Brigitte TOUADERA a travaillé comme Assistante Administrative Bilingue au Cabinet de renommée internationale Price-WaterhouseCoopers Centrafrique. Elle s'est ensuite engagée dans le domaine de la santé de la reproduction en affirmant son leadership comme Secrétaire Générale de l'Alliance du Ruban Blanc de Centrafrique », une coalition mondiale de lutte pour une maternité sans risque, soutenue par le Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Population (UNFPA).

Dans ce cadre, elle a étroitement collaboré avec les autorités nationales, provinciales et locales pour leur implication dans la dynamique de la lutte contre la mortalité maternelle et néo-natale, notamment à travers la Campagne pour l'Accélération de la Réduction de la Mortalité Maternelle (CARMA). Par ailleurs, son désir de porter assistance aux populations vulnérables, l'a conduite à travailler comme bénévole au Secours Catholique Caritas international d'Angers en France.

L'engagement de Madame Brigitte TOUADERA, Première Dame de Centrafrique, dans le domaine de l'assistance aux femmes en général et de la santé de la reproduction en particulier est resté constant. Ce qui explique son intérêt à soutenir la Campagne «MERCK plus qu'une mère» en faveur des femmes victimes de violences physiques et psychologique de son pays.

C'est à ce titre, qu'elle a été désignée lors de la réunion de haut niveau de MERCK, à Abidjan en Côte d'Ivoire en octobre 2016 comme Ambassadrice de la Campagne «MERCK plus qu'une Mère» dans les seize pays africains francophones.



Il est important de souligner que depuis le mois de mai 2016, elle a créé une fondation dénommée « Cri de Coeur d'une Mère » qui oeuvre avec beaucoup de réussites dans les domaines de :

- la lutte contre la VIH et le Sida ;
- la santé de la reproduction ;
- les violences basées sur le genre ;
- la lutte contre la drépanocytose.

Quelques actions réalisées :

En octobre 2017, elle a parrainé le lancement du Plan d'Accélération de la prise en charge du VIH chez l'enfant et l'adolescent.

En août 2018, elle a procédé au lancement de la campagne «Santé pour Tous» avec slogan «Un corps Sain dans un Esprit Sain».

Toujours en 2018, avec l'appui financier de l'OIT, la Première Dame à travers sa Fondation a organisé une formation en entrepreneuriat à l'intention des femmes vulnérables aussi bien de la capitale et que de ses villes périphériques.





H.E. MADAM HINDA DEBY ITNO

The First Lady of the Republic of
Chad

HINDA MAHAMAT ABDERAHIM ACYL, épouse **IDRISS DEBY ITNO**, Première Dame du Tchad, est née le 02 avril 1980 à N'Djaména. Issue d'une fratrie de neuf (09) enfants, HINDA DEBY ITNO est la fille de MAHAMAT ABDERAHIM ACYL, contrôleur des assurances, membre de Gouvernement de juillet 1976 à Septembre 1978 et diplomate de carrière, et de MARIAM ABDERAHIM, cadre à la Caisse Nationale de Prévoyance Sociale (CNPS).

Comme cursus universitaire, **Madame HINDA DEBY ITNO**, après avoir passé son baccalauréat scientifique série D au Collège Sacré Coeur de N'Djaména en 1999 et obtenu son Diplôme de Technicien Supérieur (BTS) en Finance et Banque à l'Institut d'Administration et des Etudes Commerciales (IAEC) de Lomé au Togo en 2001, est détentrice d'un master (BAC +5) en Finance et Comptabilité à l'Institut du Génie Appliqué (IGA) de Rabat au Maroc en 2003. Une fois sa formation achevée, en novembre 2003, elle a intégré en qualité de chef comptable au Ministère de la Santé le projet de Renforcement du Système de Santé et d'Appui à la Lutte Contre le VIH SIDA et les Maladies Epidémiques. Et deux (02) ans après, c'est-à-dire le 2 octobre 2005, elle a épousé le Président de la République, Chef de l'Etat et devint la Première Dame du Tchad.

Sur le plan national, la **Première Dame du Tchad**, très vite, se fasse remarquer en accompagnant son Epoux et apprécier pour son combat pour le bien-être social de ses compatriotes et particulièrement pour la gente féminine. C'est en sens que le 17 Janvier 2012 était lancé son vaste Plan d'Action pour l'élimination de la transmission mère-enfant du VIH et en faveur de la santé de la reproduction. Ce Programme avait reçu l'approbation des partenaires au développement notamment l'UNICEF, l'UNFPA, l'OMS, ONUSIDA, OPDAD et bien d'autres partenaires privilégiés du Système des Nations-Unies. A ce vaste plan, d'autres luttes se sont ajoutées telles que celles contre les inégalités sociales, les fistules obstétricales, le cancer du col de l'utérus ; bref une participation notable à la promotion de la santé maternelle et infantile.



De plus, pour donner davantage d'impulsion et de relief à ses actions sociales, humanitaires et caritatives, la **Première Dame** du Tchad a créé le 11 janvier 2016 la « **Fondation Grand Coeur** » qui a pour principale mission la lutte contre les inégalités sociales, la recherche du bien-être des populations, le développement, l'encouragement du mérite et la promotion de l'excellence. Cette fondation est aujourd'hui très active sur le terrain au travers de multiples actions de bienfaisance et médicales. Un centre en faveur des enfants orphelins et abandonnés, dénommé **Centre IYALI**, est en construction à N'djamena pouvant prendre en charge et former plus de 300 enfants. Son inauguration est dans bientôt. Tout récemment en juillet 2019, grâce à l'aide de ses partenaires, les premières pierres d'un complexe hospitalier dénommé « **SMART MEDICAL CITY** » (1000 lits) et d'un pavillon d'urgence gynéco-pédiatrique (95 lits) dans l'enceinte de l'Hôpital de la Mère et de l'Enfant de N'djamena ont été posées.

En politique, auréolée d'un sens aigu de responsabilité, de savoir-faire et de patriotisme, la Première Dame du Tchad a été portée le 30 novembre 2012, à la tête de l'organisation à la participation féminine du Mouvement patriotique du salut (OPF/MPS) comme Présidente d'honneur de l'Organisation des Femmes du MPS.

Ecrivaine et Commandeur de l'ordre national du Tchad, **Maman HINDA**, comme l'appelle affectueusement le peuple tchadien, par la force de sa combativité, son verbe généreux et son altruisme en faveur des couches vulnérables, reste et demeure, une source d'espoir, une étoile au pays de Toumaï.

Par ailleurs, sur le plan continental et international, la **Première Dame du Tchad**, femme dynamique et visionnaire, concilie et fédère les impressions et les positions au nom de la femme africaine et de la petite enfance. C'est pour cela que le 26 mai 2013 à Addis-Abeba, elle est élue à l'unanimité par ses soeurs, Premières Dames d'Afrique, Présidente de l'Organisation des Premières Dames d'Afrique engagées et solidaires dans la lutte contre la pandémie du VIH/SIDA dénommée OPDAS. Sa brillante élection à ce poste est le résultat tangible, de bons et loyaux services après deux années, en sa qualité de Vice-présidente de l'OPDAS (actuelle OPDAD, Organisation des Premières Dames d'Afrique pour le Développement).

Présentement, elle continue à apporter ses expertises et conseils en qualité de représentante de l'Afrique centrale au sein du Comité Directeur de l'OPDAD.

En sa qualité de marraine de la Campagne pour l'Accélération de la Réduction de la Mortalité et Néo-natalité en Afrique (CARMMA), des violences faites à l'égard des femmes et de la lutte contre la fistule obstétricale, **Madame HINDA DEBY ITNO** a toujours joué un rôle déterminant dans la scolarisation des filles, la mobilisation et la conscientisation des sages-femmes pour une maternité sans risque tant sur le plan régional que continental. Pour récompenser ce leadership, Elle est promue **Ambassadrice de « Merck plus qu'une mère »** (2017) et **Ambassadrice Spéciale de l'ONUSIDA** (2018) pour la prévention du VIH et la protection et la santé des adolescents.

Enfin, il est à signaler que la **Première Dame du Tchad** a reçu plusieurs distinctions honorifiques pour ses combats en faveur de la femme et de la petite enfance notamment le trophée de meilleure Première Dame (2011) et le prix du mérite panafricain des Premières Dames (2017).





H.E. MADAM FATOUMATTA BAH-BARROW

The First Lady of the Republic of
The Gambia

The First Lady of the Republic of The Gambia, Her Excellency Fatoumatta Bah Barrow was born on 5th August 1974 in Banjul. Her father Abdoulie Bah was a local businessman and her mother Isatou Jallow, was mostly known amongst the community for her compassion and generosity towards the poor and the needy.

Growing up, the First Lady spent her childhood in Basse with her two siblings, where she attended the St. George's School. Having completed her education and moved to the Capital city of Banjul, the First Lady married the current President of the Republic, His Excellency Adama Barrow on 20th March 1997 and is blessed with a son and a daughter. In her leisure time, the First Lady enjoys watching documentaries and all forms of educational programs, as well as keeping up with current world affairs and sports.

From the year 2000 to 2001, the First Lady worked in sales and marketing at an oil company entitled Elton, and then later worked at a local GSM company from 2001 to 2008. From 2009, the First Lady was occasionally involved in small business activities and also helped her spouse in his political career. As the 2016 Presidential elections drew nearer, the First Lady became actively involved in a door to door campaign, seeking support from citizens to vote for her husband, at a time when many feared change, due to circumstances under the former regime. Such courage and determination for change clearly demonstrated by the First Lady, is a trait that makes her distinct from many others.

In an attempt to fulfill the promises made during the vigorous campaign trail, the First Lady wishes to ensure that the people of the Gambia do experience the change that was often envisaged in certain domains.

As the First Lady of the Republic, Her Excellency Fatoumatta Bah Barrow instantly became engaged in various humanitarian/charitable organizations and activities targeted at the most vulnerable groups of society, women and children. The public role she assumed predominantly focuses on providing assistance to all Gambians, with a particular focus on women and children to help enhance their lives by ensuring that they have access to quality education, health and social services.

Mrs. Barrow makes frequent visits to the country's main referral Hospital, the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital, making donations of medical equipment and helping facilitate life-saving surgery for newborn babies amongst others. In her determination to address certain challenges, the First Lady also creates linkages with the private sector and foreign partners by encouraging them to invest in the area of health, education and women's empowerment. With such an all-inclusive approach, it is hoped that major improvements will be made in these areas.

Where women are concerned, the First Lady promotes gender equality to naturally empower women and girls through education. In her efforts in the area of education, the First Lady has visits several schools including those where school feeding programmes have been introduced, with the hope that such a programme would be widely introduced and practiced in the near future.



As part of her philanthropic activities, during the Holy month of Ramadan the First Lady donates basic food commodities to help poor and needy children at numerous madarassas, patients in hospitals and detainees at the Gambia Central Prison, in order to spread the message of hope and ensure that they are not forgotten. Additionally, an 'Iftar' programme with community members was also introduced, whereby the First Lady interacted and feed hundreds of locals from a certain community during the serene month of Ramadan simply out of goodwill. As part of her on-going work to reach out to communities around the country, the First Lady also visits victims of natural disasters due to heavy rains and donates items ranging from basic food commodities, clothing and other essentials.

Mrs. Barrow is devoted to raising awareness on peculiar challenges that, women in The Gambia and other parts of Africa face, relative to cancer and infertility, amongst others. Consequently, efforts are made to raise awareness and mobilize the support necessary for the inclusion of such women in society, partnerships with various organisations in order to help break barriers and create opportunities for all women.

A major constraint however, is the availability of medical services and equipment, being the reason for which Mrs. Barrow seeks to obtain as much support. She therefore works tirelessly to ensure that the main referral Hospital gets as much medical equipment, consumables/drugs and all other required services including training of health personnel, so as to ensure easy access to quality healthcare services.

In the national response to HIV/AIDS, the First Lady embarks upon vigorous advocacy campaigns, providing the necessary support and commitment to ensure that the main challenges faced by health workers, HIV patients and adolescents are addressed or significantly reduced. This is hoped to bring about positive change and to instill a sense of a spirit of solidarity and partnership amongst key players in the national commitment and fight against HIV and AIDS.

In 2017, the First Lady initiated her Foundation entitled 'Fatoumatta Bah Barrow or FaBB', in order to pursue her desire to not only bring about change, but to also help save and improve the lives of children, youth and women throughout The Gambia.

Within the sub-region, H. E. the First Lady serves as the Champion for Children on the Move and renders support to ensure that children in The Gambia and within the sub-region are safe, secured and their rights guaranteed. The First Lady therefore has the huge task of advocating for regional legal instruments like the ECOWAS Protocol on the Free Movement of Goods and People as well as the ECOWAS Procedures and Standards for the Protection and Reintegration of Vulnerable Children on the Move and Young Migrants to be strengthened and implemented. At the local level, efforts are made to reach out to communities and families in order to raise awareness on how to ensure and maintain the best interest of the child at all times.

The First Lady's persistent efforts to bring about positive change has been recognized at the continental level, and has resulted in her selection as the Regional Chair for West Africa by the African Union Commission to champion the campaign on banning Plastics towards a Pollution-free Africa. A responsibility that she has completely dedicated herself to carry out fully with diligence and passion, by working with all stakeholders and encouraging her counterpart First Ladies and their spouses to support the cause.

In support of her regional roles and her commitment to foster national development, the First Lady intends to fulfill her engagements with all her strength by constantly seeking new partnerships and avenues for the protection and advancement of the vulnerable groups of society, especially women and children.





H.E. MADAM CONDE DJENE

The First Lady of the Republic of Guinea

Aujourd'hui Première Dame de la République de Guinée, Djéné KABA, épouse Condé est née dans la ville sainte de Kankan connue sous le nom de Nabaya.

Elle fit ses études primaires avec brio à l'école Dramé Oumar de Kankan. Après son admission au CEP, elle prit la route du Collège Almamy Samory Touré devenu aujourd'hui lycée Almamy Samory Touré pour ses études secondaires.

Son admission au BEPC lui donna encore le goût de poursuivre ses études. Ainsi elle se retrouvera successivement au Lycée 2 Août et 1er Mars à Conakry où elle décrocha le Baccalauréat.

Assidue et brillante, elle fera son entrée à la Faculté des Sciences Sociales et de la Nature (FASSONA) de Donka, avant de gagner Paris en 1984 pour décrocher d'abord une licence en Sociologie générale à la prestigieuse Université Jussieu de Paris 7 puis une maîtrise en Sociologie option « Information-Communication » avec mention.

A Paris 7, elle soutenait sa thèse de mémoire sur le thème : Racisme dans la Presse Française une étude comparative des trois grands quotidiens à savoir Le Monde, Le Figaro et Libération.

Immédiatement après ses études universitaires et post universitaires elle commença à travailler à l'Agence de la coopération culturelle et Technique (ACCT) maintenant devenue Agence de la Francophonie, à Paris durant 8 ans sous différentes responsabilités :

- D'abord Chargée de la publication d'un bulletin d'information technique du suivi des activités des Chefs d'Etat aux Sommets de la Francophonie (Rédaction et diffusion dans les pays membres) ;
- Assistante du Directeur de la Communication où elle s'occupait de la synthèse et rédaction des fiches et rapport de mission ; préparation et tenue d'un dossier de presse,
- Gestionnaire informatique ; gestion et encodage des données de dossiers des Ressources Humaines, puis elle assumait les fonctions de conseillère à l'Emploi au sein de l'Organisation (Francophonie),



- Conseillère à l'emploi à l'Agence Nationale pour l'emploi (ANPE) maintenant dénommée « Pol Emplois à Paris ». A cette Agence, Djènè KABA s'occupait essentiellement du recrutement, de la mise en relation (intermédiation entre l'offre et la demande), mise en œuvre des méthodologies de recherches d'emplois et du bilan des acquis personnels et professionnels.

Après de loyaux services rendus à la Francophonie, elle quitte cette Institution en 2001 au profit de l'Agence Nationale pour l'Emploi (ANPE) de Paris.
En Avril 2010, elle rentre définitivement au pays pour s'engager dans la lutte politique à côté de son époux:

Depuis Avril 2010, en patriote convaincue et soucieuse de l'avènement du changement tant souhaité par le peuple de Guinée, Madame Condé Djènè s'est investie et continue de s'investir corps et âme, dans la Campagne Présidentielle en Guinée à côté de son époux.

Après les réalités constatées au cours de la campagne, elle jette les bases de la fondation PROSMI.

Cependant, elle reste convaincue que le défi reste entier tant le pays est en souffrance dans tous les domaines.

Elle promet avec conviction de rester aux côtés du professeur Alpha CONDE pour accomplir et conduire la Guinée vers le changement, pour un développement durable ;





H.E. DR. MAESAIAH THABANE

The First Lady of the Kingdom of
Lesotho

Dr Maesaiah Thabane is the spouse of the Right Honourable Prime minister of Lesotho, Dr Motsoahae Thomas Thabane. Mrs Thabane is actively involved in charity and humanitarian activities in her country, Lesotho. Mrs Thabane has done many philanthropic attainments such as the following:

- Built houses for the poor and needy around the country
- Helped the disabled and the vulnerable with different aids
- Engaged in various HIV& AIDS endeavours and interventions such as awareness campaigns under the auspices of National AIDS Commission (NAC), community outreach programmes such as the Mokhalinyane Health walk and mobilization.
- Supported cancer patients with some immediate needs such as groceries, towels, sanitary and other necessities.
- Provided shepherds with sheep that produce good quality wool and mohair
- She is in hatchery farming whereby she shares some chicks with vulnerable groups to start their projects for sustainability
- She has been a host for the 12th SCCA (Stop Cervical, Breast and Prostate Cancers in Africa) conference that was held in Lesotho on the 22nd to 25th July 2018.

Establishments

Dr Maesaiah Thabane has established a charity organisation titled Maesaiah Thabane Trust Fund since April 2017 and to this end it has engaged in a number charity as well as humanitarian aid projects such as:

- Handing out of various gifts such as school sves, stationary and Tablet Notebook phones to the young students in various primary and high schools throughout the country.
- Donated various medical and orthopaedic equipment to the disabled children and disabled adults. The trust
- Built several houses in various district of Lesotho for the poor, old and destitute
- Sponsored sports tournaments such as soccer competition in Maseru and Mokhotlong districts
- Provided bursary scholarship for the poor youth in the country
- Donated humanitarian and food aid to the needy members of the society in different parts of the country



Membership

- member of OAFLAD (Organization of African First Ladies for Development)
- Member of SCCA (Stop Cervical, Breast and Prostate cancers in Africa)

ACCOLATES

- Ambassador/ Patron for the fight against HIV & AIDS in Lesotho
- Ambassador as well as the Chairperson for SCCA (Stop Cervical, Breast and Prostate Cancers in Africa) for the years 2018/2019
- Award of Excellence by Cras Montana in Geneva, Switzerland in October 2018
- Conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (PhD) on the recognition of the role she is playing in social and community development in her country by the Divinity College Consortium – USA - March 2019

Hobbies

Travelling, Sightseeing, Charity Work, Netball, Learning.





H. E. MADAM CLAR MARIE WEAH

The First Lady of the Republic of Liberia

First Lady Clar Marie Duncan-Weah, the wife of Liberia's 24th President, H. E. George Manneh Weah, is a nurse by profession, a successful business woman and a humanitarian.

Early Life and Education

Clar, born in Kingston, Jamaica, is the youngest of seven siblings. In her early teens, she migrated along with her family to the United States of America. She earns a Nursing license and a Bachelor degree in Health Sciences from the City University of New York.

Personal Life

Clar met George Weah, then a soccer super star, in the early 90's at Chase Mahanttan Bank in New York while serving as a customer representative. They married on June 26, 1993, and are blessed with three children – Martha, George Weah, Jr., and Timothy.

Career

First Lady Weah worked as a customer representative at the Citi Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. She established and managed several businesses including two successful and renowned restaurants in New York, Jamaica Breeze.

As a nurse, Clar Weah worked at Jamaica Hospital, she led a humanitarian mission to cater for hundreds of disadvantaged children through from various boys and girls' homes in Jamaica.

Clar also spent her spare time helping as a youth soccer coach with the main purpose to keep the children off the streets.

Following the election of her husband as President of Liberia, Clar embraced her new role as First Lady of the Republic of Liberia. She has since devoted her services to programs and social projects aimed at improving the lives of the disadvantaged people of Liberia. These include orphans, street children, the elderly, women and girls and the rural women among others.



Clar Hope Foundation

Ambassador Clar M. Weah is the founder of Clar Hope Foundation, established in February 2018. The Foundation's goal is to create an equitable society in Liberia where women and children are healthy, educated and fully empowered to have a prosperous life.

On June 18, 2019, she commenced the construction of the CITY OF HOPE, a multipurpose complex composed of the following: Administration, Schools (academic & Vocational training), Dormitories, Bungalows, Sports complex, Gymnasium, Clinic, Staff quarter, Amphitheater, farm...

She's You Movement

On June 20, 2019, First Lady Clar M. Weah launched her flagship program: She's You Movement, an initiative aiming at advancing Gender Equality through the promotion of women's empowerment and fight to end all forms of violence and harmful practices against women, girls and children, as well as reducing infant and maternal mortality.

Titles

Ambassador of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and Women Soccer in Africa





H.E. PROF. GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA

The First Lady of the Republic of
Malawi

Her Excellency Professor Gertrude Mutharika was born on 7th February, in 1960. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

She was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) in Environmental Management by the University of Malawi in recognition of her contribution in environmental protection and promotion of proper waste management and health practices.

She was awarded an Honorary Professor of Global Health by Peking University in recognition of her dedication and contribution to public health.

She has worked for several reputable organisations including World Vision International. She served as Member of Parliament in the Malawi National Assembly.

She also served as a Member of Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament (African Parliament)

She is the Goodwill Ambassador of the Pan-African Parliament. Her Excellency the First Lady was also a President of OAFLA. OAFLA seeks to increase awareness on:

- i) HIV/Aids pandemic
- ii) Cervical and breast cancer
- iii) Promotion of maternal and child health
- iv) Harness the demographic dividend through promotion of youth friendly health services.

She is the founder and chairperson of the Beautify Malawi-BEAM Trust whose aim is to

- i) Mobilise action for environmental protection, proper waste management, good sanitation and cleanliness for a cleaner and healthier nation.
- ii) Promote girl child education as a sustainable way of creating a generation of economically empowered women.



She is the Patron of Family Planning Association of Malawi-FPAM.

She is a member of the High Level Group of Regional Leaders in Eastern and Southern Africa that advises, steers and supports young people in education and sexual health.

She is the Goodwill Ambassador for Plan Malawi International, one of whose aim is to end early marriages among girls.

She is the Goodwill Ambassador for the OXFAM Ending Violence against Women and Girls-EVAWG Campaign.

The First Lady is also the First Signatory and Ambassador for Women for Water and Sanitation: a call to action to improve access to sanitation particularly for women and girls.





H.E. MADAM KEÏTA AMINATA MAÏGA

The First Lady of the Republic of
Mali

Madame KEÏTA Aminata MAÏGA est la Première Dame de la République du Mali depuis Septembre 2013. Engagée pour le développement des états d'Afrique et l'égalité des chances depuis toujours, son parcours l'a emmené à travailler pour des organismes internationaux notamment le Groupe des États d'Afrique, des Caraïbes et du Pacifique (ACP) à Bruxelles (1974-1983) ainsi qu'UNICEF Mali en qualité d'Administrateur Adjoint chargée de l'Administration et du Personnel (1984-1993).

Au-delà de son titre de Première Dame, Madame Keita Aminata Maïga est la Présidente de l'ONG « AGIR pour l'Environnement et la Qualité de la Vie », Présidente de l'Académie Nationale Olympique et membre du Comité National Olympique et Sportif du Mali (CNOSM), Membre Fondateur et Vice-Présidente de l'Association des Académies Nationales Olympiques de l'Afrique, Membre Fondateur et Vice-présidente de l'Association Francophone des Académies Olympiques, Présidente de la Fédération Nationale de « Bras de Fer » et Membre de « Inner Weel ».

Son Excellence Madame KEÏTA Aminata MAÏGA a reçu trois distinctions à savoir le Diplôme d'Honneur de Soroptimist International en reconnaissance de son engagement pour l'environnement, Chevalier du Mérite de l'Ordre National de la France et Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Mali.

L'Humanitaire est au cœur des actions de Madame KEÏTA. Elle a mené « Opération Ramadan » initié depuis 2014 qui permet chaque année de soulager les populations démunies ainsi que les enfants en situation difficile à travers les campagnes de donation de vivres et d'appuis multiformes. Madame KEÏTA donne un appui constant aux centres d'Enfants en difficultés et de Handicapés visuels et auditifs.



Elle a bravement conduit le projet « Orphelins » initié en 2017 et en partenariat avec le « Croissant Rouge » des Emirats Arabes Unis. C'est un programme qui appui dix (10) milles orphelins de zéros à seize ans par l'octroi d'une bourse financière. De plus, elle mène le projet « Un Village, Un Centre de Sante Une Ecole, Un Point d'Eau Et Renforcement Communautaire » implanté dans plusieurs communes afin de réhabiliter et faciliter l'accès aux services sociaux de base (santé, éducation, hydraulique, électricité), contribuer au rétablissement des moyens de subsistance des populations, faciliter la création d'activités génératrices de revenus pour la subsistance, favoriser la paix par le dialogue intercommunautaire et renforcer la communication pour le Changement Social et Comportemental en faveur de la prévention de l'infection par le VIH, la prise en charge des grossesses et accouchements, l'espacement des naissances ainsi que la santé maternelle et infantile.

Madame Keita Aminata Maïga a parrainé plusieurs initiatives à forte valeur ajoutée dont le Collectif des Centres d'Écoute de Bamako pour l'insertion des enfants orphelins, abandonnés, nécessiteux vivant dans la rue, « Spécial Olympic » pour la prise en charge sociale des enfants déficients intellectuels à travers les disciplines sportives et le « Le Téléthon de l'Espérance » en vue de financer la formation de personnes handicapés notamment les femmes.

En vue de sensibiliser pour une amélioration de la santé de la reproduction par l'accès aux soins de santé pour tous et témoigner de son engagement envers les populations, la Première Dame a présidé des événements au cours desquels elle a plaidé pour : le maintien des filles à l'école le plus longtemps possible, la lutte contre le mariage d'enfants, la lutte contre les pratiques néfastes sur la santé de la femme et de la jeune fille, la santé de la mère et de l'enfant notamment l'élimination de la transmission Mère-Enfant du VIH Sida, la planification familiale, les violences basées sur le genre et l'autonomisation de la Femme et de la Jeune Fille.





H.E. MADAM AISHA MUHAMMADU BUHARI

The First Lady of The Federal Republic
Of Nigeria

Her Excellency Mrs. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari is the wife of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, General Muhammadu Buhari, who was inaugurated on May 29, 2015. Her twenty-nine years of marriage to the former Head of State is blessed with five children and two grandchildren. She hails from Adamawa State, North-Eastern Region of Nigeria. Her grandfather Alhaji Mahmoud Ribadu, who was a prominent politician and Nigeria's first Minister of Defence.

Mrs. Buhari has a Master's Degree in International Affairs and Strategic Studies (MIASS) from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Public Administration from Ambrose Ali University (AAU), Ekpoma.

Prior to acquiring her higher degrees, Mrs. Buhari pursued a career in Beauty and fashion and obtained a Diploma in Beauty Therapy from the Carlton Institute of Beauty Therapy, Windsor, United Kingdom and specialized in Permanent Make-up, Mesotherapy and Micro-dermabrasion, as well as a Certificate from a French beauty school, Academie Esthetique in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Japanese Gold Facial and Towel-folding Techniques.

She is the Founder/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hanzy Spa and Principal of Hanzy Beauty Institute, Kaduna and Abuja. She served as a Resource Person for the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) on Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology, and has also participated in curriculum development for the NBTE.

In her almost fifteen years in the beauty industry, she has trained, mentored and supported hundreds of Nigerians. She is an advocate of Women and Girl-child education.

She is a mother of five children with two grandchildren. Her life philosophy is: If there is no corruption in governance and public life, there would be enough resources in any nation to meet the important needs of the common people, especially women and youth.



AISHA BUHARI FOUNDATION/FUTURE ASSURED PROGRAMME

Her Excellency, Mrs. Aisha Buhari birthed initiated the Future Assured Programme under her foundation: **Aisha Buhari Foundation** and has so far achieved the following successes:

Medical outreach

Women and Youth Empowerment

Women and Youth Educational Programmes

Support to victims of insurgency

Protection of the rights of women and children

Recognitions and Awards

- **Global TB Champion and Ambassador**
- **UNAIDS Ambassador, Nigeria**
- **National Nutrition Ambassador**
- **National Consumer Protection Ambassador**
- **Recipient of UNICEF Special commendation and award of excellence for humanitarian service in recognition of her selfless service to humanity, especially children's education.**

- **Woman of Valor Award-Nigerian Association of Georgia, USA**
- **Award of Doctor of Humanity (HonorisCausa Sun Moon University, South Korea August 13, 2018**
- **World leadership Award on Humanitarian activities by Ajou University, Suwon, South Korea.**





H.E. MADAM FATIMA MAADA BIO

The First Lady of the Republic of
Sierra Leone

First Lady, Madam Fatima Maada Bio is motivated by pan-Africanist ideals and she is a strong believer in women empowerment as key to sustainable development. Born on November 27th 1980 in Sierra Leone, she pursued her passion for women empowerment as First Lady by staging a peaceful protest against gender based violence.

It was a historic march, for the first time in history, First Ladies from different African Countries came together in unity and joined the peaceful protest march on the streets of Freetown in December 2018. This was the beginning of her very powerful campaign themed "Hands Off Our Girls".

Born into the madingo tribal circle, she knew who her husband would be at age 10. She narrowly escaped Child marriage and started philanthropic work at a very tender age of 16. Her Excellency, started her education at the Ansarul Islamic School in Kono, where she did her primary education and part of her Secondary schooling. She later joined the Saint Joseph convent in Freetown (Capital City) for her GCSE studies.

She later relocated to London after her escape from the child marriage plot. In London she pursued her passion and thirst for charity work. Her personal story is her main motivation and she has traveled the world providing support to vulnerable children, especially in Africa.

She has Bachelors of Art degrees in Performing Art from the Roehampton Institute of London and in Journalism from the University of Arts, London College of Communication.

Worth noting about Sierra Leone's illustrious first lady is the niche she has garnered for herself through hard-work over the years in the entertainment industry in which she was an actress, Script Writer, executive producer and a multi award winning face of Nollywood industry. Among her barrage of prominent features in cinema is the 'Mirror Boy', which she played the lead character and the movie 'Battered' which concept is based on Gender Based Violence. Battered was written and produced by her.



First Lady Maada Bio has received several awards including:

1. Honoured with the Warrior Award at the International Women of Power Luncheon in California, U.S.A. for her bravery and outstanding contribution towards women and girls in Sierra Leone.
2. Honoured as one of the most influential people of African descent under 40 in New York, United States.
3. Miss Africa in 2000
4. "Best Supporting Actress" for the movie Mirror Boy
5. In 2011 "Best Actress Award" from the Black Ethnic, Fashion and Film Industry in the UK.
6. In September 2013, Mrs Fatima Jabbe-Bio was voted the best female actress at the African Oscars in Washington DC.

The effective campaign of "Hands Off Our Girls" ultimately led to the President, H. E. Rtd Brig. Julius Maada Bio's declaration of a National Emergency on Rape and Sexual Violence in Sierra Leone on the 7th February 2019.

Her Excellency's fight against Cancer, she has taken internationally. She secured the funding of several doctors to study oncology from the Merck foundation. She also hosted the most awareness raising commemoration of World Cancer Day in West Africa on the 4th of February 2019.

She used the Cancer Day commemoration to present to the government and the world, the model for an International Medical Centre. Her vision is to have the most advanced medical centre in the world in Sierra Leone, that will serve the MANO river union, with international affiliation agreements with some of the best teaching hospitals in the world.

Beside her battery of laurels, First Lady Fatima Bio won the Gathering of African Best (GAB) Awards for her exceptional contribution to promoting a positive image of Africans around the world. This is important because her determination to build and motivate in every area goes beyond the shores of Sierra Leone.

Her prowess and strategy was noticed by the nation during the 2018 elections in Sierra Leone where she took a pro-active role. She was able to broker peace easily amongst warring parties. Her down-to-earth communication skills was not only due to her formal education, but also her affinity with the grassroots.

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in London in 2018, the Queen of England was excited to meet with Africa's newest first Lady. The Queen was impressed with her tenacity in helping to change the perception of the role of women in politics.

In line with her husband's vision, First Lady Bio believes education is key. Her philanthropic character is inborn and she is a fantastic role model that leads by example.

Her greatest strength is her ability to achieve any goal she sets. Some say it is divine, but people close to her say it is pure, undiluted hard work, while others insist it is a combination of both divine intervention and hard work.





H.E. MADAM ESTHER LUNGU

**The First Lady of the Republic of
Zambia**

Her Excellency, Mrs. Esther Lungu is the current First Lady of the Republic of Zambia and Founder of the Esther Lungu Foundation Trust. Since assuming her tenure as First Lady in 2015, Mrs. Lungu has utilized her distinguished position to reinforce her passion for uplifting the wellbeing of humanity which work she has been doing for more than 23 years.

Mrs Lungu has levered her position to focus on the economic empowerment of women living in rural and hard to reach areas. She advocates for the empowerment of women and girls; maternal and child health; and for persons with disabilities. Her Excellency has joined global leaders to press for the elimination of child marriage, discrimination against persons with disabilities; and elimination of gender-based violence.

Through her Foundation, Mrs. Lungu is co-financing food processing equipment for women in agriculture; low cost boarding houses for girls' education; drilling of boreholes for clean drinking water and assistive devices for persons with disabilities.

Her Excellency Mrs. Esther Lungu is a member of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development; she is also a member of the Stop Cervical and Breast Cancer First Ladies Forum; she is patron of the Lafarge Foundation in Zambia, and the patron for SOS Children Villages in Zambia.

During the Starkey Hearing Foundation 17th Annual awards Gala in July 2017 in Minneapolis U.S.A, the First Lady was awarded as the 2017 Humanitarian Honoree alongside actor, director, writer and founder of the Eastern Congo initiative Ben Affleck; the Wilf Family Foundations; FedEx and Scott Borchetta and Sandi Spike Borchetta of Big Machine Records and Music Has Value. With this award, the First Lady of Zambia joins other notable individuals like Presidents Tony Blair of Britain and Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Archbishop Desmond tutu, Sir Richard Branson, actress and philanthropist Jennifer Garner and many others yet to receive this award since its introduction in the year 2000.



She has also been awarded by the Medical Association of Zambia for her advocacy work on health for rural communities and she has been recognized for supporting persons with hemophilia in Zambia, resulting in significantly improving their quality of life by the World Federation of Hemophilia.

Her Excellency Mrs Lungu has also been decorated by Lions Clubs International with the Presidential Pin for her outstanding work to uplift humanity since assuming office as First Lady.





H.E. MADAM AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA

**The First Lady of the Republic of
Zimbabwe**

BACKGROUND

Born in March 1963 in Mazowe District in Mashonaland Central, she grew up in rural Chiweshe near Rosa Business Centre where she did both her primary and secondary education.

After completing her secretarial studies at Silveira House in Chishawasha, she joined the Ministry of Manpower Planning and Development in 1981.

She joined the Rainbow Tourism Group where she worked in all hotel departments.

She left the country to pursue studies in hotel and tourism administration in Switzerland and she graduated with her degree in 2001.

In 2008, she graduated with a Masters in Business Administration Degree from the Midlands State University in Zimbabwe.

She is currently undertaking a PhD with the Midlands State University.

She is a former Chairperson of Pan African Parliament for the Southern African Region.

She became the First Lady of the Republic of Zimbabwe on the 24th of November 2017.

PHILANTHROPIC WORK

Passionately known as Amai, the First Lady is a champion of the needs of the vulnerable in society.

Even prior to becoming the First Lady, she has footprints demonstrating a passion for the needs of the vulnerable.

She was instrumental in the establishment of women's banks in Silobela, Zhombe, Kwekwe, Chirumanzu-Zimbabwe, Mvuma and all constituencies in the Midlands Province.

She encouraged women empowerment through ownership of livestock and handcrafts (sewing knitting and clay-pot moulding).

She also promoted floor-tiling of rural homes as a way of promoting good hygiene.

She also was instrumental in promoting women in cross border trading as a means of self-sustenance.

On assumption of her role as First Lady she has intensified her initiatives of empowering the vulnerable by forming the Angel of Hope Foundation.



As founder and Patron of the Angel of Hope Foundation she has spearheaded philanthropic work spreading its wings to the most marginalised communities and advocating for the preservation of their culture, for example the San people (bush men) and Doma community.

Through her Foundation the First Lady has visited communities and institutions donating foodstuffs, bed linen, stationary, ICT and medical equipment, and initiating comprehensive self-help projects like fishponds, nutrition gardens, orchards and free range chicken rearing.

Currently she has engaged the spouses of traditional leaders as agents of change and empowerment to influence other women under their jurisdiction to engage in self-help projects. Each spouse received two productive goats for a start in a nationwide goat rearing project.

She has initiated several women empowerment projects in partnership with both public and private players benefiting thousands of women. In recognition of her selfless work towards women and children's health the First Lady was appointed as Ambassador for Health and Childcare.

She was also honoured as Patron of Environment by the Ministry of Environment Water and Climate in recognition of her passion and hard work towards environmental preservation.

The First Lady is an active member of the Organisation of African First Ladies for Development (OAFSLAD) known for fighting against the spread of HIV and actively engaging the youth on sexual health matters discouraging premarital sex.

During the OAFSLAD's 23rd General Assembly Ordinary Session in Niamey, Niger on 8th July 2019, she was elected Vice President of this African First Ladies Organisation as a result of her hard work which has been noticeable even beyond the national borders of Zimbabwe.

She has been facilitating free medical specialist services to marginalised communities through her outreach programmes. She has also been providing accessible and free cervical, breast and prostate cancer screening through her mobile clinic screening programme.

The First Lady launched the National Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination (HPV), an anti-cancer programme expected to benefit over 800 000 girls aged between 10 and 14.

The First Lady has been actively advocating for safe sanitary wear in girls and women and has been donating sanitary wear including reusable sanitary wear.

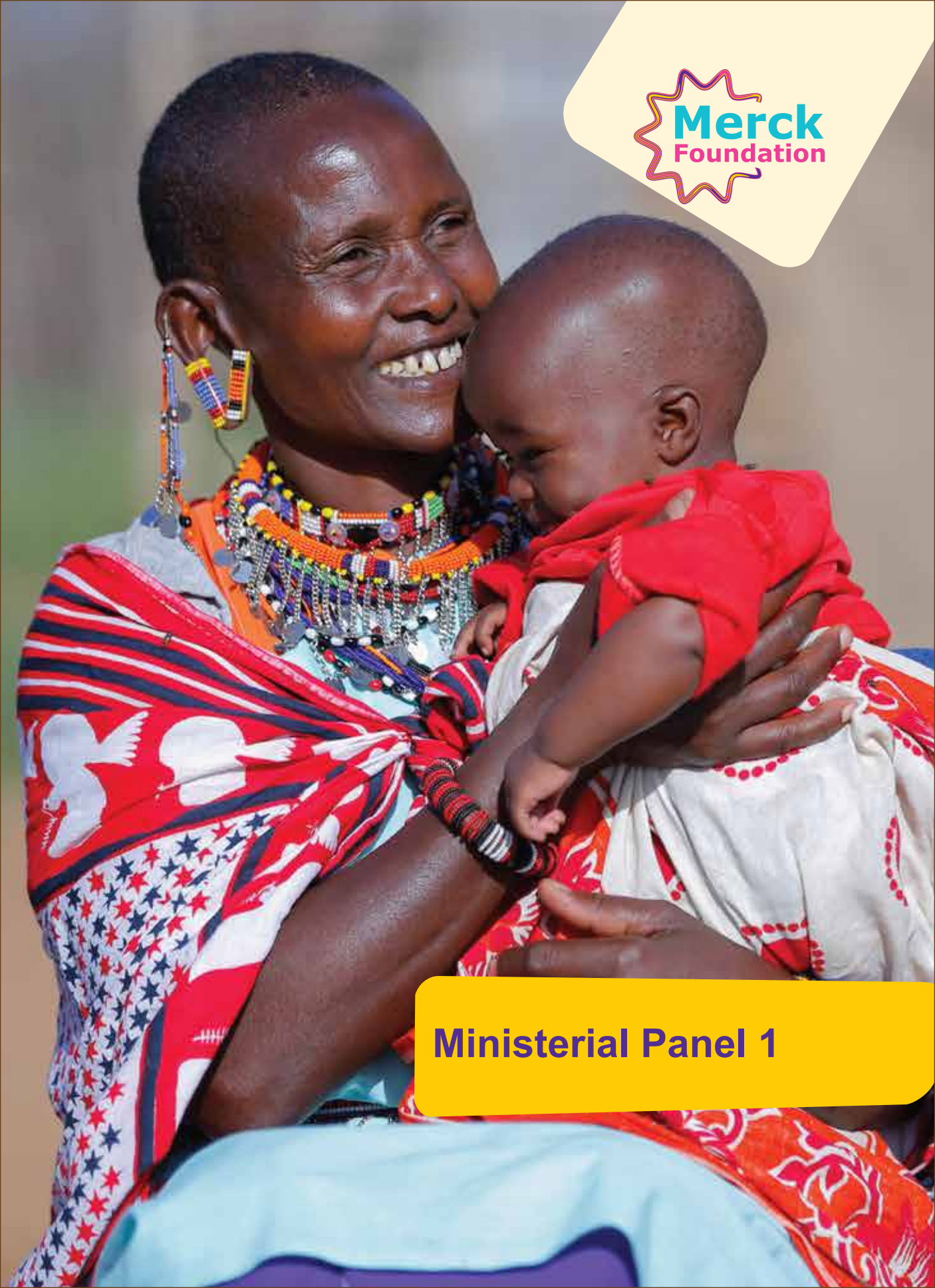
She has been applauded by the Ministry responsible for Primary and Secondary education and other stakeholders for her keen interest in addressing and engaging adolescents by way of interactive sessions on a country-wide schools programme discussing issues around child abuse, early marriages, teen pregnancies, drug abuse, bullying and school drop outs.

Again she engages men under the Men's Conference on issues of Gender Based Violence, Child Marriages, and Sexual abuse especially of minors as well as challenging men to improve their health seeking behaviours.

The First Lady hosts a series of Family Fun Days aimed at promoting wellness and recreation in especially women and the elderly through sport.

The First Lady hosts a series of workshops for widows & Orphans on Inheritance and Property Rights and Deceased Estates.





Ministerial Panel 1



**Hon. Dr. Thaddée
NDIKUMANA**

**Minister of Health and Fight
against Aids, Republic of Burundi**

Membre du Gouvernement du Burundi depuis le 19 Avril 2018, Dr Thaddée NDIKUMANA, Ministre de la Santé Publique et de la Lutte contre le Sida est né le 08/12/ 1974 en Commune et Province Muramvya au Centre Ouest du Pays. Il est Titulaire d'un doctorat en médecine obtenu à la Faculté de Médecine de l'Université du Burundi en 2007 et d'un Certificat Universitaire de recherche en renforcement des systèmes de santé obtenu à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgique en 2008.

Dans sa carrière professionnelle il a été successivement médecin consultant, Directeur Adjoint, puis Directeur du Programme National Lèpre et Tuberculose.

En outre, Dr Thaddée NDIKUMANA a fait partie de plusieurs organes de décision et comités d'orientation stratégique dans le secteur de la santé publique.

Notons qu'au cours de son parcours professionnel, Dr Thaddée NDIKUMANA a participé à plusieurs fora de haut niveau et a suivi plusieurs formations dans les domaines du Vih et de la tuberculose au niveau international et qui ont été sanctionnées par des certificats.

Avec plus de 10 ans d'expérience professionnelle, Dr Thaddée NDIKUMANA a développé des compétences dans la gestion des programmes de santé, la coordination des projets de santé, la planification, le suivi/évaluation, l'élaboration des documents stratégiques, la formation et/ou renforcement des capacités, la communication, la recherche, la mobilisation du partenariat dans la lutte contre la tuberculose, les IST/VIH/Sida et les problèmes de santé au Burundi.

Marié et Père de quatre enfants, Dr Thaddée NDIKUMANA, en plus de sa langue maternelle le Kirundi, il parle Français, Anglais et le Swahili.





Hon. Prof. Mahamoud Youssouf KHAYAL

**Minister of Public Health,
Republic of Chad**

Le Professeur MAHAMOUD YOUSOUF KHAYAL, de nationalité tchadienne, est né en 1958 à Abeché (Tchad) et père de six (6) enfants. Il est détenteur d'un Ph.D en sciences techniques obtenu à l'Institut Polytechnique de Biélorussie (1990) et Professeur titulaire dans le système CAMES (2017). Il est nommé par un décret présidentiel Ministre de la Santé Publique le 11 août 2019.

En tant qu'enseignant chercheur, le Prof. KHAYAL avait servi de 1988 à 1991 à l'Institut Polytechnique de Biélorussie en charge des travaux pratiques et dirigés au département de centrale électrique. Une fois rentré au pays, de 1991 à 2019, il a été successivement enseignant, chef de département de la filière technique à la Faculté des Sciences Exactes et Appliquées de l'Université de N'djaména, Directeur Général de l'Institut Universitaire des Sciences Techniques d'Abeché (IUSTA), Directeur Général du Centre National d'Appui à la Recherche (CNAR) et Recteur de l'Université Virtuelle du Tchad, de novembre 2018 à août 2019.

Sur le plan continental, le Prof. KHAYAL a été, de 2015 à 2019, membre, Vice-président et Président du Mécanisme Africain d'Evaluation par les Pairs (MAEP) ainsi que plusieurs fois panéliste de cette institution en charge de l'Algérie, du Bénin, du Burkina Faso, du Congo et de la Côte d'Ivoire.

D'une solide et diversifiée expérience professionnelle, le Prof. KHAYAL a reçu plusieurs décorations honorifiques telles l'ordre national du Tchad (Officier), l'ordre des Palmes Académiques de la France (Chevalier) et l'ordre international des Palmes Académiques du CAMES pour l'enseignement supérieur (Chevalier).

Adeptes du Karateka et du Yoga, le Prof. KHAYAL parle parfaitement le Français, le russe, l'arabe et couramment l'anglais.





**Hon. Jacqueline Lydia
MIKOLO**

**Minister of Health and Population,
Republic of the Congo**

Madame Jacqueline Lydia Mikolo, 44 ans d'âge, née au Congo Brazzaville, mariée et mère de 3 enfants, est diplômée en sciences de gestion, spécialiste en gestion des administrations publiques, licenciée en sciences comptables et gestion des entreprises, spécialiste en programmation Informatique et spécialiste en planification de l'économie des Universités respectives de N'djamena (Tchad) et de La Havane (Cuba).

Elle détient un Diplôme International d'Informatique, UN Compensation System ; un Diplôme de formation sur les systèmes de compensation de la fonction publique internationale ; un Diplôme de formatrice en Gestion des RH Gestion des compétences et des Performances ; Formée en droit International des Réfugiés, et en Gestion des Crises d'Urgences – (Starum, Norvège) ; Formée sur la gestion informatisée du personnel, Délégation de la Gestion des ressources humaines – (Genève, Suisse).

Elle a un Certificat d'assurance médicale des Nations Unies (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) ; formée en Facilitation des formateurs (Dar-Es-Salam, Tanzanie) et un Certificat de secourisme et premiers soins (Antenne de la Croix Rouge Anglaise de Bromley Center, Kent – Londres, UK), Certificat du HCR sur la gestion des catastrophes et urgences humanitaires (Brazzaville, Congo), Certificat du HCR en gestion des finances (Kinshasa, RDC), Certificat sur le droit des réfugiés (Strasbourg, France).

Madame Jacqueline Lydia Mikolo compte 21 ans d'expérience professionnelle dans les organisations nationales et internationales en Afrique et dans le Monde. De Décembre 1993 à Décembre 2014, elle a occupé les fonctions successives de Directrice des Ressources Humaines UNHCR. En 2014, Coordonnatrice des marchés publics et de la réglementation au Ministère de l'aménagement du territoire et de la délégation des grands travaux de la République du Congo.

Le 30 avril 2016, elle fait son entrée au gouvernement Clément MOUAMBA I de la République du Congo en qualité de Ministre de la santé et de la population. Lors de la 69e Assemblée mondiale de la santé en mai 2016, elle présente le programme congolais pour la santé, intitulé « La marche vers le développement ».

Le 20 février 2018, la Fondation Calissa-Ikama remet à madame Jacqueline Lydia MIKOLO un ruban d'or, en reconnaissance de son engagement contre le cancer en général, et le cancer pédiatrique en particulier.

En mars 2019, à l'occasion de la journée mondiale des maladies du rein, elle annonce que le gouvernement a pris des mesures pour lutter contre les maladies rénales, en finalisant notamment l'installation de 3 centres d'hémodialyse à travers le pays.

Le 20 août 2019, elle Présidente de la 69e Session du Comité régional de l'OMS pour l'Afrique, pour un mandat d'un an afin de travailler de concert avec le bureau régional, d'assurer le relais et l'appui aux actions des Etats membres, des décideurs et des partenaires. Le 17 septembre 2019, madame Jacqueline Lydia MIKOLO est nommée ministre de la santé, de la population, de la promotion de la femme et de l'intégration de la femme au développement.

Elle est Membre de la Croix Rouge Congolaise et de l'Association de Femmes Fonctionnaires des Nations Unies. Elle parle couramment le Français, l'Anglais, l'Espagnol et a obtenu le certificat de niveau le plus élevé de maîtrise délivré par les Nations Unies pour les trois langues





Hon. Dr. Ahmadou SAMATEH

**Minister of Health,
Republic of The Gambia**

Dr. Ahmadou Lamin Samateh, forty-seven (47) years old, until his appointment, was the Chief Medical Director of the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital in Banjul, where he had been working since 2002. He served as a Senior Consultant General Surgeon and Head of Department of Surgery at the same hospital. He is also a Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the School Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, University of The Gambia.

Dr. Samateh is a member of many professional bodies including The Gambia Medical and Dental Council, The Gambia Government and Medical Research Council Joint Ethical Committee.

Dr. Samateh holds a Master's degree in Health Planning and Management (MHPM) and a double degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBBS). He is also a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS).





Hon. Kwaku Agyeman - Manu

MINISTER FOR HEALTH, GHANA

Kwaku Agyeman Manu is a Member of Parliament (MP) for Dormaa Central in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana. He has been MP for Dormaa West and Central for two terms and now serving his 3rd term.

Kwaku Agyeman Manu is a product of the University of Ghana where he had his Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Statistics. He also attended the London School of Accountancy where he chartered as a management accountant.

He is an affable and astute politician and served in various leadership positions in Government between (2001-2009). He served as Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Interior, Finance and Economic Planning, Roads and Transport, Communication and also served briefly as the Ag. Chief Executive of the National Health Insurance Authority. He was elected an MP for Dormaa Central Constituency when his party went into opposition. His leadership skills and competence made him the Vice Chairman initially, and later as the substantive Chairman for the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament where he distinguished himself and excelled by unearthing several financial malpractices in Ghana's Public Accounts. He is recognised in the region as an executive member of the West African Association of Public Accounts Committee (WAAPAC), the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committee (CAPAC) and the African Region Public Accounts Committee (AFROPAC).

Kwaku Agyeman Manu is a highly skilled professional and politician. He is the Minister for Health for the Republic of Ghana. He was the Board Chairman for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS PCB) headquartered in Geneva. He has quite recently been elected an Alternate member of GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation) representing Anglophone West Africa, with its headquarters in Geneva-Switzerland.

Prior to taking up the position of a Deputy Minister in Former President Kufour's Administration, he worked as Finance Manager at Mim Timber in the Brong Ahafo region and subsequently the Director of Finance for Toyota Ghana Co. Ltd.





**Hon. Dr. Edouard Niankoye
LAMA**

Minister of Health, Republic of Guinea

Formations et Fonctions

- 1953-1959:** Ecole Primaire Elémentaire C.E.P.E ;
1959-1966: Collège-Lycée Baccalauréat complet ;
1967-1974: Faculté/Médecine/Pharmacie Odontostomatologie
Diplôme de Doctorat en Médecine ;
1974: Centre OMS de Lome : formation en Paludologie ;
1974-2010: Chef de service de maladies infectieuses et parasitaires-Hôpital
National Donka (CHU de Danka) ;
1974-1976: Directeur Général Adjoint des grands Endémies et du service de Prévention;
1988-1989: Institut de Médecine et d'Epidémiologie Tropicale et Africaines Léon M'Bâ
de Claude Bernard de Paris: Trois certificats d'études approfondies.
Approfondies (Médecine et Maladies Infectieuses et Tropicales /Contrôle des
grandes Endémies Santé Communautaire.
- Stagiaire à l'Hôpital Claude Bernard de Paris et Bichat - Claude Bernard.
(Service du Professeur Jean Pierre Couloud)
- 1989-1992:** Directeur Général Adjoint Hôpital National Donka
1998-2010: Directeur Général Adjoint Hôpital National Donka
1992-1993: stagiaire à l'hôpital Pitié Salpêtrière de Paris (Service du professeur Marc
Gentilini).
1999: Stagiaire au CHU de Nantes : Option gestion hospitalière.
2010-2012: Ministre des Affaires Etrangère et des Guinéens de l'Extérieur.
2012-2014: Ministre de la Santé et de l'Hygiène Publique.
2018 à ce jour: Ministre d'Etat, Ministre de la Santé.

Publication d'articles Scientifiques:

Auteur et Co-auteurs de 12 articles scientifiques.

Participation à une cinquantaine d'ateliers et conférences scientifiques.

Décoration :

- Chevalier de l'Ordre National du mérite.





Hon. Dr. Rashid A. AMAN

**Cabinet Administrative Secretary,
Ministry of Health, Republic of Kenya**

Dr. Rashid A. Aman is the Chief Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Kenya. He brings with him vast experience in scientific research, leadership and management. He is currently the Chairman of the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO and a Council member of the Taita Taveta University. He has served as Director on the Boards of several institutions including KEMRI and the National Museums of Kenya. He is an Honorary Research Professor at Strathmore University and a Senior Research Affiliate at the National Museums of Kenya.

Dr. Aman holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nairobi and a PhD degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of California at San Francisco. Hedida Post Doctoral Fellowship at the School of Medicine, Stanford University, Stanford, California in the USA(1985-1988) after which he joined the National Cancer Institute of the NIH at Frederick in Maryland in the USA as a Fogarty Visiting Associate(1988–1990).

Dr. Aman joined the National Museums of Kenya in 1990 where he has served in various positions for over 15years.By the time he left the National Museums of Kenya in 2003, he had risen to the position of Deputy Director in charge of research leaving behind a strong track record of institutional and human capital development in the applications of molecular genetics in the study of infectious agents and the diversity of life.

His past and present research interests and engagements span various fields including Molecular and Biochemical Parasitology, Molecular Genetics, Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Environmental Science, Drug Policy, Management and Regulation, Clinical Pharmacology and Clinical Trials.





**Hon. Dr. Wilhemina
S. JALLAH**

Minister of Health, Republic of Liberia

Honorable Dr. Wilhemina S. Jallah serves as the Minister of Health for the Republic of Liberia. She is a dedicated and patriotic Medical Doctor with over 25 years of national and international work experience in clinical services and public health management.

Prior to becoming Minister of Health in March 2018, Dr. Jallah served as the Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and the Medical Director for six years (2012-2018) at the Hope for Women International Medical Center Liberia, Inc. During her tenure at the Hope for Women Medical Center, Dr. Jallah and the staff of Hope for Women provided health services to over 50,000 patients which include services to pregnant women, children, and men. During the unprecedented Ebola crisis in Liberia, the Hope for Women Medical center was one of the few privately owned medical centers that remained opened and continued to provide services to the public.

Over the past decade, Dr. Jallah also dedicated five years of service to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Liberia where she served as Acting Head and Educator for the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department. She also served as the Director for the Gynecological Cancer Program at JFK Hospital.

As the new Minister of Health for the newly elected Pro-poor Government, Dr. Wilhemina S. Jallah's vision and mission is to transform health care delivery through hard work, transparency, accountability, and good governance. Her goal is to strengthen donor-partner relationship and to build a resilient healthcare system that is accessible and affordable so that everyone receives the requisite health services without being turned away. The Health Minister's overall objective is to ensure that health services in Liberia falls in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Jallah is a Fellow of the Liberia College of Physicians and also a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians.





**Hon. Jappie Chancy
Mtuwa MHANGO**

**M.P. & Minister of Health and Population,
Republic of Malawi**

Hon. Jappie Mtuwa Mhango, MP is a seasoned politician who is serving as Member of Parliament for Rumphu North Constituency for a second term. He is currently the Minister of Health and Population. He has also served as Minister of Transport and Public Works; Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security; Minister of Information, Civic Education and Tourism; and Deputy Minister of Defence.

Born on 21st June, 1969, Hon. Jappie Mtuwa Mhango, MP is also a proficient manager and who has worked in several reputable organisations. Hon. Mhango is also a successful entrepreneur.

Hon Mhango is also a sportsman who likes playing football and Volleyball. He also holds various important positions in sports bodies like the National Olympic Committee and the Volleyball Association of Malawi.

He holds a Master's Degree in Management.





Hon. Julieta KAVETUNA

**Deputy Minister of Health and
Social Services, Republic of Namibia**

I obtained a number of formal Qualifications and trainings in a variety social fields like health and gender with an addition of an Honours Degree in planning both project and policy. My life is defined by been an activist in student movements, youth and woman organizations and representation of my community in governmental, non – governmental structures both at national and international platforms. I am an advocate of quality mental health care provision, who serve as an Ambassador of Change in Namibia.

With a vast experience in the employment of the private sector, developmental organizations and government structures, I possess a vast knowledge in project and programme planning, implementation, financing, management, monitoring and evaluation. Despite that strong administration credentials, I have been serving the Namibian people with dedication as a Member of Parliament for the last 10 years. I have been the deputy Minister of Youth since 2010 and was moved to the Ministry of health in the same capacity since 2015.





**Hon. Dr. Idi Illiassou
MAINASSARA**

**Minister of Public Health,
Republic of the Niger**

Dr IDI ILLIASSOU MAINASSARA est Médecin de formation, spécialiste en Gestion des Services de santé, spécialiste en chirurgie de District , avec une trentaine d'années d'expérience en matière de clinique et développement des services de santé en Afrique subsaharienne, particulièrement au Niger.

Il a gravi tous les échelons de la pyramide sanitaire du Niger, du niveau opérationnel jusqu'au niveau tertiaire avec une solide expérience dans la gestion des ressources humaines et mise en œuvre des stratégies de développement du secteur de la santé.

Six années (6) passées au poste de Secrétaire Général du Syndicat des médecins, Pharmaciens et Chirurgiens dentistes ont fait de lui un homme soucieux d'équité et des conditions de travail des ressources humaines de santé.

Il a occupé plusieurs postes de responsabilité au Niger dont le dernier est l'actuel poste de Ministre de la Santé Publique du Niger qu'il occupe depuis Novembre 2016.

Véritable homme de changement, il est entrain de piloter actuellement une réforme dans le secteur de la santé au Niger pour l'amélioration de la qualité du système de soins à travers la décentralisation du personnel qualifié et l'amélioration de la qualité des prestations du secteur privé de santé. L'amélioration de la santé maternelle et infantile est sa préoccupation de tous les jours.

L'autre facette de l'homme est sa carrière politique qui lui a valu le poste de secrétaire Général Adjoint dans son parti politique.

Aujourd'hui, Dr Idi Illiassou Mainassar a fait de la réforme du système sanitaire son cheval de bataille.





**Hon. Prof. Dr. Alpha
Tejan WURIE**

**Minister of Health and Sanitation,
Republic of Sierra Leone**

Prof. Wurie holds a PhD in Chemistry from Brunel, University of West London and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Chartered Chemist.

He is a staunch advocate for, and has contributed extensively to the development and modernization of Sierra Leone education systems, pre-dating and continuing after the civil war. He has extensive university teaching experience in Sierra Leone and was a visiting Research Fellow Greenwich University UK.

From 1996 to 2007 he served variously as Cabinet Minister of Education, (1996-7); Education Youth and Sports, (1998-2002); Science and Technology, (2002-2007) He was a key negotiator for multiple high value loans and grants, (World Bank, African Development Bank, UNESCO, etc.) to finance salaries and emoluments for the education workforce, modernization of education facilities, and education for all fast track initiative to accelerate universal primary education etc.

In the medical field Prof. Wurie has contributed extensively to establishing and strengthening laboratory systems to meet minimum standards and has published extensively on the subject. He has also contributed to the establishment of analytical laboratory systems to determine chemical levels and microbial content in (water, soil, food, and liquids) to assess safe levels for consumption or safe disposal

Prof. Wurie is a recipient of multiple awards both in politics and professional life. He is a member Oxford Round Table, (2005); and National Premier Award - Commander of the Republic of Sierra Leone (CORSL) 2007.

He was awarded Associate Professorship in Chemistry by the University of Sierra Leone effective 2012.





Hon. Sarah OPENDI

**Minister of State for Health,
Republic of Uganda**

Hon. Sarah Achieng Opendi, is the Minister of State for Health, General Duties in the Republic of Uganda and also a Member of Parliament since June 2016. Prior to this she was the Minister of State for Health-Primary HealthCare/MP, a position she held from 2012 to May 2016. She was also Minister of State for Lands 2011 to 2012.

Hon. Opendi has been part of the team that has worked tirelessly to improve the health sector performance for the last 5 years and the Uganda Demographic Health survey Report (UDHS 2016) shows remarkable achievements in reduction of the Maternal Mortality, child Mortality, Immunization coverage, malaria incidence, Fertility rate amongst others. She has been an Ambassador for Merck More than a Mother flagship program- destigmatising Infertility and has championed the Infertility awareness campaigns in Uganda and the Regulatory framework is underway.

She holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and has held various positions in both the Local government and central Government. She worked at the Inspectorate of Government, an Anti Corruption Agency for 8 years at senior level and was also the Deputy Project Coordinator, DANIDA Anti-Corruption Programme (2004 – 2006).

She has a distinguished and long experience in politics, management and corporate affairs in the public and private sector.





**Hon. Dr. Chitalu
CHILUFYA**

Minister of Health, Republic of Zambia

Dr. Chitalu Chilufya was appointed Zambian Minister of Health by the President of the Republic of Zambia His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu in September 2016. He is successfully leading a transformational agenda focused on the tenets of creating a resilient health system anchored on primary health care approach to achieve universal health coverage.

Previously he served as the Deputy Minister of Health between 2014 and 2016. Immediately after taking office he outlined nine legacy goals for the Ministry of Health from 2017 to 2021: elimination of Malaria; HIV epidemic control; reduce maternal and child illness and death; recruit 30,000 health care workers; Implement the national health insurance scheme and increase insurance coverage; construction of new specialised hospitals and new health facilities; train 500 specialists; halt and reduce the incidence of Non-Communicable Diseases and address Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

In under two years, over 10,000 health workers have been recruited, National Health Insurance Bill enacted by parliament, local training program for specialists started with over 200 in training, approved National Alcohol policy, construction of about 300 health posts around the country, construction of the National Health Training Institute with a 3000 student capacity, upgrading of some level 1 hospitals into level 2 hospitals, construction of regional hubs for improved supply chain management of essential medicines among many transformational changes in the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Chitalu is a graduate of the University of Zambia, School of Medicine. Prior to joining politics, he worked at various levels of management in the health sector mostly in the rural areas of Zambia.

He is currently the elected Member of Parliament for Mansa Central Constituency since 2013 in the Northern part of Zambia.





Hon. Dr. Obadiah Moyo

**Minister of Health and Child Care,
Republic of Zimbabwe**

Dr Obadiah Moyo is a visionary and creative leader with a proven record of accomplishment in both medical and executive management. He is an experienced healthcare administrator who adopts a professional “hands on” approach. He is skilled in problem solving and obtaining achievements by using initiative and drive to gain results. Believes in loyalty and commitment to an organization, utilizing available facilities and resources to produce the best possible results.

He is considered as a leading medical strategist in Zimbabwe. He won several international awards in recognition of his contribution to the international society in Nephrology and Pathology. Through his achievements, he is rated as an eminent strategist in the medical industry in Zimbabwe and the region.

Educated in Zimbabwe, United Kingdom and the West Indies, Dr. Moyo earned several academic qualifications and is a registered Renal Specialist, Consultant Chemical Pathologist.

- In 2000, Dr. Moyo was elected as Deputy President of the Health Professions Authority of Zimbabwe.
 - In 2004, he was elected as the President of Health Professions Authority of Zimbabwe.
 - Dr Moyo is a founder member of the World Council for Renal Care and is a founder of the Zimbabwe Kidney Foundation Renal Services where he served as the Chairman and Executive Director.
 - He was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Chitungwiza Central Hospital in September 2005 a position he held until his appointment as Minister of Health and Child Care.
 - Under his leadership, Chitungwiza Central Hospital became the first Hospital to be ISO certified (2007) in Zimbabwe.
 - In 2017 Dr Moyo was honored for being the best in the medical industry in Zimbabwe.
 - In 2018 Dr Moyo was voted as the overall Zimbabwe Businessman of the year by the Zimbabwe Business Awards.
 - In 2018 he was also voted as the Zimbabwe Community Leader of the year the Zimbabwe Business Awards.
 - On July 2017, he was appointed as the Chairman of Council for the Chinhoyi University of Technology.
 - Dr Moyo spearheaded the kidney transplantation program in partnership with Apollo Group of Hospitals, India.
 - Dr Moyo spearheaded the kidney transplantation program in partnership with Apollo Group of Hospitals, India.
- In September 2019, Dr Moyo was appointed as the Honourable Minister of Health and Child care.





Dr. Rasha Kamal

Head of the Central Administration for International Students Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Arab Republic of Egypt

Assistant Professor at the department of English, Faculty of Education, ASU. She is a Member in the HERE Council affiliated to the European Union (Higher Education Reform Expert) participating in forming policies and strategies for reforming Higher Education System in Egypt. She is also the Director of the Center for Excellence in Education, Ain Shams University.

Dr. Kamal worked as a PI for a number of international projects in Education such as “Capacity Building of the in-service Teachers in Public Schools with Inclusion” in cooperation with UNICEF and the Ministry of Education. She is also the PI of Erasmus+ projects in cooperation with five universities in Europe and Egypt entitled “School and University Partnership for Peer Communities of Learners” (SUP4PCL). Working with the UNESCO as Ain Shams University Coordinator for the project entitled “UNESCO Chair in Adult Literacy and Learning for Social Transformation” the project directly supports the overarching objective of ‘equitable and sustainable development in cooperation with East Angela University, England.

She is also appointed as Ain Shams University coordinator in a research project for the purpose of the establishment of a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Global Health Research Group on Early Childhood for Peacebuilding at Queen’s University Belfast, England (the NIHR Group) Dr. Kamal Worked as an advisor for one of the TEVET II projects (Career Guidance and Counseling) Support to the technical and vocational Education and Training Reform Program Phase II.

She is the key person in several research projects in Education. She is a very good researcher of new trends in international educational systems. She is a skillful trainer for pre-service and in-service teachers. She is specialized in teaching new innovative methods and techniques of teaching English Language enhancing the values and ethics of teaching career that should be considered in the CPD of school teachers. She also delivers leadership programs like "Teambuilding for Team Leaders". She taught two courses introducing new methods of teaching English Language and Civilization to Canadian pre-service school teachers at University of Prince Edward Island UPEI in Canada. She studied training program about how to apply V3SK model in different educational context in National Institute of Education NIE, Singapore 2014 as well as got acquainted with the effective link between the NIE and schools in the preparation of qualified school teachers. She worked at the National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE) for 2 years. She participated as a researcher in many national projects of Education. Studied a training course in (NAQAAE) titled "Self Evaluation and Improvement Plans in Pre- University Institutions", " Learning Outcomes and Curriculum Maps in Pre- University Institutions", and " External auditors of Pre- University Institutions" .

Participated in the external visits to assess the extent to which public schools have satisfied the quality and certification standards issued by the National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE). She is also a member of the development of the strategic plan of both the department of English and FOE. She is the focal point in the preparation of the International Teacher Diploma between ASU and UPEI. A member in the team of establishing ASU Assessment and Evaluation Center.





Ministerial Panel 2



Hon. Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng

**Minister Of Environment, Science,
Technology & Innovation,
Republic of Ghana.**

Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng graduated from the University of Ghana Medical School in 1975 with MB, ChB degrees. After housemanship at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital he served as a Medical Officer at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, where he was also a demonstrator in Gross Anatomy at the School of Medical Sciences from 1977-1978.

He had his post-graduate studies at the Hannover Medical University, Hannover, Germany and qualified as general, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon. He subsequently worked as a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon and was one of the pioneers of the heart transplantation programme in Hannover, where he also taught both undergraduate and postgraduate Thorax, Cardio-thoracic and Vascular Surgery.

He performed the first of scores of heart transplantations in 1985. At the time he was recognized worldwide as the first black person to have performed a heart transplant.

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng returned home in 1989 to establish the National Cardiothoracic Centre and the Ghana Heart Foundation. He joined the University of Ghana Medical School in the year 2000 and was promoted Associate Professor of Surgery the same year and a Full Professor in 2002.

Prof Frimpong-Boateng is past CEO of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, past President of the Ghana Red Cross Society and past Chairman of the Public Utility Regulatory Commission (PURC). He established the National Cardiothoracic Centre at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and was its founding Director. Currently he is the President of the Ghana Heart Foundation. Professor Frimpong-Boateng was also the Head of Surgery at the University of Ghana Medical School. He is a patron of SMIDO (Suame Magazine Industrial Development Organization) and also patron of the Ghana Old Footballers Association. Prof. Frimpong-Boateng has received several local and international awards in recognition of his medical work and service to humanity. In 1999 he was the Ghana Chartered Institute of Marketing's Marketing Man of the year and also, a recipient of the Millennium Excellence Award. In 2005 the Millennium Excellence Foundation awarded him as Personality of the Decade.

He is the Secretary of the Centre for Technology-Driven Economic Development (CTED), which received the 2003 special award from the Ghana Chartered Institute of Marketing.

On 10th September 2004 he was a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science (DSc.) Degree from the University of Education, Winneba.

He also received an honorary Doctor of Laws (DLL) degree from the University of Ghana Legon, on 23rd March, 2016.

He was made honorary member of the German Surgical Society in May 2011.

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng was the winner of the 2012 edition of the prestigious African Heroes Award, presented by Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, USA, on February 12, 2012.

He was appointed Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation by H.E President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo in February 2017.

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng has authored two books entitled, DEEP DOWN MY HEART: A history of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Ghana and TAMING A MONSTER: Managing Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and has contributed chapters to two other books. He has several scientific publications and conference abstracts to his credit.

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng is married to Agnes and the couple has five children. A hobby pianist his other hobbies are farming and engineering.





Hon. Cynthia Mamle Morrison

Minister for Gender, Children, and Social Protection and MP, Republic of Ghana

Honorable Cynthia Mamle Morrison is a Professional Educationist with over Twenty-Seven (27) years' experience, mainly in Montessori Educational Training. She has been self-employed as a Manager and Executive Director since 1985 till 2016 when she was elected into Parliament to represent the people of the Agona West Constituency of the Central Region.

Since assuming office in October 2018, Honorable Cynthia Morrison has undertaken steps to strengthen and realign the operations of the Ministry to better position it to implement interventions of a national social protection system that benefits the poor as a core element enshrined in Ghana's National Social Protection Policy.

Her main goal as the Minister is to reduce chronic poverty (especially among women); undertake gender mainstreaming with particular focus on empowering girls, women, and persons with disability to make key decisions concerning their lives, and improving life chances for the poor.

Priority Areas and Key Activities Undertaken to achieve Ministerial Goals.

Strengthening of structures, systems, and processes at the Ministry; building capacity for staff to position them to perform specialized tasks, thus reducing outsourcing, retain institutional memory and save cost; and system strengthening through partnerships (e.g. internally, other MDAs, DPs, etc.); and strengthening the institutionalization of Social Protection as part of the Ministry's Developmental Agenda. These will in turn lead to the effective:

- a) Implementation the LEAP Programme through the Ghana National Household Registry;
- b) Strengthening of the Ghana School feeding Programme;
- c) Establishment of a Community-based Social Protection, Health and Nutrition Programme (COHSPA), which will also provide service to the aged;
- d) Institutionalization of the "Kayaye!" trade, with opportunities for further education, entrepreneurial training, and the provision of decent accommodation and creches for their children;
- e) Certification of Home Care Service Providers (Domestic Workers) and Creche Providers;
- f) Involvement of Persons with Disabilities in key decision-making processes;
- g) Introduction of the Children's Parliament;
- h) Implementation of an effective and efficient adoption process;
- i) Reintegration of Street Children;
- j) Combating Child Trafficking;
- k) Establishing systems to facilitate gender equality.





Hon. Amara SOMPARE

**Minister of Information and Communication,
Republic of Guinea**

Titulaire d'un DESS en Politique Economique et Sociale, SOMPARE Amara cumule plus de huit années d'expérience dans les métiers de la chaîne d'approvisionnement des entreprises minières (Supply Chain management) et la gestion logistique. Il dispose de compétences avérées dans la mise en place et la gestion de procédures d'acquisition de biens et services selon les standards et bonnes pratiques internationales. En outre, au cours de son parcours universitaire, il a développé un intérêt marqué pour le développement durable, la bonne gouvernance et les stratégies de réduction de la pauvreté.

L'Hon SOMPARE Amara est le Ministre de l'Information et de la Communication depuis Mai 2018 avec pour mission, la conception, l'élaboration et la mise en œuvre de la politique du Gouvernement dans les domaines de la Communication et de l'Information.

De Septembre 2014 à Mai 2018, monsieur SOMPARE Amara été le Directeur du Contrôle de la passation des Marchés Publics et des Délégations de Service Public. A la suite de la réforme du Cadre Institutionnel des Marchés Publics, le Directeur du Contrôle est notamment chargé de se prononcer sur la pertinence, la régularité et la sincérité du processus de passation des marchés et délégations de service public afin de préparer et de soumettre à l'approbation de l'Administrateur Général les Avis de Non Objection sur chacune des étapes de la procédure.

En Juillet 2013 à Août 2014, il est Consultant détaché à la Présidence de la République de Guinée auprès de l'Administrateur Général de l'Administration et Contrôle des Grands Projets (ACGP) en qualité de Conseiller chargé des infrastructures et des travaux urbains dans le cadre de Tony Blair's Africa Governance Initiative (AGI)

L'Hon SOMPARE Amara est le Directeur Pays de Africa Mining Services Guinée, fourniture de services logistiques à l'industrie minière, pétrolière et gazière de Février 2012 à Août 2014. Il est Spécialiste Permis et Approbations de Juillet 2011 à Février 2012 au Département des Relations Gouvernementales et du Développement Economique. Monsieur SOMPARE été également le Directeur de la logistique et de la sous-traitance de Juillet 2005 à Juin 2011 auprès de Guinea Alumina Corporation SA, une joint-venture de BHP Billiton, Global Alumina Corporation, Dubai Aluminium et Mubadala Development

Il a fait plusieurs formations telles que les cours de perfectionnement de langue anglaise à Princes College à Londres, Diplômé de la London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), DESS en Politique Economique et Sociale et Maîtrise en Analyse et Politique Economique en France.

Il a participer à des séminaires et ateliers comme Formateur Certifié par l'ISADE (Juin 2015) sur la nouvelle réforme des Marchés Publics en République de Guinée, Séminaire international sur les programmes de renforcement des capacités des PME locales dans l'industrie minière, gazière et pétrolière en Afrique, organisé par la Société Financière Internationale (SFI) à Maputo en Juin 2010 et Atelier sur la gestion des microprojets dans les industries minières, organisé à Conakry en Juin 2009 par BHP Billiton. Depuis mai 2009, membre fondateur du Cercle de Réflexion et d'Action pour la Nation (CRAN), une organisation apolitique qui contribue au débat sur les questions de développement et de bonne gouvernance en Guinée.





Hon. Mory SANGARE

**Minister of Education,
Republic of Guinea**

Esquisse biographique:

Monsieur Mory SANGARE, à la fin de ses Études Supérieures (titulaire d'une maîtrise de fin d'Etudes Supérieures en Sciences Physiques-Physique/Chimie-); a servi comme Professeur de Lycée de 1985 à 2002.

Parallèlement, monsieur SANGARE a suivi une formation de Professeur d'Ecole normale à l'Institut Supérieur des Sciences de l'Education de Guinée (ISSEG).

De 2003 à 2011, il a été promu Professeur d'Ecole normale. A ce titre monsieur M. SANGARE a été chargé de cours à l'école normale des instituteurs de LABE, chef-lieu de la Région de la MOYENNE GUINEE (ENI/LABE). Il a été nommé Directeur dès Études dudit établissement de 2008 à 2011.

Monsieur Mory SANGARE a été élevé au rang d'inspecteur Régional de l'Education de 2011 à 2018 (dans les Régions de LABE-2011-2017 et de Mamou-2017-2018).

C'est à partir du 25 Mai 2018 que monsieur Mory SANGARE a été promu ministre de l'Education Nationale et de l'Alphabétisation de la République de GUINEE. Il a la grande ambition de faire une Education inclusive de Qualité pour tous. L'Anglais va être progressivement intégré dans le cursus scolaire depuis le primaire





Hon. Mariama Sylla

**Minister of Gender,
Republic of Guinea**

- Née en 1960 à Conakry, Mariama Sylla est diplômée de l'Université de Conakry avec une maîtrise en Biologie en 1987. Conseiller en Gestion des Ressources Humaines au Centre de l'Organisation Internationale du Travail de Turin en Italy . Elle a également reçu une formation en Planification et Gestion des Projets a Setym International à Montréal et Management des Organisations Publiques à L'Ecole Nationale d'Administration Publique du Québec en 2002.

Elle aussi reçu une Formation en Genre, Population et Développement au Centre de Recherche, d'Eudes, de Documentation et d'Information sur la Femme (CERDIF) –TUNIS en 2003.

- Syndicaliste et Professeur de Lycée, ayant des compétences en Information, Éducation et Communication, en Plaidoyer et Lobbying et animation des groupes sociaux, Mariama Sylla est engagée dans le domaine de la Promotion de la Femme et du Genre en Guinée ou elle a près de 20 ans d'expérience professionnelle.

- De 1990 à 1996 Professeur de Lycée au Collège de Bonfi avec rôle de Conseiller Pédagogique, chargée de l'Orientation au Ministère de l'Enseignement Pré Universitaire.

- De 1996 à 1997, responsable du département charge de la Normalisation des Infrastructures Hôtelières et Touristiques au Ministère du Tourisme et de l'Hôtellerie

- De 1997 à 1999, Directrice Nationale Adjointe du Service National de Contrôle d'Evaluation des Structures et des Effectifs de l'Administration Publique au Ministère de la Fonction publique.

- De 1999 à 2014, Directrice Nationale de la Promotion Féminine et du Genre, Coordinatrice du Programme Cadre Genre et Développement et membres de plusieurs groupes de travail pour la réduction des inégalités, la promotion des Droits de la Femme et le Développement en Guinée, dans la sous région et en Afrique.

- De 2014- 2017, Secrétaire Générale du Ministère de l'Action Sociale, de la Promotion Féminine et de l'Enfance

- Présidente du Comité National Interministériel d'Elaboration de la Première Politique Nationale de Protection Sociale et pilotage des processus de négociation avec l'UNICEF, la Banque Mondiale, le Bureau Régional du BIT;

- Présidente du Conseil d'Administration de la Caisse Nationale de Prévoyance Sociale des Agents de l'Etat,

- Chef de la Délégation guinéenne au siège de la Banque Mondiale pour la négociation de la deuxième phase du Projet Filets Sociaux Productifs à Washington en Janvier 2016 ;

- Présidente de Comité sectoriel pour la Riposte à la Maladie à Virus Ebola ;

- Présidente du Groupe National sur le Cluster Violences Basées sur le Genre ;

- Membre de l'Unité Centrale de Coordination de l'Aide au Développement ;

- Depuis Aout 2017, Ministre de l'Action Sociale, de la Promotion Féminine et de l'Enfance.





**Hon. Mark Michael
BOTOMANI**

**Minister of Information, Civic Education
and Communications Technology,
Republic of Malawi**

Mark Botomani is currently serving as Minister of Information, Civic Education and Communications Technology in the Government of Malawi. He is a Member of Parliament for Zomba Chisi Constituency. He first won the seat on 22nd December 2015 during by elections. He was voted again on 21st May 2019 tripartite elections for another five year term.

Mark is a Development Communication Specialist. He holds a degree in Mass Communication. He has previously worked in development, marketing, and business development in various institutions both local and international. He also holds various professional qualifications such as leadership, environmental management, project monitoring and evaluation.

Mark pioneered Parliamentary Committee on TB and served as its first Chairperson. He was also a member of Budget and Finance Committee of Parliament; Media and ICT Committee of Parliament; Commissions and State Enterprises Committee of Parliament; and Government Assurance Committee of Parliament.





Hon. Mary Thom NAVICHA

**Minister of Gender, Children, Disability
and Social Welfare, Republic of Malawi**

Honorable Mary Thom Navicha M.P is Malawi's Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare. She was born on 6th May, 1976 in Thyolo, Malawi. Honorable Navicha holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, an Advanced Diploma in Marketing, and a Diploma in Business Administration obtained from the MIM Campus of the University of Cyprus. Honorable Navicha also has a Certificate in HIV/Counselling which was awarded to her by the Malawi Ministry of Health and Population. She has previously worked with Medicine Sans Frontiers and also has experience in business management.

She became a Member of Parliament for Thyolo Thava Constituency in 2014 and is currently still serving in that position. Honorable Navicha has held various portfolios in the Malawi Parliament as a member of parliamentary committees such as Public Appointments, HIV and AIDS, Parliamentary Women's Caucus and Public Accounts.

Honorable Navicha has also attended various trainings in Leadership, Skills and Capacity, Community and Rural Development; ART/HIV Management and Administration; and Dorcas Women and Church Leadership of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was awarded as education champion at constituency level, she was further awarded for Community Policing Security Innovativeness; and Community Skills Development and Entrepreneurship.

She is married and a mother of 6. Honorable Navicha has the heart of putting the welfare of people at the forefront and is currently paying fees for several children some of whom are university students. Her hobbies include playing netball, reading books and singing gospel songs.





Hon. Dr. William SUSUWELE-BANDA

M.P. & Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Malawi

Dr. William Susuwele-Banda is a teacher educator, curriculum developer, a trained school inspector, researcher and book evaluator. He has published several articles on different subjects in both local and international journals. He has participated in a number of research and evaluation exercises. He has edited school mathematics textbooks and co-authored science supplementary readers for secondary school science teachers.

Dr. Susuwele-Banda graduated from University of Malawi with a Bachelor of Education degree and taught Mathematics and Science at secondary school level before joining Makerere University in Uganda for his Masters degree. He later joined Virginia Tech University in the United States of America for his doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction. His teaching experience is both at secondary school and college levels.

Dr. Susuwele-Banda was head of Malawi Institute of Education, which is the national curriculum development centre in Malawi, for 9 years before he decided to join politics.

He is currently a Member of Parliament and Minister of Education, Science and Technology in Malawi.





Dr. Hossam Abdelghaffar

Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities, The Arab Republic of Egypt

Current Position: Secretary General of Supreme Council of Univeristy Hospitals 2018 till present

Assistant Secertary General of the Supreme council of Universities 2016-2018

Consultant for the minister of Health and population and the official spokes man of Ministry of Health and population 2014-2016

General Director of Helwan University Hospitals 2014-2014

General Director of Fayoum University Hospitals 2008-2013

Professor of Audiovestibular Medicine Helwan University 2010-till present

Doctorate (MD) degree of Hearing and Balance disorders Nov.2000 Faculty of Medicine Cairo University

M.Sc of Audiology Nov.1996 Faculty of Medicine Cairo University

M.B.B.Ch of Medicine Dec.1990 Faculty of Medicine Cairo University





Prof. Oladapo Ashiru

**President of Africa Fertility Society,
Nigeria**

Dr. Oladapo Ashiru is the President of the Africa Fertility Society, Nigeria. He has a MB.BS from the University of Lagos, MS and Ph.D. from the Universities of Nebraska at Omaha.

Currently his area of research is in embryo culture techniques and implantation failure. One of the significant contributions of Prof. Ashiru in the field of Reproductive Endocrinology is in the elucidation of mechanisms controlling pituitary gonadotropins (FSH) release.

He showed that exogenous FSH has a positive feedback on the release of endogenous FSH. That is the basic science behind the use of exogenous gonadotropins (Pergonal, Metrodin and others) for extra follicular development, in infertility management and IVF cycles.

He pioneered the IVF program in Nigeria in 1984 and his team successfully delivered the first test tube baby in Africa in 1986. He has over twenty five years in the management of difficult cases of infertility, twenty eight years' experience in IVF and fifteen years' experience with ICSI and new assisted reproduction technologies.

He obtained a joint appointment with the departments of Anatomy and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) at Professorial level. He established two IVF programs for the University in 1996 and became the pioneer director of the University based IVF program at Chicago in 1996. It is currently one of the best IVF centres in the US. He has established collaborations with several infertility centres internationally. Professor Ashiru obtained the licentiate of the American Board of Bioanalysis in High Complexity Laboratory Director HCLD (ABB) in 1997. (The American regulatory and licensing body for assisted reproduction)





Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson

**Immediate Past President IFFS;
Scientific Chair 2019 IFFS World
Congress (Shanghai), USA**

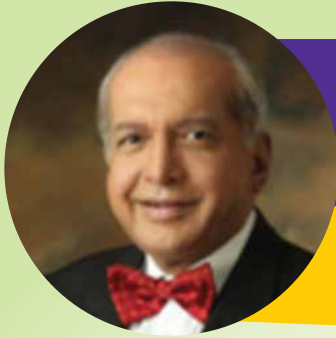
Professor Joe Leigh Simpson, has completed four years (2012-2016) as President of the International Federation Fertility Societies (IFFS), remaining as immediate Past President (2016-2019) and Scientific Chair of the 2019 IFFS World Congress (Shanghai). He is Senior Vice President for Research and Global Programs, March of Dimes Foundation.

His contributions in many aspects of reproductive genetics are numerous and relate to cytogenetics, invasive diagnostic procedures, preimplantation genetic diagnoses and noninvasive prenatal diagnostic methods. He has written nearly 800 articles and chapters.

His 15 major books include seven editions as co-editor of *Obstetrics: Normal and Problem Pregnancies* and three editions of *Genetics in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. Leadership roles have extended to numerous grant review panels, prestigious national and international committees, award committees and many professional organizations. He has been President of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, International Society of Prenatal Diagnosis, Society for Gynecologic Investigation (now Society for Reproductive Investigation), American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society. He has received an honorary Doctor Honors Causa from Universitea de Medicina si Farmacie "Carol Davila", Bucarest.

Professor Simpson is a member (since 1994) of the National Academy of Medicine, National Academies of Sciences, United States.





Prof Chittaranjan N. Purandare

**Immediate Past President of FIGO,
India**

President - FIGO – 2015-2018

President FOGSI – 2009

Dean – Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Editor Emeritus - Journal Obstetrics & Gynaecological Societies of India.

Professor Emeritus - National Research ObGyn Institute, Moscow

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship (FRCOG – honoris causa) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK in November 2009, for contribution and excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Women's Health nationally in India and globally.

Conferred Hon. Fellowship (FRCPI) of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland – 2013

Conferred Hon. Membership of Romanian College of Obstetric & Gynaecology – 2013

Conferred Fellowship National Academy of Medical Sciences, New Delhi - 2013

Conferred - Hon. Fellowship of American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), Chicago - 2014

Conferred – Hon. Membership of Columbian Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society, 2014

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of Sri Lankan College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, FSLCOG – 2017

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of the European Board of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, European Board College, FEBCOG – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of German College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, FDGGG (GER) – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Membership of France Society, CNGOF – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of Taiwan Society, FTAOG (Tw) – 2019

Life Time Achievement Award Indian Fertility Society – IFS – 2015

Life Time Achievement Award The Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of India – FOGSI – 2017

Awarded MOGS – Dr. B. N. Purandare Award 2016

Awarded Dr. B. C. Roy National Award from Medical Council of India for the outstanding services in the field of Socio-Medical Relief 2016.

Awarded – “ Rashtriya Gaurav Award” for contribution and excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Awarded – “ SMT. Laxmibai Adik Award for Contribution to Medicine.

Awarded MOGS – Dr. Ganatra Award.

Awarded MOGS – Dr. Saroj Desai Award.

Awarded FOGSI-BEST BOOK of the year Award for Three Years.

Awarded Medscape India Best Gynaecologist Award

Consultant Obstetrics & Gynaecology- St. Elizabeth Hospital, BSES and Saifee Hospital Mumbai.

Hon. Consultant – Obst / Gynaec to Mumbai Police, Indian Armed Forces. □ Secretary General - FOGSI. 2004-2008

Member - Editorial Board , Journal, FOGSI.

Member - Governing Council Yuvak Prathisthan.

Member – Indian Association of Medical Ultrasound and Biology.

Member – Ex Board PMNCH (WHO)

Represented India on FIGO Executive Board.

Ex. Hon. professor- Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Grant Medical College, Mumbai- 400008.

Specialisation in Ultrasound in OBGYN and various

Ultrasound Guided Invasive Procedures and management of High Risk

Pregnancy. First to perform- Foetal Surgery in India., Purandare's Modified

Radical Hysterectomy Operation for Carcinoma Cervix. Extensive Experience –

Gynaecological Oncology Surgery, Vaginal Surgery. Inspector- Hospitals and

Medical Colleges for DNB Board in OBGYN





Dr. Kamini Rao

Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre & International Institute for Training and Research in Reproductive Health (IIRRH), India

Dr. Kamini A Rao is the Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre (A Unit of BACC Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.) (1990 to date)

Affiliations:

Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre (A Unit of BACC Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.) (1990 to date), Chairman, National Registry of ART Clinics and Banks in India (2018 to date), President, Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) (2000-2001), President, Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction (2006-2008)

Awards:

Padma Shri Award by Govt. of India in recognition of distinguished service in the field of Reproductive Medicine on 26th April 2014. Award presented by Hon. President, Sri. Pranab Mukherjee. Karnataka State Award (Rajyotsava Award), for invaluable service in the field of medicine in 1997. Lifetime Achievement Award from FOGSI, ISAR, KSOGA & BSOG. Dr. Kamini Rao has also been awarded the Honorary PhD from Bangalore University by Vice President of India, 2019.

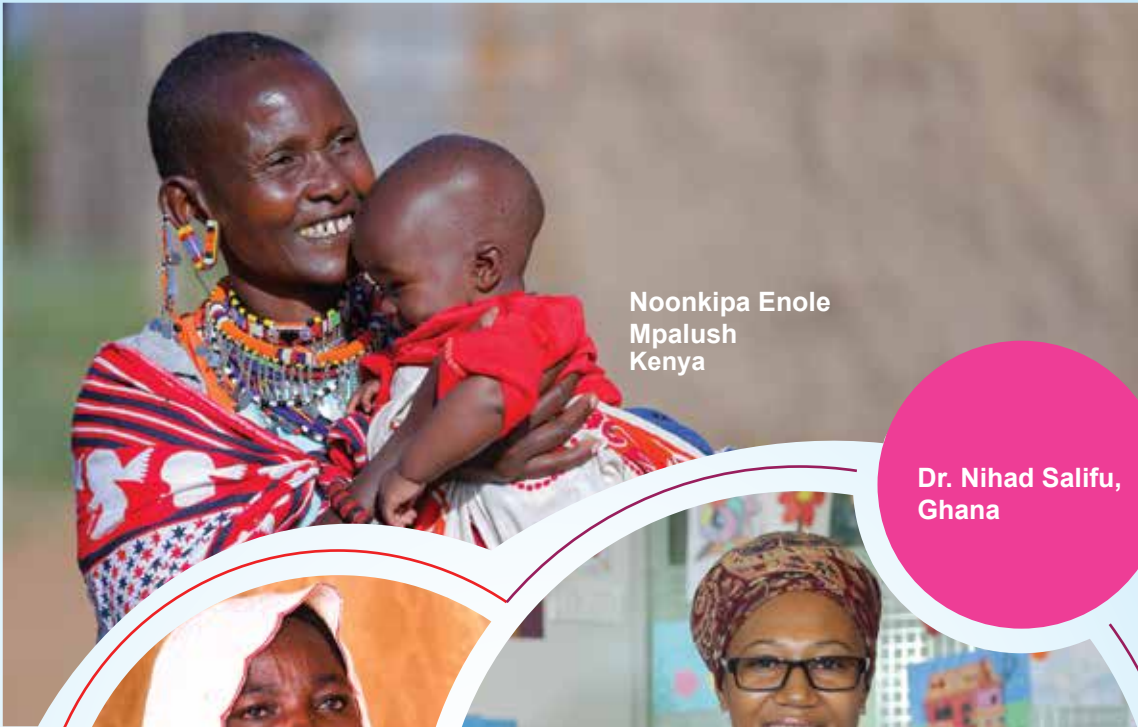
Publications:

Published 50 medical textbooks & 41 publications in national & international journals.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Infertility, Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology, Assisted Techniques in Reproduction





Noonkipa Enole
Mpalush
Kenya

Dr. Nihad Salifu,
Ghana



Fatime Mahamat
Chad



Dr. Damas Dukundane,
Rwanda



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Dr. Sokhna Seye,
Sénégal

(L-R): Dr. Mohammed Ezzi, Kenya,
Dr. Angela McLigeyo, Kenya,
Dr. Bonginkosi Shadrack Shoba, South Africa



Dr. Abdoulaye Maiga
Niger



Dr. Sulaiman Sorie,
Sierra Leone



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Ensemble, nous autonomisons les femmes et les jeunes dans les sciences et la technologie

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"Merck More Than a Mother" Fashion Awards

It's time to empower infertile women

Who can apply?

All Fashion Designers and Fashion Students from Malawi are invited to create a design with the aim to deliver strong and influential messages to empower infertile women and say **"No to Infertility Stigma"**.

Designs ideas can also deliver messages to encourage men to speak openly about their infertility, because 50% of infertility causes are due to male factor..



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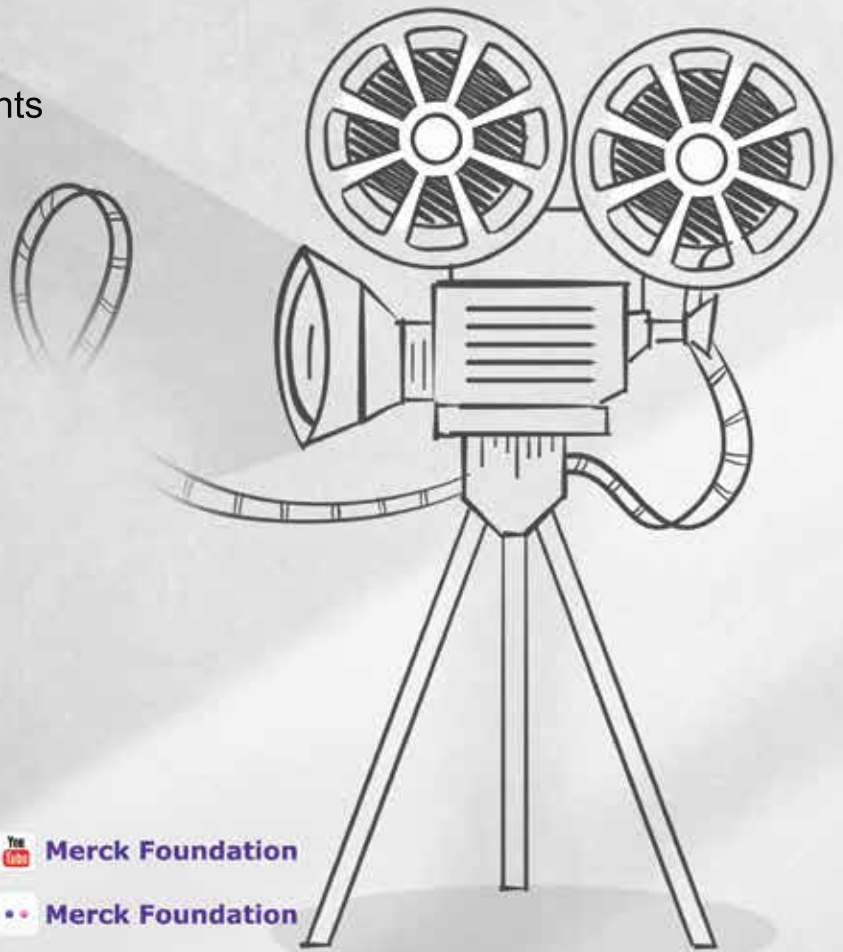
"Merck More Than a Mother" film Awards

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Who can apply?

Drama and Film Students



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Together we create a culture shift

Media Recognition Awards

Theme: Raising awareness on infertility prevention and breaking infertility stigma in Africa.



Who can apply?

Journalists from print, online, radio and multimedia platforms.

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#NoToInfertilityStigma

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Day 2 Overview

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

08:30
17:00

Scientific Sessions Overview

Adlon Section 1	Adlon Section 2	Adlon Section 3	Stafford Meeting Room
08:30 -10:40	08:30 -10:40	08:30 -10:40	10:00 - 12:00
Fertility Session Merck More than a Mother	Oncology Session Merck Cancer Access Program	Diabetes & Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative (MFFLI) Committee Meeting

10:40
11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 -13:00	11:00 -13:00	11:00 -13:00	12:00 - 14:00
Fertility Session Merck More than a Mother	Oncology Session Merck Cancer Access Program	Diabetes & Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Round-table meeting with Ministers of Health and UNESCO-MARS followed by Lunch

13:00
14:00

LUNCH

Meeting Rooms	Adlon Section 1	Adlon Section 2	Adlon Section 3	Pearl Meeting room
14:00 15:40	Fertility Session Merck More than a Mother	Oncology Session Merck Cancer Access Program	Diabetes Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program

15:40
16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 17:00	Fertility Session Merck More than a Mother	Oncology Session Merck Cancer Access Program	Diabetes Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program
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SAperçu des Sessions Scientifiques

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Session de Fertilité Merck More than a Mother	Session d'Oncologie Merck Cancer Access Program	Session Cardiovasculaire et Diabète Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Réunion du Comité de l'Initiative des Premières Dames de la Fondation Merck (MFFLI)

10:40
11:00

PAUSE CAFÉ

11:00 -13:00	11:00 -13:00	11:00 -13:00	12:00 - 14:00
Session de Fertilité Merck More than a Mother	Session d'Oncologie Merck Cancer Access Program	Session Cardiovasculaire et Diabète Merck Capacity Advancement Program	Table ronde du Sommet pour la recherche en Afrique UNESCO-Merck (MARS)

13:00
14:00

DEJEUNER

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COFFEE BREAK

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NO TO
Infertility
Stigma



Merck More Than A Mother Ambassadors

The First Ladies of : Guinea Conakry , Sierra Leone , Malawi , Gambia , Burundi , Niger , Central African Republic , Ghana , Liberia , Congo Brazzaville , Namibia , Zimbabwe , Botswana , Mozambique , in the middle (Merck Foundation CEO and former FL of Mauritania)

MFFLI
Day 2

**Merck Foundation
First Ladies Committee Meeting
Day 2**





United Nations
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African Union



UNESCO-MARS
Day 2



UNESCO-Merck Africa Research Summit (MARS)
Round-table meeting

Day 2



NO TO Infertility Stigma

Merck More Than A Mother Ambassadors

as per order from R-L. First Ladies Of : Liberia , Botswana , Namibia , Ghana , Congo Brazzaville , Central African Republic , Zimbabwe , Mozambique , Merck Foundation CEO , Malawi , Niger , Gambia , Sierra Leone , Guinea Conakry and Burundi

Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative SUMMIT - MFFLI:

MFFLI - SUMMIT is a Merck Foundation platform of African First Ladies and “Merck More Than a Mother” Ambassadors established with the aim to discuss challenges, define solutions, measure impact and share experience to ensure continuous improvement and exchange variable aspects of different cultures in order to localize and/or standardize specific messages that can raise awareness and create a culture shift across Africa with regards to the below objectives:

- Breaking the Stigma around infertile couples in general and infertile women in particular.
- Empowering Girls and Women in Education in general and in STEM in particular.
- Improving access to quality & equitable healthcare solutions.

First Ladies of more than 18 Countries have partnered with Merck Foundation to lead and execute the initiatives in their respective countries as Merck More Than a Mother Ambassadors.

Kofi's Story



Children's Storybook to be launched

in 16 countries

to address this topic in order to develop strong family values of love and respect from young age.

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Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative (MFFLI) Committee Meeting

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

10:00
12:00

Stafford Meeting Room

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Merck Foundation First Ladies Initiative (MFFLI) Committee Meeting

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12:00

Reading of Kofi's Story
- To create a culture shift and break stigma of infertility among children and youth

H.E. Madam DENISE NKURUNZIZA
First Lady of Republic of Burundi

H.E. Madam BRIGITTE TOUADERA
First Lady of Central African Republic

H.E. Madam HINDA DEBY ITNO
First Lady of Republic of Chad

H. E. Madam FATOUMATTA BAH-BARROW
First Lady of Republic of The Gambia

H.E. Madam Rebecca Akufo-Addo
First Lady of the Republic of Ghana

H.E. Madam CONDE DJENE
First Lady of Republic of Guinea

H.E. Madam MAESAIAH THABANE
First Lady of Kingdom of Lesotho

H.E. Madam CLAR MARIE WEAH
First Lady of Republic of Liberia

H.E. Professor GERTRUDE MUTHARIKA
First Lady of Republic of Malawi

H.E. Madam AMĪNATA MAIGA KEĪTA
First Lady of Republic of Mali

H.E. Dr. ISAURA FERRÃO NYUSI
First Lady of Republic of Mozambique

H.E. Madam FATIMA MAADA BIO
First Lady of Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Madam ESTHER LUNGU
First Lady of Republic of Zambia

H.E. Madam AUXILLIA MNANGAGWA
First Lady of Republic of Zimbabwe

Prof. Dr. Frank Stangenberg- Haverkamp
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Dr. Rasha Kelej
CEO of Merck Foundation
Co-chairperson of Merck Africa Asia Luminary

AGENDA

Réunion du Comité de l'Initiative des Premières Dames de la Fondation Merck (MFFLI)

Mercredi 30 octobre 2019

10:00
12:00

Salle de Réunion Stafford

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11:30

Réunion du Comité de l'Initiative des Premières Dames de la Fondation Merck (MFFLI)

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12:00

Lecture de l'histoire de Kofi
Créer un changement de culture et briser la stigmatisation liée à l'infertilité chez les enfants et les jeunes

S.E. Madame DENISE NKURUNZIZA
Première Dame de la République du Burundi

S.E. Madame BRIGITTE TOUADERA
Première Dame de la République Centrafricaine

S.E. Madame HINDA DEBY ITNO
Première Dame de la République du Tchad

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Première Dame du Royaume du Lesotho

S.E. Madame CLAR MARIE WEAH
Première Dame de la République du Libéria

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4th UNESCO - Merck Africa Research Summit Round Table

AGENDA Overview

30th of October 2019

Stafford Meeting room, Kempinski Gold Coast City Hotel

12:00
14:00

Round-table meeting with Ministers of Health and UNESCO-MARS

1. Build research capacity in the African (scientific) health research community
2. Discuss challenges, opportunities and proposed strategies to support health decision making in low- and middle-income countries;
3. Empowering African Young Researchers and Women Researchers and advance their research capacity and promote their contribution to STEM.
4. Provide networking opportunities to strength the scientific community and their impact on African society and media communication

Scientific Committee:

Dr. Rasha Kelej
CEO of Merck Foundation
Chairperson of UNESCO-MARS meeting

Mr. Diallo Abdourahamane
UNESCO Director to Ghana

Dr. Ahmed Fahmi
Chief of Section, Division of Science Policy
and Capacity Building, UNESCO

Dr. Ahmed Hamdy,
African Union - Scientific,
Technical and Research Commission – (Moderator)

Prof. Elijah Songkok,
Professor and Director of The Kenya Medical Research
Institute (KEMRI) Graduate School

High level Participants:

**African Ministers of Health, Science and
Technology, Education, information and
Gender.**

African Researchers



4th UNESCO - Merck Africa Research Summit Round Table

AGENDA Overview

Mercredi 30 octobre 2019

Salle Réunion Stafford, Kempinski Gold Coast City Hotel

12:00
14:00

Panel de Haut Niveau du Sommet pour la recherche en Afrique UNESCO-Merck (MARS)

1. Renforcement des Capacités de Recherche dans la Communauté Africaine de la Recherche Scientifique
2. Discuter des défis, des opportunités et des stratégies proposées pour soutenir la prise de décision en matière de santé dans les pays à revenu faible ou intermédiaire ;
3. Autonomisation des Jeunes Chercheurs Africains et des Femmes chercheurs et au Renforcement de leurs capacités de recherche et promouvoir leur contribution aux STEM.
4. Fournir des opportunités de mise en réseau pour renforcer la communauté scientifique et son impact sur la société africaine et la communication avec les médias

Comité Scientifique :

Dr. Rasha Kelej
CEO of Merck Foundation
Chairperson of UNESCO-MARS meeting

Mr. Diallo Abdourahamane
Directeur de l'UNESCO au Ghana

Dr. Ahmed Fahmi
Chef de Section, Division de la Politique Scientifique et du Renforcement des Capacités, UNESCO

Dr. Ahmed Hamdy,
Africaine - Commission Scientifique, Technique et de la Recherche - (Modérateur)

Prof. Elijah Songkok,
Professeur et directeur de la Graduate School du Kenya
Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)

Participants de Haut Niveau :

Ministres Africains de la Santé, de la Science et de la Technologie, de l'Éducation, de l'Information et du Genre.

Chercheurs Africains



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African Fertility Society



GIERAF



Fertility Society of Ghana



Indonesian
Reproductive Science
Institute



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ACADEMY of HIGHER EDUCATION
(Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)



National Cancer Institute,
Cairo, Egypt



University of Nairobi



African Union



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"MERCK MORE THAN A MOTHER" objectives

- 1- Creating a culture shift to de-stigmatize infertility and to respect and appreciate infertile women in Africa and Developing Countries
- 2- Raising awareness about Infertility Prevention & Management and Male Infertility by integrating it into Healthcare Infrastructure that already exist, such as HIV, Maternal Health and Mother and Child Programs
- 3- Education and Training for Embryologists from Africa and developing countries, since the lack of trained and skilled staff is a big challenge
- 4- Supporting Policy Makers to define ART Policies to Improve Access to Regulated Fertility Care
- 5- Building Advocacy and Open Dialogue and work closely with Governments, Policy Makers, Parliaments, Healthcare Providers, Fertility Experts and Media to define interventions to reduce the Social Suffering and Improve Access to Regulated, Effective and Safe Fertility Care in Africa and developing countries
- 6- Empowering Infertile Women Socially and Economically through Access to Awareness, Health, Change of mind-set and Empower Women who cannot be treated anymore through starting a small business for them to build their independent and happier lives through "Empowering Berna" project

AGENDA

Day 2 Fertility Session Merck More Than a Mother

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

In partnership with



Fertility Society of Ghana



AFRICAN FERTILITY SOCIETY

Moderators: Dr. Jonah Amoah and Dr. Georgina Moore

08:30
17:00

Merck More Than a Mother
Fertility Session

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Infertility Landscape in Ghana

Dr. Edem Hiadzi
President of Fertility Society of Ghana

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When Treatment Fails – Patient
Needs, Cycle Analysis and
Future Advice

Prof. Oladapo Ashiru
President of African Fertility Society,
Nigeria

09:20
09:50

Women's Health: Setting a Global
Agenda of Well-Woman Health and
Reducing Maternal Mortality

Dr. Jeanne Conry
President-Elect of the International Federation of
Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), USA

09:50
10:10

Recurrent Miscarriages

Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson
Past President of International Federation for
Fertility Societies (IFFS), USA

10:10
10:30

Environmental Effects on Repro-
ductive Health

Dr. Jeanne Conry
President-Elect of the International
Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
(FIGO), USA

10:30
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Q&A

ALL



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Day 2 Fertility Session Merck More Than a Mother

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

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COFFEE BREAK

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The Management of Male
Factor Infertility

Prof. Chittaranjan N.Purandare
Imm. Past President of FIGO, India

11:20
11:40

Tubal Surgery for
Infertility

Dr Olufemi Olarogun
Reproductive Medicine Specialist & Gynecologist,
South Africa

11:40
12:00

Ovarian Hyperstimulation
Syndrome: Risks and Solutions

Dr Panayota Zarmakoupis
Reproductive Endocrinologist, UAE

12:00
12:20

Unexplained Infertility:
Evidence Based Management

Dr A H M Towhidul Anowar Chowdhury
President Fertility & Sterility Society of
Bangladesh, Bangladesh

12:20
12:30

Q+A

ALL

12:30
13:00

Challenges and Solutions of Setting
Up an IVF Centre in Public Sector:
Sharing Experiences and Lessons
Learned from Private and Public
Sector

PANEL DISCUSSION:
Dr. Ernestine Gwet Bell, Cameroon
Dr. Thomas Mekuria Gebre, Ethiopia
Dr. Justin Mboloko Esimo, RDC
Dr. Julius Msuya, Tanzania
Mr. Ashish Modi, India
Dr. Ibrahim Saleh, Ethiopia

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Day 2 Fertility Session

Merck More Than a Mother

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

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Embryology Quality Assurance in Limited Resource Countries: Challenges & Solutions

Dr. Kamini Rao

Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre, India & International Institute for Training and Research in Reproductive Health (IIRRH)

14:20
14:40

Sperm Quality Improvement for Assisted Fertilization

Prof. Satish Kumar Adiga

Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Embryology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India

14:40
15:00

Controlled Ovarian Stimulation - Getting The Best of Cohort

Dr. Kshitiz Murdia

Medical Director of Indira IVF Hospitals, India

15:00
15:20

HIV Cases Who Need IVF Treatment

Dr. Shola Akinsooto

Reproductive Endocrinologist, Canada

15:20
15:40

Accessibility of Fertility Care in CIS countries: Opportunities for Co-operation

Prof. Vladislav Korsak

President of Russian Association of Human Reproduction; Director General of ICRM, Russia

15:40
16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00
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Cost Structure for Public IVF: Sharing Experiences of South Africa

Dr. Paul Le Roux

Past President SASREG, South Africa

16:20
16:40

Emotional Support for Men and Women with Infertility

Dr. Mohamed Chakirou Latoundji

President of GIERAF, Benin

16:40
17:00

Start Up of New Public IVF Centers in Africa: Cost Structure and Access to Equitable Fertility Care

Mr. Ashish Modi

Managing Director, Shivani Scientific Industries (P) Ltd., India





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"I feel completely isolated, people talking about me as being cursed"

An infertile woman

objectifs de Merck More Than A Mother

- 1- Créer un changement de culture pour déstigmatiser l'infertilité et respecter et apprécier les femmes infertiles en Afrique et dans les pays en voie de développement
- 2- La sensibilisation sur la prévention et la prise en charge de l'infertilité et l'infertilité masculine en l'intégrant dans les infrastructures sanitaires existantes, tel que les programmes de lutte contre le VIH, Santé Maternelle et santé Mère-Enfant
- 3- L'éducation et la formation des embryologistes d'Afrique et des pays en voie de développement, vu que le manque de personnel formé et qualifié est un grand défi
- 4- Aider les décideurs à définir des politiques en matière d'ART (Technologie en Procréation Assistée) pour améliorer l'accès à des soins de fertilité réglementés
- 5- Renforcer le plaidoyer et ouvrir le dialogue et travailler en étroite collaboration avec les gouvernements, les décideurs, les parlements, les prestataires de soins de santé, les experts en fertilité et les médias, dans le but de définir des interventions visant à réduire la souffrance sociale et à améliorer l'accès à des soins de fertilité réglementés, efficaces et sûrs en Afrique et dans les pays en voie de développement
- 6- Autonomiser les femmes infertiles sur le plan social et économique grâce à l'accès à l'information, la santé, le changement de mentalité et l'autonomisation des femmes qui ne peuvent plus être traitées en démarrant un petit affaires pour eux leur permettant d'être indépendantes et plus heureuses à travers le projet "Empowering Berna"

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Jour 2 Session de Fertilité Merck Plus Qu'une Mère

30 Octobre 2019 (Mercredi)

partenariat avec



Fertility Society of Ghana



AFRICAN FERTILITY SOCIETY

Moderators: Dr. Modérateurs : Jonah Amoah et Georgina Moore

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**Merck Plus Qu'une Mère
Session de Fertilité**

Adlon Ballroom 1

08:30
08:50

L'Aperçu de l'infertilité au Ghana

Dr Edem Hiadzi

Président de la Société de Fertilité du Ghana, Ghana

08:50
09:20

Lorsque le traitement échoue -
Besoins du patient, analyse du cycle
et conseils futurs

Prof. Oladapo Ashiru

Président de la Société Africaine de Fertilité,
Nigéria

09:20
09:50

Santé des Femmes : Établir un
programme mondial de bonne santé
pour les femmes et réduire la mortalité
maternelle

Dr. Jeanne Conry

Présidente élue de la Fédération Internationale
de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique (FIGO),
États-Unis

09:50
10:10

Fausse couches
récurrentes

Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson

Ancien Président de la Fédération Internationale
des sociétés de Fertilité (IFFS), États-Unis

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10:30

Effets de l'environnement
sur la santé reproductive

Dr. Jeanne Conry

Présidente élue de la Fédération Internationale de
Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique (FIGO), États-Unis

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Questions & Réponses

Tous



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Jour 2 Session de Fertilité Merck Plus Qu'une Mère

30 Octobre 2019 (Mercredi)

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La prise en charge de
l'infertilité masculine

Chittaranjan N.Purandare
Ancien Président de la FIGO, Inde

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11:40

Chirurgie des trompes pour
l'infertilité

Dr Olufemi Olarogun
ReSpécialiste en Médecine de
la Reproduction, Afrique du Sud

11:40
12:00

Syndrome d'Hyperstimulation
Ovarienne : Risques et Solutions

Dr Panayota Zarmakoupis
Endocrinologue Spécialiste
de la Reproduction

12:00
12:20

Infertilité inexplicée : Prise en
charge fondée sur des preuves

Dr A H M Towhidul Anowar Chowdhury
Président de Société pour la Fertilité et la Stérilité
du Bangladesh, Bangladesh

12:20
12:30

Questions & Réponses

Tous

12:30
13:00

Défis et solutions de la mise en
place d'un centre de FIV au secteur
public : partage d'expériences et de
leçons apprises en privé et en
public

DISCUSSION DU PANEL:
Dr. Ernestine Gwet Bell, Cameroun
Dr. Thomas Mekuria Gebre, Ethiopie
Dr. Justin Mboloko Esimo, RDC
Dr. Julius Msuya, Tanzanie
Mr. Ashish Modi, India
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Jour 2 Session de Fertilité Merck Plus Qu'une Mère

30 Octobre 2019 (Mercredi)

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Assurance de la qualité de l'embryologie dans les pays à ressources limitées : défis et solutions

Dr. Kamini Rao

Directeur Médical, Milann - Centre de Fertilité, Inde
Amélioration de la qualité du sperme pour la fécondation assistée

14:20
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Amélioration de la qualité du sperme pour la fécondation assistée

Prof. Satish Kumar Adiga

Professeur d'Embryologie Clinique, Université de Manipal, Inde
Stimulation Ovarienne Contrôlée - Tirer le meilleur parti de la cohorte

14:40
15:00

Stimulation Ovarienne Contrôlée - Tirer le meilleur parti de la cohorte

Dr. Kshitiz Murdia

Directeur Médical des Hôpitaux Indira IVF, Inde
Cas de VIH

15:00
15:20

Cas de VIH nécessitant un traitement de FIV

Dr. Shola Akinsooto

Endocrinologue de la Reproduction, Canada

15:20
15:40

Accessibilité des soins de fertilité dans les pays de la CEI : opportunités de coopération

Prof. Vladislav Korsak

Endocrinologue de la Reproduction, Canada

15:40
16:00

PAUSE CAFÉ

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Coûts pour la Structure de FIV publique : partage des expériences de l'Afrique du Sud

Dr. Paul Le Roux

Président sortant SASREG, Afrique du Sud

16:20
16:40

Soutien émotionnel pour les hommes et les femmes souffrant d'infertilité

Dr. Mohamed Chakirou Latoundji

Président de la GIERAF, Bénin

16:40
17:00

Mise en place de nouveaux centres publics de FIV en Afrique : Coûts des structure et accès à des soins de fertilité équitables

Mr. Ashish Modi

Directeur Général, Shivani Scientific Industries (P) Ltd., Inde





Dr. Edem Hiadzi

President of the Fertility Society of Ghana (FERSOG), Ghana

Dr. Edem K. Hiadzi is a Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist and Fertility Specialist. He qualified as a Medical Officer from the University of Ghana Medical School in 1982 and did his post graduate training at the Queen Mothers' Hospital and the University of Glasgow in Scotland, United Kingdom, obtaining Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (MRCOG) in 1992.

In 1995, he founded Lister Medical Services which commenced operation as Lister Hospital & Fertility Centre on 1st July 2004. He is currently Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director of this ultra modern 25 bed medical facility which he set up with the aim of providing efficient, reliable and superior quality health-care to both local and international clients. For this achievement and contribution to society, he was elevated to Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in September 2005.

In spite of his busy schedule, Dr Hiadzi is the President of the Fertility Society of Ghana (FERSOG), Chairman of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist Representative Committee of Ghana, a Council Member of the College of Health Sciences Advisory Board and many more.

Dr. Hiadzi is a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) He is also a Member of the Society of Private Medical and Dental Practitioners, the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), the International Society for In-vitro Fertilization (ISIVF), the International Federation of Fertility Societies and the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology.

In the area of Publications, Dr Hiadzi has a number of research publications to his name. These include, The Prevalence of blood borne viruses in IVF: an audit of a fertility Centre. JBRA Assist Reprod, 20, 132-6, Successful pregnancy after transfer of human blastocysts that had naturally escaped completely from the zona on day 5. IVF Lite 2015; Effect of Basal Gonadotropins, Prolactin and Anthropometry as Predictive Markers of Ovarian Response in Patients Seeking Assisted Reproduction. Trends in Medical Research. 2015; Volume 10, Number 4, 75-86 to name a few.

In the light of how passionate Dr Hiadzi is about issues affecting women's health and male infertility, he is a much sought after speaker on these topics. These include Moderator/Chair of the IFFS International Infertility Conference in Kampala, Uganda, the Merck Africa Luminary Conference on Current Trends and Future of Assisted Reproductive Therapies in West Africa, in Nairobi, Kenya as well as Speaker for the Corporate Council of Africa, US-Africa Private Sector Health Forum in Washington DC among others.

Finally, in recognition of his continuous strive for excellence Dr Edem Hiadzi has received both local, regional and international awards which include, Best Enterprise Award 2018 from the Global Club of Leaders, BID International Star for Quality Award – Gold Category 2017, Overall Best Fertility Hospital of the year 2017 from the West African Clinical Alliance Awards and the Most Out-standing Private Hospital of the year from the Quality Service Excellence Awards.





Prof. Oladapo Ashiru

President of Africa Fertility Society,
Nigeria

Dr. Oladapo Ashiru is the President of the Africa Fertility Society, Nigeria. He has a MB.BS from the University of Lagos, MS and Ph.D. from the Universities of Nebraska at Omaha.

Currently his area of research is in embryo culture techniques and implantation failure. One of the significant contributions of Prof. Ashiru in the field of Reproductive Endocrinology is in the elucidation of mechanisms controlling pituitary gonadotropins (FSH) release.

He showed that exogenous FSH has a positive feedback on the release of endogenous FSH. That is the basic science behind the use of exogenous gonadotropins (Pergonal, Metrodin and others) for extra follicular development, in infertility management and IVF cycles.

He pioneered the IVF program in Nigeria in 1984 and his team successfully delivered the first test tube baby in Africa in 1986. He has over twenty five years in the management of difficult cases of infertility, twenty eight years' experience in IVF and fifteen years' experience with ICSI and new assisted reproduction technologies.

He obtained a joint appointment with the departments of Anatomy and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) at Professorial level. He established two IVF programs for the University in 1996 and became the pioneer director of the University based IVF program at Chicago in 1996. It is currently one of the best IVF centres in the US. He has established collaborations with several infertility centres internationally. Professor Ashiru obtained the licentiate of the American Board of Bioanalysis in High Complexity Laboratory Director HCLD (ABB) in 1997. (The American regulatory and licensing body for assisted reproduction)





Dr. Jeanne Conry

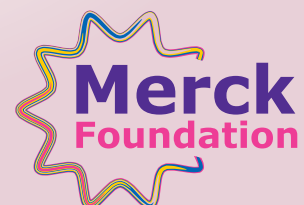
President-Elect of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), USA

Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD is the President-elect of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, a professional organization with 132 member societies from around the globe. She was the 64th President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a membership organization representing over 57,000 obstetricians and gynecologists. She Chairs the Women's Preventive Services Initiative, a United States coalition of national health professional organizations and consumer and patient advocates with expertise in women's health.

WPSI develops, reviews and updates recommendations for women's preventive healthcare services. In 2013, she introduced the National Maternal Health Initiative to reduce maternal mortality and improve health before, during and after pregnancy. Dr. Conry has led national policy on the important role of Reproductive Health and the Environment and was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region Children's Environmental Health Champion Award.

For twenty-eight years, Dr. Conry was a practicing obstetrician gynecologist at Kaiser Permanente, the largest health maintenance organization in the United States, where she served in a leadership capacity. She currently serves as President and CEO of the Environmental Health Leadership Foundation. She received the Visionary Leadership Award from the University of California, and The United States House of Representatives acknowledgment for accomplishments in women's health.

Dr. Conry earned her medical degree and completed residency at the University of California, Davis. She served as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Davis. She has a PhD in biology from the University of Colorado.





Dr. Olufemi Olarogun

Reproductive Medicine Specialist
& Gynaecologist, South Africa

MBBS 1990 (University of Ilorin Nigeria)

Dip (Obs) 1997 (College of Med . South Africa)

FCOG 2000 (College of Med. South Africa)

MMED 2006 (University of Cape Town)

Cert Rep med (College of Med. South Africa)

Dr Olarogun graduated from the University of Ilorin, Nigeria in 1990. After a stint in Nigeria as a medical officer in a few hospitals, he came to South Africa in 1994 where he worked in Large Hospitals in Natal and East London.

He started his residency in 1997 at the university of Cape Town and obtained his fellowship from the college of Medicine South Africa in 2000.

He then did his sub-specialty in Reproductive Medicine in the same institution and stayed on as a senior lecturer/specialist until 2007 when he went into private practice. He however continued as a part time lecturer at the University of Cape Town.

He was made head of firm at the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the same university in 2010 and he still functions in this capacity.

Dr Olarogun works from the university of Cape Town private academic , Rondebosch Medical Centre sand the Christian Barnard Hospitals as a gynecologist and fertility specialist.

He has a special interest in endoscopy and is involved in the training of residents in the field of gynecological endoscopy.





Prof. Joe Leigh Simpson

**Immediate Past President IFFS;
Scientific Chair 2019 IFFS World
Congress (Shanghai), USA**

Professor Joe Leigh Simpson, has completed four years (2012-2016) as President of the International Federation Fertility Societies (IFFS), remaining as immediate Past President (2016-2019) and Scientific Chair of the 2019 IFFS World Congress (Shanghai). He is Senior Vice President for Research and Global Programs, March of Dimes Foundation.

His contributions in many aspects of reproductive genetics are numerous and relate to cytogenetics, invasive diagnostic procedures, preimplantation genetic diagnoses and noninvasive prenatal diagnostic methods. He has written nearly 800 articles and chapters.

His 15 major books include seven editions as co-editor of *Obstetrics: Normal and Problem Pregnancies* and three editions of *Genetics in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. Leadership roles have extended to numerous grant review panels, prestigious national and international committees, award committees and many professional organizations. He has been President of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, International Society of Prenatal Diagnosis, Society for Gynecologic Investigation (now Society for Reproductive Investigation), American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society. He has received an honorary Doctor Honors Causa from Universitea de Medicina si Farmacie "Carol Davila", Bucarest.

Professor Simpson is a member (since 1994) of the National Academy of Medicine, National Academies of Sciences, United States.





Prof Chittaranjan N. Purandare

Immediate Past President of FIGO,
India

President - FIGO – 2015-2018

President FOGSI – 2009

Dean – Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Editor Emeritus - Journal Obstetrics & Gynaecological Societies of India.

Professor Emeritus - National Research ObGyn Institute, Moscow

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship (FRCOG – honoris causa) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK in November 2009, for contribution and excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Women's Health nationally in India and globally.

Conferred Hon. Fellowship (FRCPI) of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland – 2013

Conferred Hon. Membership of Romanian College of Obstetric & Gynaecology – 2013

Conferred Fellowship National Academy of Medical Sciences, New Delhi - 2013

Conferred - Hon. Fellowship of American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), Chicago - 2014

Conferred – Hon. Membership of Columbian Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society, 2014

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of Sri Lankan College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, FSLCOG – 2017

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of the European Board of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, European Board College, FEBCOG – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of German College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, FDGGG (GER) – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Membership of France Society, CNGOF – 2018

Conferred – Hon. Fellowship of Taiwan Society, FTAOG (Tw) – 2019

Life Time Achievement Award Indian Fertility Society – IFS – 2015

Life Time Achievement Award The Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of India – FOGSI – 2017

Awarded MOGS – Dr. B. N. Purandare Award 2016

Awarded Dr. B. C. Roy National Award from Medical Council of India for the outstanding services in the field of Socio-Medical Relief 2016.

Awarded – “ Rashtriya Gaurav Award” for contribution and excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Awarded – “ SMT. Laxmibai Adik Award for Contribution to Medicine.

Awarded MOGS – Dr. Ganatra Award.

Awarded MOGS – Dr. Saroj Desai Award.

Awarded FOGSI-BEST BOOK of the year Award for Three Years.

Awarded Medscape India Best Gynaecologist Award

Consultant Obstetrics & Gynaecology- St. Elizabeth Hospital, BSES and Saifee Hospital Mumbai.

Hon. Consultant – Obst / Gynaec to Mumbai Police, Indian Armed Forces. □ Secretary General - FOGSI. 2004-2008

Member - Editorial Board , Journal, FOGSI.

Member - Governing Council Yuvak Prathisthan.

Member – Indian Association of Medical Ultrasound and Biology.

Member – Ex Board PMNCH (WHO)

Represented India on FIGO Executive Board.

Ex. Hon. professor- Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Grant Medical College, Mumbai- 400008.

Specialisation in Ultrasound in OBGYN and various

Ultrasound Guided Invasive Procedures and management of High Risk

Pregnancy. First to perform- Foetal Surgery in India., Purandare's Modified

Radical Hysterectomy Operation for Carcinoma Cervix. Extensive Experience –

Gynaecological Oncology Surgery, Vaginal Surgery. Inspector- Hospitals and

Medical Colleges for DNB Board in OBGYN





Dr. Panayota Zarmakoupis

Consultant OB/GYN and Reproductive
Endocrinologist, UAE

Dr. Panayota Zarmakoupis, M.D., PhD is a US board certified OB/GYN and Reproductive Endocrinologist currently working as a Consultant at Tawam Fertility Center. Dr. Zarmakoupis finished her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at NYU-Winthrop Hospital in New York, and a two year accredited fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of South Florida. She completed and published her thesis on the “Inhibition of endometrial stromal cells by Interleukin 6” at the University of South Florida. Dr. Zarmakoupis has served as Clinical Professor at the University of Kentucky and the University of Maryland and was one of the founding members of the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Zarmakoupis has published widely in both areas of male and female infertility and basic science research including 45 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals and 101 abstracts in national and international conferences such as the ASRM, ACOG, ESHRE and MEFS. She was awarded the “ARETAEUS prize for the Best Presentation of Original Work by a Greek of the Diaspora on her work in “Laparoscopic Treatment of Ectopic Pregnancy” and a meritorious award for the content and presentation of her work on “Inhibition of endometrial stromal cells by Interleukin 6” at the University of South Florida. Dr. Zarmakoupis has 25 years experience in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including IVF, intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) preimplantation genetic diagnosis and screening (PGD/PGS). She also specializes in reproductive minimally invasive surgery including operative hysteroscopy and operative laparoscopy.

Dr. Zarmakoupis established and directed her own IVF Program, the Kentucky Center for Reproductive Medicine in Lexington, Kentucky and was the first physician to establish a pregnancy using testicular sperm in the state of Kentucky. She was one of the pioneers in the USA to introduce Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Screening (PGD and PGS) for genetic screening of embryos and family balancing. Between 2009 and 2013 Dr. Zarmakoupis served as the Medical Director of Shore Gynecology at the University of Maryland Medical System. In 2013 she was recruited by Johns Hopkins International and joined the IVF Unit at Tawam Hospital. Between 2016 and 2017 she served as Medical Director of MedCare Fertility Center in Dubai.

Dr. Zarmakoupis is a member of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists and the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists.





Dr A H M Towhidul Anowar Chowdhury

**President Fertility & Sterility Society of
Bangladesh, Bangladesh**

Prof. T. A. Chowdhury, FRCS (E), FRCOG, FRCP (E), FCPS (B), FCPS (P), graduated from Dhaka Medical College, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1960, securing Honors in Obstetrics & Gynecology. He studied and worked in U.K. from 1963 to 1965 and during this period got his FRCS from Edinburgh and MRCOG from London.

After returning from UK, he joined as Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka in 1966 and subsequently worked as Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Chittagong Medical College.

He joined as Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology in the Institute of Postgraduate Medicine & Research at Dhaka in 1972 and continued in that capacity till 1994. From 1987 to 1994, he was also the Director of that prestigious Institute.

During this period he had enormous contribution in the field of postgraduate education and training in Bangladesh, particularly in the field of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He was the Secretary of the Bangladesh College of Physicians & Surgeons for 8 years and President for 2 years.

For his contribution in the field of Postgraduate Education in Nepal, the King of Nepal decorated him with "Gorkha Dakshin Bahu" medal one of the highest civilian awards.

He was examiner in the Postgraduate Examinations in Obstetrics & Gynecology in Nepal, Pakistan, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. He was also Examiner for the MRCOG Examination in U.K. in 1996.

He has about seventy scientific publications on Obstetrics & Gynecology, Family Planning and Maternal and Neonatal Health both in National and International Journals & Books.

He is currently working as Professor and Chief Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the Bangladesh Institute for Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders (BIRDEM) at Dhaka in Bangladesh.

He is the Past President of the Obstetrical & Gynecological Society of Bangladesh, and Bangladesh Perinatal Society. He was also the President of the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Vice-President of the Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He is currently the President of the Fertility & Sterility Society of Bangladesh, Gynecological Oncology Society of Bangladesh & Gynecological Endoscopy Society.

In 2000 he was awarded the Distinguished Services Gold Medal by Lion's Club of Dhaka. He has also received the Life-time Achievement Awards from the Obstetrical and Gynecological of Bangladesh and Fertility and Sterility Society of Bangladesh. He has also received Medal from the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology for distinguished services. In September 2002, he was invited to deliver the prestigious Professor Sreemanta Banerjee Memorial Oration at Calcutta Medical College, and subsequently presented an Oration in Surat in India...In 2014 he received the prestigious Life-time Achievement Award from Asia-Oceania Federation of Perinatal Societies. Based in Australia

He has attended many National and International Scientific Meetings and presented papers, sometimes as Invited Speakers or Panelists. He also worked as Consultant to WHO and other International Agencies on several occasions.

He is in the Editorial Board of several International Journals such as Journal of Obstetrical and Gynecological Research and Indian Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He has been serving as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Bangladesh Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology for many years. He is in the Research Review Committee of the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research in Bangladesh. He has guided 5 PhD candidates and innumerable MD and MS students towards their research. He has served and still serving as member and Chairperson in many high level governmental and non-government organization in the field of family planning, maternal and neonatal health.

He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate (PhD Honoris causa) by Bangabandhu Medical University, only medical university of Bangladesh

He has been awarded the ' Independence Medal', which is the Highest Civil National Award of Bangladesh in 2017.





Dr. Ernestine Gwet Bell

GIERAF Membres du Comité de Nomination, Cameroon

Founding Director of the Clinique médicale ODYSSEE, Douala CAMEROON.
Clinic specialized in ART since 1997.

Co Founder and President of GIERAF 2011-2015, African Society for Fertility and ART in sub Saharian Africa.

UNIVERSITY:

- Bachelor D in Cameroon 1972.
- State diploma of Doctor of Medicine at the University PARIS VII FRANCE.
- Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Specialist in ART. PARIS V.
- University Degree of ART, Montpellier France 2009.

Professional Activities:

- Physician assistant in Paris - 1981 - 1983
- Maternity Hospital Laquintinie Douala 1983-1984
- Director of Clinic Odyssee since 1985.

- Members of Cameroonian and International societies: SOGOG (Gynecology and Obstetrics), SAGO (African Gyn-Obst Society), AFS (African fertility Society), ESHRE, CNGOF (French College of Gyn-Obst), ICMAART, GIERAF, SALF (French Andrology Society)

- Numerous scientific papers: presented in International Conferences.
- The 5 main challenges faced in infertility care in Cameroon, GRH Journal, 5 July 2018.
- Co author of "Management of Infertility in Africa produced by GIERAF 2013.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- President of SYNAMEC (Private Doctors Union in Cameroon (8 years)
- Member of the Expert Committee of the College of Physicians.
- Founding member of SWAA (African women and AIDS in Africa)
- Member of Lions Club International: District Governor 2014-2015.





Dr. Thomas Mekuria Gebre

Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology REI fellow; CEO of Center for Fertility and Reproductive Medicine (CFRM), SPHMMC, Ethiopia

Dr. Thomas Mekuria Gebre is Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Fellow of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Current Position:

CEO of Center for Reproductive Medicine and Infertility, Saint Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College (SPHMMC).

Brief professional history:

Did my undergraduate medical education at Black Lion Hospital between 2005 to 2011 GC. Joined Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program in 2012 and completed with great distinction in 2016 at SPHMMC. Served as the chief resident throughout my residency.

Since then, working at SPHMMC OBGYN department as a teaching faculty member at various capacities including undergraduate program coordinator and department head of OBGYN at Menelik the second hospital (an affiliate center).

Notable research outputs, published on international journals:

“Contraceptive use in Oromia region” , “A one year review of eclampsia in an Ethiopian tertiary care center” and “a case report on ileoadnexal torsion”

Member of Ethiopian society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG).





Prof. Justin Mboloko Esimo

**Head of the Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology in the University Clinic
of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of
Congo**

EDUCATION

2009: Diploma of Reproduction Medicine and Biology/ University Paris VI
2007-2008: Certificate: epidemiology, Statistics and multivariate analysis/
Université Libre de Bruxelles
2005-2006: Ph D Gynecology/ Kinshasa University
2003-2004: Coelio-surgery Diploma/University of Yaounde I
1987-1988: Obstetrics and gynaecology specialist/ Kinshasa university
1981-1982: Medical Doctor Diploma/ Kinshasa University
1974-1975: State Diploma/ Catholic Minor Seminary of Bolongo
1968-1969: Primary school certificate

RESEARCH DOMAIN:

Couple infertility
Assisted Reproductive Technology
Gynecology Endoscopic Surgery

EMPLOYMENTS

1982-2006: Assistant and Lecturer at Kinshasa University
2006 –2008: Associate Professor at Kinshasa University
2007- 2010: Research Secretary at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
2009 - 2012: Deputy Director of the Kinshasa university clinic
2010 till now: Headmaster of Gynecology service of the University clinic of Kinshasa
2017 till now: Headmaster of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in
the University

Clinic of Kinshasa

-Founder and Director of CENTRE MEDICAL EDITH: since 1997 till now
-Professor of Gynecology in Kinshasa University and Protestant university of Kinshasa

PUBLICATIONS: 27 scientific publications

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES/

-Congoese society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
-African society of Obstetrics and gynecology
-Congoese society of Biology and Reproductive Medicine
-Interafrican group for study, research and application in
fertility (GIERAF)
-Western and Central African Society of Endoscopic Surgery
-International Society of Gynecologic Endoscopic Surgery





Dr Julius Msuya

**President of Tanzania Fertility Society,
Tanzania**

SUMMARY OF QULIFICATIONS;

- 1) Master of Medicine Degree (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) 1992-1996 at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 2) Doctor of Medicine Degree 1984-1989 at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 3) Certificate in Assisted Reproduction and Infertility –Institute of Reproductive Medicine Kolkata –India
- 4) Diploma – Minimal access Surgery World Laparoscopy Hospital-Delhi India 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE;

- 1) Internship-1989-1990 at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical centre, Moshi-Kilimanjaro' Tanzania.
- 2) District Medical Officer :1991-1992 at Arumeru District Arusha Region, Tanzania.
- 3) Gynecologist / Obstetrician (Specialist) 1996-2006 Isthnasherri Charitable Hospital Arusha
- 4) Gynecologist / Obstetrician Specialist) and Managing Director- Arusha St Thomas Medical Centre and specialized polyclinic services- Arusha Tanzania 2006 to date.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP;

- 1) AGOTA- Association of gynaecologist and Obstetrician of Tanzania
- 2) IFFS –World Congress on Fertility and Sterility
- 3) IUGA-International Urogynecological association
- 4) FIGO - The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
- 5) ISSRF- Indian Society for study of reproduction and fertility
- 6) ISAR-Indian society for assisted Reproduction
- 7) ESHRE - European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology
- 8) ESGE
- 9) WALs-World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons





Mr. Ashish Modi

**CEO & Medical Inventor,
Shivani Scientific Industries (P) Ltd , India**

Ashish Modi is CEO of Shivani Scientific Industries (P) Ltd and the Director of Embryology Academy for Research and Training at Mumbai, India. He holds these positions since 1991. Mr. Ashish Modi is also on the faculty of Embryology Academy for Research & Training (EART).

Mr. Ashish Modi received his Bachelor degree in 1989 from Mumbai University, India. He was awarded Postgraduate Award in Assisted Reproduction technology from Warwick University, UK. He also completed Master of Bio-technology of Human Assisted Reproduction from University of Valencia, Spain. Ashish also completed program for South Asian Entrepreneurs from AOTS, Japan. After joining family business of Shivani Scientific, He ventured into Assisted Reproduction Field in the year 1994 by setting up the first IVF unit in Mumbai, India. Thereafter, under his leadership, Shivani Scientific had not only set up more than 800 units but also hand held all these IVF Centers and Clinics in getting the best pregnancy and take home Baby rates.

Under leadership of Ashish, Shivani Scientific started Embryology Academy for Research & Training (EART) in the year 2003. The training was one of the first of its kind at that time and more emphasis was given on Hands On Training. All the Embryology related topics were covered in the training. The training program has been extended to more than 1500 Clinicians and Embryologists from 45 Countries. The training program was accredited by Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, USA from the year 2008 to 2012. Currently the training program is accredited by Embryology and PGD Academy, UK. Ashish played a very important role in acquiring Journal of Clinical Embryology which was being published since 1999 from USA.

Ashish has under his name several US Patents for invention of new fertility technologies related to Ovum Aspiration. The patents cover Automatic and Electronic Drop and Level detection of follicular fluids in Test Tube during Follicle Aspiration Procedure. Ashish has applied for another 17 patents in various Countries. Ashish has been actively involved in bringing in path breaking innovations in the Field of Assisted Reproduction such as Spermfuge, Jacket Warmer, Oocyte Aspirator, Simulator with virtual reality, to name a few. Ashish is also single handedly responsible for getting recognition as Research Institute to Shivani Scientific from Government of India.

Ashish's vivid interest is in application of modern day technologies such as Virtual Reality, Artificial Intelligence and IOT technologies to the field of Assisted Reproduction.





**Dr. Ibrahim Saleh
Mohammed Hassan**

**Head of Al Hikna IVF Clinic
Ethiopia**

EDUCATION

Feb 2006: German Facharzt In Obstetrics and Gynaecology

June 1996: Bachelor's degree in Medicine Jordan University

LANGUAGE

Fluent Arabic, Fluent English, Good German

POSITION HELD /PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015- Present **Ob/Gyne consultant**, IVF specialist and GM

May 2006 – 2013:- Ob/Gyne and IVF specialties

Dr. Samir Abbas Medical center – Jeddah – KSA

Oct 2001 – Feb 2006: Resident in Technical University Hospital in Munich – Germany

Sep 97- Sep 2001:- Senior Resident in Ob/ Gyne and IVF
United Doctors Hospital – Jeddah

July 96 – June 97: House Officer King Fahad Hospital – Jeddah

MEMBERSHIP

Ethiopian Society for OB/GYNE (ESOG) German Society for Obstetrics & Gynaecology

(DGGG) European Society for Human Reproduction & Embryology (ESHRE)





Dr. Kamini Rao

Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre & International Institute for Training and Research in Reproductive Health (IIRRH), India

Dr. Kamini A Rao is the Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre (A Unit of BACC Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.) (1990 to date)

Affiliations:

Medical Director, Milann – The Fertility Centre (A Unit of BACC Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.) (1990 to date), Chairman, National Registry of ART Clinics and Banks in India (2018 to date), President, Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) (2000-2001), President, Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction (2006-2008)

Awards:

Padma Shri Award by Govt. of India in recognition of distinguished service in the field of Reproductive Medicine on 26th April 2014. Award presented by Hon. President, Sri. Pranab Mukherjee. Karnataka State Award (Rajyotsava Award), for invaluable service in the field of medicine in 1997. Lifetime Achievement Award from FOGSI, ISAR, KSOGA & BSOG. Dr. Kamini Rao has also been awarded the Honorary PhD from Bangalore University by Vice President of India, 2019.

Publications:

Published 50 medical textbooks & 41 publications in national & international journals.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Infertility, Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology, Assisted Techniques in Reproduction





Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar Adiga

**Professor & Head, Department of
Clinical Embryology, Kasturba Medical
College, Manipal Academy of Higher
Education, India**

Prof. Satish Adiga is a renowned Clinical Embryologist, graduated from National University of Singapore. He is heading the Center of Excellence in Clinical Embryology, Manipal Academy of Higher Education which has emerged as the hub for specialized research and training in the field of ART. The centre is closely collaborating with institutional and industry partnerships to provide a significant impulse in the growth of clinical embryology subspecialty in India.

His work is focused on the deep understanding of the impact of sperm pathology on the embryonic response, and utilizing this understanding to develop non-invasive markers for identifying genetically and functionally competent IVF derived embryos to improve the reproductive outcome.

Prof. Adiga has received several prestigious national and international research awards such as Sir CV Raman award from Karnataka Government (India), Alexander von Humboldt fellowship (Germany) and JSPS fellowship (Japan). He is serving as Research Ambassador for German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany since 2015.





Dr. Kshitiz Murdia

Medical Director of the Indira IVF
Hospitals Pvt. Ltd., India

Dr Kshitiz Murdia hails from Udaipur Rajasthan and is the youngest and the most dynamic professional to have achieved and raised his institute to an indisputable Top spot.

He has depicted by his accolades in a very small time that excellence is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skilful execution and vision to see obstacle as opportunities.

He has changed the course of history of infertility world over by shaping Indira IVF as the biggest chain of IVF clinics in India with over 63 branches across India and done almost an incredible number of 48000 IVF cycles till date. He is one of the youngest IVF specialist in India with such large IVF case record.

The group of hospitals has one of the biggest in-house team of professionals with over 170 clinicians and 90 embryologist working full time. Dr Kshitiz is credited for training all these clinicians and making sure they achieve a similar success rate across all centres.

He has achieved the reputation of solvency and probity by his skill, hard work and panoramic vision.

It will be worth saying here that with his hard work, diligence, vision & zeal to give best to the society, Indira IVF has become the largest IVF chain in India in just 8 years

He is the reflection of youth, wisdom and programatic understanding of the psyche of the infertile patients.

He has upheld the banner of his mentors by his knowledge of anatomy and ever aggressive scientific approach.





Dr. Victor Shola Akinsooto

**Reproductive Endocrinologist and Fertility
Specialist, Canada**

Dr Victor Shola Akinsooto is a Reproductive Endocrinologist and Fertility Specialist certified by the Royal College of Physician & Surgeons of Canada. He started his medical education at University of Ilorin where he obtained the Bachelor Medicine and Surgery degree.

His residency commenced at University of Natal, after which he was admitted as a Fellow of the South African College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He also obtained the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada certification in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

He subsequently received subspecialty training in Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at McMaster University.

Dr Akinsooto is passionate about reproductive care, as well as the rights of women and men affected by infertility. His interests include Reproductive Endocrinology, polycystic ovarian syndrome, ovarian insufficiency, Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), ART laboratory Quality Control and Quality Assurance. He is skilled in laparoscopic reproductive surgery, and is active in teaching and continued medical education.

Membership of professional societies include Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS), American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) and Kitchener Waterloo Academy of Medicine.

He is an associate staff of Hamilton Health Sciences, and Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at McMaster University. He is the Medical Director of ONE Fertility Kitchener Waterloo.





Prof. Vladislav Korsak

President of the Russian Association of Human Reproduction, Russia and CEO of the International Centre for Reproductive Medicine in Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Professor Vladislav Korsak, DSc, is a highest-rate obstetrician-gynecologist (50-year experience in the field), CEO of the International Centre for Reproductive Medicine in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, President of the Russian Association of Human Reproduction (RAHR), is on the European IVF-monitoring (EIM) Consortium for the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).

Prof. Korsak graduated from the 1st Leningrad Medical Institute named after academician Ivan Pavlov (now Saint-Petersburg State Medical University) in 1969.

1969 - 1972 Obstetrician-gynecologist in a maternity hospital in Norilsk (Far North Region of Russia) 1975 PhD thesis defense 1975 - 2006 Assistant Professor, then Professor at the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Pavlov Saint-Petersburg State Medical University 1985 - 1989 Consulting obstetrician-gynecologist in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Instructor at the Faculty of Medicine of the Addis Ababa University.

1999 DSc thesis defense 1993 - 2004 Head of IVF and Early Embryogenesis Department at the Ott Scientific Research Institute of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Saint-Petersburg
1993 - present Director General of the International Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Saint-Petersburg.

Professional Associations:

1995 – Present President of the Russian Association of Human Reproduction
2009 – 2013 Member of the Steering Committee of EIM Consortium, ESHRE
2016 – Present Board of Directors Member, International Federation of Fertility Societies;
2011 – Present Honorary Member of Kazakhstan Association of Reproductive Medicine
2016 – Present Editorial Board member of the Russian Journal of Human Reproduction.

- Official representative of the RF in the Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE)
- Member of the WG on Reproductive Health of the Healthcare Expert Council of the Committee on Social Policy and Healthcare at the Russian Federal Assembly Scientific interests: gynecological surgery, laparoscopy, endometriosis, IVF/ More than 235 publications including guidelines and manuals for students and doctors, popular educational books on infertility, author of qualification and training software in Obstetrics and Gynecology.





Dr. Paul Le Roux

Past President Southern African Society for Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecological Endoscopy (SASREG), South Africa

Dr. Paul le Roux qualified as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the University of Cape Town in 2003, and then did his two year Fellowship in Reproductive Medicine at the same institution. He received awards for the best research during his time there, and published many original research papers in leading journals.

He now works as Reproductive Medicine Specialist at Cape Fertility, a large private IVF unit in Cape Town. He is a Director of the clinic and also the CEO.

Dr. le Roux was elected President of SASREG – Southern African Society for Reproductive Medicine and Gynecological Endoscopy in 2011, and re-elected for a second term in 2014. He is also chair of the national committee in South Africa for accreditation of IVF clinics, the Committee for Publication of Guidelines and also works with the National Department of Health in South Africa to assist with the drafting of new fertility legislation.

Dr. le Roux performed the first orthotropic ovarian tissue transplant resulting in a live birth in Africa in 2013.

Dr. le Roux is on the Editorial board of IFFS Surveillance, and co-authored the last 2 Surveillance reports (in 2013 and 2016).

He is married and had 2 lovely daughters!





Dr. Mohamed Chakirou Latoundji

President of GIERAF, Benin

Dr LATOUNDJI Mohamed Chakirou, Président du GIERAF est née le 11 Septembre 1959 au Pointe Noire (CONGO), de nationalité Béninoise. Il a reçu son diplôme de Doctorat d'Etat en Médecine (Brazzaville, Congo) en 1989 et son Certificat d'études spécialisées en Gynécologie et Obstétrique au Cotonou, Bénin en 1995. Il a également obtenu un Certificat de Coelioscopie chirurgicale, une attestation de formation spécialisée en Gynécologie-Obstétrique, une attestation de validation de stage pratique en échographie en Gynécologie-Obstétrique en France. En 2007, Dr Latoundji a obtenu Diplôme Inter-Universitaires en Gynécologie-Obstétrique au Cotonou, Bénin.

Il a participé à plus de 25 réunions scientifiques, conférences et congrès de 2007 à présent telle que les congrès de la Société de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique du BENIN et du TOGO (SGOBT), les congrès du Groupe Interafricain d'Etude, de Recherche et d'Application sur la Fertilité (GIERAF), congrès de la Société Africaine des Gynécologues Obstétriciens (SAGO), les congrès annuels du West African College of Surgeons (WACS), congrès de l'Association Sénégalaise de Gynécologie Obstétrique (ASGO), les Journées Parisiennes d'Echographie (JPECHO), les Journées scientifiques de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique du Collège National des Gynécologues Obstétriciens du Bénin (CNGOB).

Dr Latoundji est membre fondateur et le président actuel du GIERAF, membre fondateur du Collège des Gynécologues et Obstétriciens du Bénin. Il fait partir de nombreuses sociétés médicales comme la Société Africaine des Gynécologues Obstétriciens (SAGO) ; la Fédération Internationale des Gynécologues Obstétriciens (FIGO), Société Médicale du Bénin (SMB) depuis 2012, Collège National des Gynécologues Obstétriciens du Bénin (CNGOB) depuis 2014, Groupement Caennais de Célioscopie chirurgicale depuis 1993, Comité de diagnostic et de traitement du Cancer de sein à Arpajon (France), Groupe Interafricain d'Etude, de Recherche et d'Application sur la Fertilité (GIERAF) depuis 2009, Collège Ouest Africain des chirurgiens (WEST-AFRICANCOLLEGE OF SURGEONS : WACS), Collège Français d'Echographie Foetale (CFEF).

Il est académicien et enseignant à la Faculté de Médecine et Ecole de Sages-Femmes du Congo Brazzaville, l'Institut Médico-sociale du Bénin à Cotonou. Il dispense les cours Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique, d'Echographie et d'Hystérocopie et de coelioscopie pour le DIU d'Endoscopie en Gynécologie et Obstétrique.

Il été un encadreur hospitalier des étudiants de médecine CUGO (Clinique Universitaire de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique) de 1990 à 1995, Cotonou Bénin. Le Dr Latoundji a plus de 15 publications pertinentes dans les journaux scientifique Il est également un producteur d'œuvres musicales traditionnelles du BENIN avec plusieurs productions audio, vidéo et littéraire.





Mrs. Georgina Moore

Embryologist and Biomedical Scientist

Georgina Moore is an Embryologist and a Biomedical Scientist by profession. She always aspires to further her career as Clinical Embryologist in the area of Assisted Reproductive Technology. She acquired her education at Accra Polytechnic University and currently pursuing Bachelor of Science Medical Laboratory Technology at Narh-Bita College, Tema, Ghana. She's had over fifteen years experience in the Medical Laboratory field, designated different positions characterized by her hard work and perseverance in carrying out tasks in some hospitals and clinics in Tema and Accra.

She had the privilege offered by MERCK foundation through Ghana Association of Clinical Embryologists (G.A.C.E) and Fertility Society of Ghana (F.E.R.S.O.G) and was selected for the MERCK Africa Embryology training programme. She pursue this Embryology training programme at International Institute for training and Research in Reproductive Health(IIRRH) in Bangalore, India where she successfully acquired a certificate of completion on advanced hands on training course in Clinical Embryology.

She also further pursue the following online Embryology courses and completed successfully with awarded certificates: American Society of Reproductive Medicine(ASRM)Embryology certificate course, Webinar Embryology course by Mar Van Den Bergh a senior certified Clinical and training Embryologist at ITCART, University of Zurich(Switzerland),Online course in Assisted Reproduction certified by IVI University Institute, Spain.

She has attended conferences both in and outside Ghana such as the MERCK Africa/Asia Luminary (organized by MERCK foundation) held in Egypt and Senegal, Fertility Society of Ghana (F.E.R.S.O.G), Ghana Association of Clinical Embryology (G.A.C.E) and EinART, Ghana and Allied Health and Professional Council(A.H.P.C)

She is a member of MERCK Fertility Alumni, European Society of Human Reproduction Embryology (E.S.H.R.E), FERSOG and GACE.

She was assigned by MERCK foundation to educate some students of National Film and Television (NAFTI) on infertility in Accra, Ghana.

She is currently appointed as the Vice President of the MERCK Fertility Alumni.





Mr. Jonah Kissi Amoah

**Clinical Embrologist and Biomedical Scientist
Clinical Director – Divine LILLIES HOSPITAL**

Had tertiary education from KNUST and Secondary from St. Peter's High school, Nkwatia Ghana.

A Merck Embrology Aluminus with 3 years experience after the Advance training programme by Merck. A member of ASRM, FERSOG and GACE.
Currently the Clinical Director of Divine LILLIES HOSPITAL Kasoa millennium city Ghana.

Have had the opportunity to work under the first and one of the best Embrologist in Ghana Ellis Fleischer.





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"I will be the first gynecologic oncologist in Zambia, Thanks to the Merck Oncology Fellowship Program. The Fellowship will help me to receive extensive surgical exposure to gynaecologic procedures, chemotherapy and learn the new and advanced techniques of radiotherapy. Zambian women will have a quality and continuity of care since surgery and administering of chemo radiotherapy can be facilitated by the same person in their home country."

Dr. Paul Kamfwa

Gynaecologic Oncology Fellow
Merck Foundation Alumnus
Zambia

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Builds cancer care capacity with the aim to increase the limited number of Oncologists across Africa.

Under this program, Merck Foundation in partnership with Ministries of Health and academia across the continent, provides one and two-year Oncology Fellowship Programs.

Since 2016, more than 30 healthcare providers from over 15 African countries such as; Niger, Chad, Guinea, Gambia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Liberia, Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, Namibia, Mauritius and Ghana, have enrolled into this program with the aim to improve access to quality and equitable cancer care in their countries.



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Moderators: Dr. Nihad Salifu and Dr Kokou H. Amegan-Aho

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**Merck Cancer Access
Program Oncology
Session**

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09:00

Report of the Nairobi Chronic
Myeloid Leukaemia study

Prof. Nicholas Othieno-Abinya
Professor of Medicine,
Head of Department Haematology &
Oncology, University of Nairobi, Kenya

09:00
09:30

Egyptian Guidelines In Manage-
ment Of Cancer Of The Head And
Neck

Prof. Tarek Khairy
Vice Dean of National Cancer Institute,
Cairo University, Egypt

09:30
10:00

Cervical Cancer Treatment
In Low Resources Setting

Prof. Amal Ch Katak
Director, Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute
(Tata Memorial Centre), Guwahati, India

10:00
10:30

Delivering Good Quality
Cancer Surgery In Africa

Prof. Riccardo A. Audisio
Consultant Surgical Oncologist,
Honorary Professor,
University of Liverpool, UK

10:30
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COFFEE BREAK

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Optimising Radiation Therapy
In The Treatment Of Common
Cancers

Prof. Siddhartha Laskar
Professor and Radiation Oncologist,
Tata Memorial Centre, India



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Colposcopy And Treatment
Of Cervical Intraepithelial
Neoplasia

Dr. Debabrata Barmon
Prof & HOD, Dept of Gyn Oncology
Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute,
Guwahati, India

12:00
12:30

Management Of Paediatric
Hodgkins Lymphoma

Dr. Maya Prasad
Associate Professor of Pediatric Oncology,
Tata Memorial Centre, India

12:30
13:00

Finding Interventions To
Building Cancer Care
Capacity in Africa

Dr. Nihad Salifu, Pediatric Oncologist,
Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana (Moderator)
Dr. Golam Mohiuddin Faruque
Bangladesh Cancer Society
Dr. Buenaventura Ramos Jr.
Vice-President of Phillipine Society of Medical
Oncology, Phillipines
Dr Jackson Orem
Executive Director of Uganda Cancer Institute
Dr Anna Mary Nyakabau
Chairperson and Founder of Mary Anna Oncology
Centre, Zimbabwe

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Breast Cancer Comprehensive
Center of the National Cancer
Institute, Cairo University:
Building Capacity in a developing
country "Facts and Figures"

Prof. Emad Shash
Deputy Medical Director, Breast Comprehensive
Cancer Hospital, National Cancer Institute,
Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

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Radiation Therapy for
Pediatric Malignancy

Prof. Siddhartha Laskar
Professor and Radiation Oncologist,
Tata Memorial Centre, India

14:40
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Nutrition and Cancer

Dr. Maya Prasad
Associate Professor of Pediatric Oncology,
Tata Memorial Centre, India

15:00
15:30

Winning The Battle Against
Breast Cancer

Dr. Joel Yarney
Head of the Medical Centre for
Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine at
the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana

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Management Of Febrile
Neutropenia In Patients Receiving
Chemotherapy For Solid Tumors
In A Low Resource Setting

Dr. Verna Vanderpuye
Radiation/ Clinical Oncologist. National
Radiotherapy Centre Korle-Bu Teaching
Hospital, Ghana

16:25
16:50

Importance Of Symptom
Management In Palliative Care

Dr. Zipporah Ali
Palliative Care Doctor and Executive
Director of Kenya Hospices and Palliative
Care Association (KEHPCA), Kenya

16:50
17:00

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Dr. Abdoulaye Keita, Sénégal, Ms. Sokhna Seye, Sénégal, Mr. Abdelaziz ABDELMADJIT, Sénégal

MERCK CANCER ACCESS PROGRAM

“Nous sommes très heureux du partenariat entre la Fondation Merck et notre Ministère de la Santé pour renforcer les capacités de prise en charge du cancer au Sénégal. Le programme de formation "Merck Oncology Fellowship Program" est arrivé à temps car le cancer est devenu un problème de santé publique. Cette formation a amélioré mes connaissances, a amélioré ma pratique et peut former d'autres prestataires de soins de santé pour aider au diagnostic précoce et au traitement des patients. Cela nous permet de lancer une campagne de sensibilisation et d'information dans nos différentes localités pour détecter rapidement le cancer et réduire le taux de mortalité.”

Dr. Abdoulaye Keita, Ms. Sokhna Seye, Mr. Abdelaziz ABDELMADJIT
Merck Foundation Alumnus
Sénégal



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**Programme d'Accès
aux soins du Cancer
Merck**

Adlon Ballroom 2

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Rapport de l'étude de Nairobi sur
la leucémie myéloïde chronique

Nicholas Othieno-Abinya
Professeur de Médecine,
Chef du Département d'Hématologie
et d'Oncologie, Université de Nairobi, Kenya

09:00
09:30

Directives Égyptiennes sur
la prise en charge du cancer
de la tête et du cou

Tarek Khairy
Vice-doyen de l'Institut National du Cancer,
Université du Caire, Égypte

09:30
10:00

Traitement du cancer
du col utérin dans
un environnement
à ressources limitées

Prof. Amal Ch Kataki Directrice,
Institut de Cancer du Dr Borooh
(Tata Memorial Center), Guwahati, Inde

10:00
10:30

Fournir une chirurgie du cancer
de bonne qualité en Afrique

Riccardo A. Audisio
Consultant en Oncologie Chirurgicale, Professeur
Honoraire, Université de Liverpool, Royaume-Uni,
Professeur à l'Institut des Sciences Cliniques,
Université de Göteborg, Suède

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Questions & Réponses

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Optimiser la radiothérapie
dans le traitement
des cancers courants

Siddhartha Laskar
Professeur et Radio-oncologue,
Tata Memorial Center, Inde



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Coloscopie et traitement
de la néoplasie
intraépithéliale cervicale

Dr. Debabrata Barmon

Prof & CDD, Département de Gynécologie Oncologique
Institute of Cancer du Dr. B. Borooah, Guwahati, Inde
Prise en charge du lymphome de Hodgkin chez l'enfant

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Prise en charge du lymphome
de Hodgkin chez l'enfant

Dr. Maya Prasad

Professeur en Oncologie Pédiatrique,
Tata Memorial Center, Inde

12:30
13:00

Trouver des interventions
pour renforcer les capacités
de prise en charge
du cancer en Afrique

Dr Nihad Salifu,

Oncologue Pédiatrique,
Hôpital Universitaire Korle-Bu,
Ghana (modérateur)

Dr Golam Mohiuddin Faruque -
Société du Cancer du Bangladesh

Dr. Buenaventura Ramos Jr.

Vice-président de la Société
d'Oncologie Médical Phillipine, Philippines

Dr Jackson Orem

Directeur Exécutif de l'Institute
de Cancer de l'Ouganda TABLE RONDE

Dr Anna Mary Nyakabau

Chairperson and Founder of Mary Anna Oncology
Centre, Zimbabwe

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Breast Cancer Comprehensive
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Prof. Emad Shash

Deputy Medical Director, Breast Comprehensive
Cancer Hospital, National Cancer Institute,
Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

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Radiothérapie pour tumeurs
malignes chez l'enfant

Prof. Siddhartha Laskar

Professeur et Radio-oncologue,
Tata Memorial Center, Inde .Coloscopie et traitement
de la néoplasie intraépithéliale cervicale

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Nutrition et Cancer

Dr. Maya Prasad

Professeur d'Oncologie Pédiatrique,
Tata Memorial Centre, Inde

15:00
15:30

Gagner la bataille contre
le cancer du sein

Dr. Joel Yarney

Chef du Centre Médical de Radiothérapie
et de Médecine Nucléaire de l'Hôpital Universitaire
de Korle-Bu, au Ghana

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Prise en charge de la
Neutropénie Fébrile Chez Les
Patients Recevant Une Chimio-
thérapie Pour Des Tumeurs
Solides Dans Un Environnement
De Ressources Limitées

Dr. Verna Vanderpuye

Oncologue Radiothérapie / clinique.
Centre National de Radiothérapie Hôpital
universitaire Korle-Bu, Ghana

16:25
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Importance de la prise
en charge symptomatiques
dans les soins palliative

Dr. Zipporah Ali

Docteur en Soins Palliatifs
et Directeur Exécutif de l'Association
des Soins Palliatifs et du Kenya (KEHPCA)

16:50
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Questions & Réponses

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“Currently, Ghana has a population of about 26 million with a cancer rate of 109 per 100,000 people, and yet there is no single trained medical oncologist in Ghana. In addition, there are only three paediatric oncologists in the whole country, and our cancer cure rate is very low in children-it is about 20% when cure rates are approaching 80% in many developed parts of the world.

This huge human resource deficit in childhood cancer care is the main motivating factor for me applying to be considered for this training. I will benefit from this great opportunity being given to our country by Merck Foundation. The Merck Oncology Fellowship Program will add to the few oncologists in Ghana, to ease the workload and improve quality of patient care.”

Dr. Nihad Salifu

Paediatric Medical Oncology Fellow

Merck Foundation Alumna

Ghana



Prof. Nicholas Anthony Othieno-Abinya

**Professor of Medicine, Director of
Medical Oncology Fellowship Program,
University of Nairobi, Kenya**

Dr. Nicholas Anthony Othieno-Abinya is Professor of Medicine at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, where he is the Director of Medical Oncology Fellowship Program. He is also the head of Haematology/Oncology at the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi. In 2009 and 2010 he was head of oncology at AgaKhan University Hospital, Nairobi. He is also the chairman of Cancer Research and Communications (CRCO) and the project lead in development of Western Kenya Comprehensive Cancer Centre (WKCCC) at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) in Kisumu.

He holds a Masters degree in Internal Medicine of the University of Nairobi, and completed his fellowship in Medical Oncology at the Royal London Hospital (University of London) in 1992. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

His research interests are in malignant haematology and breast cancer, in which he has published widely in peer-reviewed journals. He also has keen interest in molecular oncology. He has also authored a text book titled 'Drug Treatment of Haematologic Neoplasms' (second edition in 2016 by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation). He has also co-authored cancer booklets, and has written chapters in several books.

Dr. Othieno-Abinya is a member of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), and served in its International Affairs Committee from 2010-2012; Africa Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC), having been Vice Chair for Eastern Africa and was a long time member of Council; and European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO). He founded Kenya Society of Haematology and Oncology (KESHO), of which he was the first Chair, and is still its Patron. His outstanding academic achievements were profiled in the University of Nairobi magazine, 'Varsity Focus' of September 2017.

Dr. Othieno-Abinya has received several awards and honours, including American Society of Oncology (ASCO) International Travel Grant Award for ASCO's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, USA; Kenya Breast Health Programme Award in appreciation of contribution to success of the Breast Cancer Survivors' Conference on 11-14 July 2003; Kenya Breast Health Programme Award in recognition for outstanding contribution to the care of women with breast cancer in Kenya; Best Oral Presentation by Established Scientist Award, 2ND KASH Conference, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Nairobi; 2018 Harvard Global Health Catalyst: Distinguished African Ambassador Award.

He is married with four grown-up children, and has grandchildren.





Prof. Tarek Khairy

Vice Dean of National Cancer Institute,
Cairo University, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Tarek khairy M.D. Professor, Department of Surgical Oncology, Head and Neck unit, Vice-dean for Social Affairs, National Cancer Institute, Cairo University, Egypt.

Dr. Tarek graduated on 1990 Kasr-el Eini, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University.

He got his 3 year residency training in General Surgical Oncology at National Cancer Institute and 6 months in the emergency & causality department in Kasr El Eini, Faculty of Medicine where he acquired Master Degree in General Surgery.

Dr. Tarek completed his career in the National Cancer Institute where he acquired his MD degree after which he was an attending Lecturer in the NCI.

Dr. Tarek had many publications in the field of Head & Neck Surgery after which he was promoted to an Associate Professor of Head and Neck Surgery.

Dr. Tarek focused on Head and Neck Surgery and was a mentor of many MSc students and M.D. Post Graduate internal and external residents for their thesis as well.

Dr. Tarek is a member of ESSO/ ESHNO/ EGSSO. Since 2019, he was assigned as NCI Vice-Dean for Social affairs. Dr. Tarek's great concern was raising public awareness for Cancer Screening and promoting early detection programs which has a direct positive impact on cure for Cancer patients.





Dr. Amal Chandra Katakai

Director of Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute, (BBCI), Guwahati, India

Dr. Amal Chandra Katakai was born at a small town in Raha in the Nagaon District of Assam in 1958. Dr. Katakai joined Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati in 1988 as Gynaecologic Oncologist. The International Union Cancer Control (UICC) had awarded 'ICRETT Fellowship' to Dr. Katakai in 1996 for his project at Mayo Clinic, USA and again in 2002 for another project at Hammersmith Hospital, London. He also received training in MD Anderson Cancer Centre, USA; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

In 2003, he joined as Director of BBCI, one of the oldest RCC in the North Eastern Region. As a mark of respect for his contribution he was awarded GLP Award, ERDF Award, DPRC Award, Sudhakantha Dr Bhupen Hazarika Perona Award, Citation by Assam Medical College Fraternity for outstanding contribution in the field of medicine. He was also awarded for contribution in the field of medicine at Kolkata by the Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal on 27th August 2016, Dr Heramba Kumar Bharali Award for Excellence in Medicine by Pratishruti Cancer and Palliative Care Trust, Dibrugarh on 15th Dec 2018.

Dr Katakai is actively working for community based cancer control programme, capacity development in the north eastern region, tobacco control, establishment of palliative care services in Assam and North Eastern Region.

Dr Katakai introduced various academic courses and research projects on common cancers in the Institute viz. MD in Radiation Oncology, M.Sc in Radiological Physics, M.Sc. in Cancer Biology, Diploma in Oncology Nursing, M.Ch in Surgical Oncology, DM in Medical Oncology, Ph.D in Biological Sciences, 2 Years PG Fellowship Programme in 5 disciplines of Oncology and paramedical courses in 21 subjects. He has 159 research publications (44 national, 104 international and 11 regional journals). Dr Katakai is also Ph.D Guide of Srimanta Sankardeva University of Health Sciences, Assam; Gauhati University and Assam down town University.

He is members of various committees of Govt. of India and Peer Reviewer of many national and international journals. He is the Chairman of Institutional Ethics Committee of IIT-Guwahati and IASST, Guwahati. At present, he is actively involved in many research projects supported by ICMR and DBT. Under his leadership, the Institute has tied up for clinical, academic and research collaboration with Dutch School of Gynaecologic Oncology and Pelvic Surgery, The Netherlands; Manitoba University, Canada; AIMS, Kochi; Indo-American Cancer Centre, Hyderabad; Institute of Advance Studies in Science & Technology, Guwahati and National Institute Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Guwahati to name a few.

Due to his relentless effort to develop BBCI into a National Centre of Excellence for Cancer Treatment, Education and Research, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in the Cabinet Meeting on 07.06.2017 decided to develop BBCI as a Grants-in-Aid Institute of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India under the administrative control of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. Accordingly, the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India has taken over the Institute as a unit of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai





Prof. Riccardo A. Audisio

**Consultant Surgical Oncologist and
Honorary Professor University of Liverpool;
Professor at the Institute of Clinical
Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden**

Riccardo A. Audisio was born in Milan, Italy, where he completed his High School at the Istituto Leone XIII in 1975. He graduated in Padua in Medicine & Surgery (1980) and specialised in General Surgery at the University of Verona (1985) as well as in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Milan (1994).

Trained at the National Cancer Institute of Milan (1980-94) he was appointed deputy director at the Department of General Surgery, European Institute of Oncology, Milan (1994-8).

He moved to the United Kingdom in 1999 to become Consultant Surgical Oncologist and Honorary Professor at the University of Liverpool, UK. As of February 2018 he is Professor at the Institute of Clinical Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Past Editor of Surgical Oncology, Elsevier Publisher (2007-13) he is Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Surgical Oncology. Author of 259 peer-reviewed publications and 36 book chapters, Professor Audisio edited 20 book projects and is guest reviewer to 39 international scientific journals.

Professor Audisio is Immediate past-president of BASO (British Association of Surgical Oncologists) and of ESSO (European Society of Surgical Oncology). He is serving as an advisor to the Department of Health and to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Breast Cancer in Older Women. Professor Audisio sits on the Board of Directors of ECCO, the European CanCer Organisation. He is member of several international scientific societies including BASO, ESSO, SSO, ASGBI, ASCRS, AAA, SIOG and EUSOMA. He is past-chair of the Education & Training Committee of ESSO. His clinical research focuses on Breast Cancer, Geriatric Oncology and Education in Surgical Oncology.





Prof. Siddhartha Laskar

Dy. Director Academics, Professor,
Department of Radiation Oncology,
Tata Memorial Centre, India

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

MD (Radiotherapy), D.N.B (Radiotherapy)

CURRENT POSITION

Dy Director Academics, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, India
Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, TMH, Mumbai, India
Member Secretary, Institutional Review Board (IRB), TMH, Mumbai, India
Member, Hadron Safety Committee, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), India
Steering Committee Member, International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG)
International Society of Paediatric Radiation Oncology (PROS) Educational Task Force
Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) sub-committee for National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research ICMR committee for Treatment Guidelines of Paediatric Malignancies

POSITIONS HELD

Chairman, Indian Paediatric Oncology Group (InPOG): Sarcoma Committee Convener Bone & Soft Tissue, Disease Management Group, TMH, Mumbai Executive Committee International Society of Paediatric Radiation Oncology (PROS) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Expert for Paediatric Radiation Oncology Vice President (Junior), Association of Radiation Oncologists of India

MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI)
International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)
International Society of Paediatric Radiation Oncology (PROS)
International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG)
Indian Brachytherapy Society (IBS)
Indian Association for Hyperthermic Oncology & Radn Modifiers (IAHOM)
Indian Co-operative Oncology Network (ICON)
Indian Musculoskeletal Oncology Society (IMSOS)

SCIENTIFIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS

International Meetings: More than 110 presentations
National Meetings (Invited Talks): More than 200

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS & BOOK CHAPTERS: 120 EDITORIAL BOARD & EXPERT REVIEWER FOR INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL JOURNAL

International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, & Physics
International Journal "Clinical Oncology"
International journal "Cancer"
Sarcomas in "BioMed Central"
International journal "Radiotherapy & Oncology"
Journal of Cancer Research & Therapeutics (JCRT)

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Haematological malignancies
Bone & Soft Tissue malignancies
Paediatric malignancies
Brachytherapy
Magna field radiation therapy
Ethics of Biomedical Research

AWARDS

International Union for Cancer Control (UICC) fellowship
International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) fellowship
Visiting Professors, McGill University, Montreal, Canada





Prof. Debabrata Barmon

**Head of Gynaecology Oncology
Department, Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooh
Cancer Institute, Guwahati, India**

Sr. Resident (Contractual)-October 2002 - March 2004, (Duration: 1 year 6 months) Sr. Resident / Junior Consultant (Regular) – April 2004 to April 2007 (Duration: 3 years 1 mon)
Joined as Consultant from 1st May 2007 till April 2012.
Promoted as Associate Professor, from 1st May 2012.
Promoted as Professor and Incharge, Dept of Gynaecologic Oncology since 1st May 2017.
Presently working as Prof and HOD since July 2011.

Publications written

30 Indexed National & International journal.

Research of interest.

- I HPV Genotyping in pre-invasive and invasive cervical carcinoma patients of North East India. Duration: January 2011 to January 2013. Funding: DBT, Govt. of India. Objective: PCR based genotyping of cervical tissue using type-specific primers to detect 18 different HPV strains.
- II Project on the Pattern of care and survival study for cervical cancer: ICMR PROJECT as Co-PI.
- III. "Study of Prevalence of High Risk HPV and Precancerous lesion in asymptomatic and symptomatic women of Kamrup Urban district, Assam, NE India by comprehensive rural community level screening" as Principal Investigator funded by DHR, Govt. of India.
- IV. Population based Cancer registry project for Kamrup District : ICMR Project as Co-PI.

Achievements

1. Received the Best Paper in Oncology Award at the All India Congress of Obstetric and Gynaecology held in Jan 2013 at Mumbai.
2. Awarded the IACA Travelling Fellowship for 4 weeks Onco surgical Training at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, USA.

Membership of Societies

- Member of Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecologist of India.
- Founder member of Guwahati pain & palliative care society.
- Life member of Association of Oncologists of NE India.
- Life member of Association of Gynaecologic- oncologists of India.
- Life member Indian Menopause Society.
- Life member Indian Society of Oncology.





Prof. Dr. Maya Prasad

Asst. Prof. of Pediatric Oncology,
Department of Medical Oncology,
Tata Memorial Hospital, India

Qualifications:

MD in Pediatrics (2008)

Fellowship in Pediatric Oncology , Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai (2012)

Work:

Senior Resident in Clinical Haematology , Christian Medical College, Vellore, India (2008-2010)

Joined faculty of TMH in January 2013, initially as Assistant Professor (1/2013-2/2017) and thereafter as Associate Professor in Paediatric Oncology (2/2017 onwards)

Special Interests:

Pediatric Solid Tumors

Late Effects in Survivors of Childhood Cancer

Nutrition and Supportive care in Pediatric Oncology.





DR. NIHAD SALIFU

Paediatric Oncologist, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana

Dr. Nihad obtained MBChB from the University for Development Studies in Ghana in 2006. Completed two years housemanship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Internal medicine, Surgery and Paediatrics at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and Princess Marie Louise Hospitals in 2008. She was employed by the Ministry of Health as a medical officer in 2009 and worked at the Princess Marie Louise Hospital till September 2010 when she commenced specialty training in paediatrics at both the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the West African College of Physicians. Dr. Nihad successfully completed training in 2013 and obtained membership in paediatrics in both colleges. Dr. Nihad was then posted to La General hospital where she worked as a paediatrician, a newborn care master facilitator for Ghana and helped developed the National Newborn Standards for Ghana.

In January 2016, Dr. Nihad was enrolled into a General paediatric fellowship at the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons although she had developed a keen interest in paediatric oncology while training as a general paediatrician but there was no paediatric oncology subspecialty training in Ghana. Six months into fellowship, the MERCK Foundation instituted one of the best initiatives in cancer care access by starting a fellowship in oncology. Dr. Nihad was one of the first beneficiaries to be flown abroad to Tata Memorial Hospital in India for a years' fellowship in paediatric oncology. With such a good foundation and exposure to paediatric oncology, she returned to Ghana and was attached to the paediatric oncology unit of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. Fortunately, in January 2018, the paediatric oncology subspecialty training commenced in Ghana and she was the first fellow to be enrolled. Currently she is in her final year of training. As an alumna of the MERCK Africa Oncology Fellowship Programme, Dr. Nihad served as Vice President of the Oncology Fellows assisting Dr. Rasha Kelej and her team in many ways to improve and expand training.

Due to the experience gained in Tata Memorial Hospital, Dr. Nihad was nominated as the Co-chair for the Working Group on Twinning, Collaboration and Support of SIOP PODC from 2017 to date. During this tenure, she has co-authored a guidance document on best practices in Twinning with other experts in the field. Dr. Nihad facilitate workshops in paediatric oncology, teach and guide medical students and nurses in paediatric oncology across Ghana and a passionate advocate for childhood cancer in Ghana. She also provides in- and outpatient services in paediatric oncology in Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, the bigger of the two paediatric oncology treatment centres in Ghana.





Prof. Dr. GOLAM MOHIUDDIN FARUQUE

Project Director, Bangladesh Cancer Society, Former Head, Department of Radiotherapy, Dhaka Medical College, Bangladesh

Specialty Management

State of Art Cancer patient Management spanning over last 22 Years through Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy, Palliative Care. Worked as Health Economist spanning over last 16 Years through Health Care Management, Policy Issues, Health Administration.

Research Activities

Spanning over last 24 Years, Participation in fundamental research works and supervised research programs for postgraduate students.

Professional Associations

Joint Secretary, Bangladesh Cancer Society

EC member, Bangladesh Society of Radiation - Oncologists (BSRO) -

Founder Councillor, Federation of Association for Asian Radiation Oncology (FARO)

Working with Bangladesh Mohila Somity, United Forum Against Tobacco

Designated as Chairman, Moderator, Anchor at different scientific programs home and abroad.

Associated with 4 different antitobacco national organisations.

I am the immediate past Head of the Department, Department of Radiotherapy, Dhaka Medical College (Dhaka, Bangladesh), and am currently retired from active service. Now I am working as Project Director Bangladesh Cancer Society under whom trying to establish 250 bedded comprehensive cancer hospital and welfare home. Currently running a joint project of the American Cancer Society, Cancer Research UK, University of Dhaka and Bangladesh Cancer Society. I have served 34 years as an Officer of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at 14 different locations throughout the country. I have been a seasoned health economist with 16 years of experience, as well as an oncologist with 22 years of experience. I have acquired knowledge in Health Sector on policy issues, financing and economic evaluation of different health programs as well as experienced in the areas of health sector management, Administration, Epidemiology, Disease burden and Prevention of diseases. I have successfully completed a five-year Project of IAEA as Project Director in 2014. Currently I am the EC member of Bangladesh Society of Radiation Oncologists, Founder Councillor of the Federation of Association for Asian Radiation Oncology (FARO- a 12 country international organization of Radiation Oncologist.) and Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Cancer Society.

Education 1. Master of Science (MSc) in Health Economics, University of Dhaka, 2002. Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Health Economics, University of Dhaka, 2000

3. Diploma in Medical Radiotherapy, Institute of Post Graduate Medical Research (IPGMR), currently BSMMU, 1993

4. Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Dhaka Medical College, 1983

Professional Experience

Teaching Career with Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education Spanning over last 24 Years -Positions as Registrar, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor in the field of

Radiotherapy (Clinical Oncology) Academic and Administrative Positions

Dhaka Medical College (DMC) Head, Dept. of Radiotherapy, Dhaka Medical College

Professor of Oncology Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College

Visiting Professor position at National Medical College, NIPSOM, Gono Bishyabidyaloy





Dr. Buenaventura Ramos Jr.

**Vice-President of Philippine Society
of Medical Oncology, Philippines**

He is the Vice President of the Philippine Society of Medical Oncology. He completed his Doctor of Medicine degree at the Cebu Institute of Medicine in Cebu City, Philippines, Class 1993.

He had his residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital in Manila, Philippines, and graduated in 1997.

He had his post-residency fellowship training in Medical Oncology at the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital in Manila, Philippines, and graduated in 1999.

He attended the Cancer Guides, Integrative Cancer Care Counselor Training, given by the Center for Mind Body Medicine in Berkeley, California, USA, in 2005.

He completed the Professional Training Program on Mind Body Medicine given by the Center for Mind Body Medicine in Berkeley, California, USA, in 2006.

He completed the Advanced Training Program on Mind Body Medicine given by the Center for Mind Body Medicine in Berkeley California, USA, in 2006.

He is a fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians and of the Philippine Society of Medical Oncology.

He is the Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine of the Southwestern University School of Medicine in Cebu City, Philippines.

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He has special interest on psychosocial care of cancer patients and incorporates the principles of mindfulness-based cancer recovery program to his clinical practice.

He has talked and gave workshops on mindfulness in several conferences in the Philippines for cancer patient groups, people on addiction recovery program, lay forums, medical societies and medical students.





Dr. Jackson Orem

Executive Director of Uganda
Cancer Institute

Education Qualification:

MB, ChB - 1988 - Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

M.Med - 1996 - Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Medical Oncology - 2004 - Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

PhD - 2014 - Karolinska Institute and Makerere University

Dr. Orem, spearheads the creation of the East Africa's Centre of Excellence in Oncology (EACOE) at the Uganda Cancer Institute with a mandate to provide specialized cancer care research and training for the entire East Africa region under the East African Community (EAC) network of Centers of Excellence (CoEs). He is also leading the development of several international collaborations with renowned International Cancer Centres and Institutions for infrastructure, human resource capacity development. Such institutions include Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington, Case Western Reserve University, National Cancer Center of Korea (NCC) and lately University of Cambridge.

Dr. Orem is the Principal investigator in several NIH supported research projects through NIAID, AMC, ACTG. He is also recipient of a number of industry supported grants such as GSK funded Open Lab, MERCK, ROCHE. He has a strong international collaboration with civil society organizations such as American Cancer Society (ACS). He is the alternate chair for African Cancer Coalition an initiative with ACS and NCCN to harmonize cancer treatment guidelines for Sub-Saharan Africa. He also has a strong working relationship with IAEA through their support to development of radiotherapy services for which he is the national lead (counterpart).





Dr Anna Mary Nyakabau

Chairperson and Founder of Mary Anna Oncology Centre, Zimbabwe

Dr Anna Mary was born on 28th September, 1960 in Nyanga, Zimbabwe. Her Motto is, 'Nothing is impossible if we climb with care and confidence.'

She enrolled for a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery Degree (MBChB) at the University of Zimbabwe. Dr Nyakabau obtained her Masters in Radiotherapy and Oncology under the WHO interregional Programme in November 1993. She holds a diploma in Palliative Care from the University of Cape Town (2006) and attained her Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Zimbabwe in 2011.

She has been a Consultant Radiotherapist and Oncologist based at Parirenyatwa Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe since January 1995. She works with the Ministry of Health on Cancer policy, Strategy and advocacy issues and is a part-time lecturer in the Department of Radiology College of Health Sciences, University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences. In addition to her clinical work and teaching she is deeply committed to oncology research and has attended many worldwide Cancer research conferences. She is the resident Doctor and owner of Mary Ann Oncology Centre.

Dr Nyakabau was the African Organization for research and training in Zimbabwe (AORTIC) Vice President 2009 to 2013 and is a Member of various cancer and affiliated organisations locally and regionally. She sourced funding and led the editing of Zimbabwe Cancer Prevention and Control Strategy 2014-2018). Anna Mary received the Zimbabwe Medical Association (ZIMA) Award for outstanding contribution to the practice of Oncology on the 18 August 2017.

She was among the ESMO Africa 2018 (17 – 24 October) local Scientific Committee members and co-facilitated ESMO Africa 2019 Cancer and Palliative Care workshop.

She is a founder and chairperson of Cancerserve Trust with vast experience in oncology, cancer advocacy and profoundly passionate about cancer and palliative care issues. She is the current vice-chairperson of Triashill Mission School Alumni.





Dr. Emad Shash

**Deputy Medical Director,
Breast Comprehensive Cancer Hospital,
National Cancer Institute, Cairo
University, Cairo, Egypt**

- Dr. Emad Shash M.B.B.Ch, MSc., M.D. is currently the Deputy Medical Director of the Breast Comprehensive Cancer Hospital at the National Cancer Institute, Cairo University.
- Besides his managerial position, Dr Shash is a consultant & Lecturer faculty member of Medical Oncology, at the National Cancer Institute, Cairo University. He had earned his Medical degree from Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University in 2004 and completed specialization in Medical Oncology from the National Cancer Institute, Cairo University in 2009.
- During the period 2011-2015, he served as the coordinating research physician and medical lead for the Breast, Gynecologic Oncology and Genito-Urinary Oncology groups at European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC HQ, Brussels, Belgium). Within the scope of his work at EORTC, Dr. Shash provided medical input during the development, the conduct and the publication of EORTC clinical trials (phase I, II & III), with additional input into the overall organization of clinical trials including budget and resources planning, as well as guiding the scientific strategy of the EORTC groups under his responsibility. This was concluded by achieving “Excellence in fundamentals of Clinical Trials Methodology”.
- Beside his work as a Researcher and Medical Oncologist, he is sharing in cancer education development for medical students, nursing staff and junior medical oncologists in different regional and international arena. He is the co-founder of the Egyptian Medical Sciences Foundation
- Dr. Shash has published well-recognized review and original articles, in National and International Journals in the field of Medical Oncology and Cancer education. Dr Shash is the Associate Editor of the prestigious Journal of Egyptian National Cancer Institute.
- Besides being a peer reviewer and specialty editor in many well-known international scientific journals Dr. Shash holds memberships in several professional Societies including the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO panel member), European Association of Cancer Education (EACE), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO committee member of the International affairs activity), and Arab Medical Association against Cancer (AMAAC). Dr. Shash serves as well, as a scientific board member of the European Clinical Research Infrastructure (ECRIN).





Dr. Joel Yarney

Head of the Medical Centre for
Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine
at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital,
Ghana

Dr Yarney is a Consultant Oncologist and Director of the National Centre for Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, the premier cancer centre in Ghana, where chemotherapy and radiotherapy are offered to cancer patients. He graduated from University of Ghana Medical School in 1994 and proceeded to the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, for his Residency and qualified as an Oncologist. He is an alumnus of the Clinical Fellowship Programme in Radiation Oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital, University of Toronto, Canada. He holds a postgraduate diploma in business administration from Herriot Watt University, Edinburgh United Kingdom.

He is currently involved in clinical work, teaching and research, and has served in several roles including Faculty Chief Examiner, member of executive committee of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons since 2004. He chaired the committee that authored the Cancer Control Strategy for Ghana and is overseeing the implementation of a programme to upgrade radiotherapy and nuclear medicine services in Ghana. He introduced permanent seed implant brachytherapy for prostate cancer to Ghana several years ago and has successfully treated prostate cancer patients with the procedure in conjunction with relevant specialties. Together with senior staff of the non-communicable disease section of Ministry of Health, a cancer registry is being created for Ghana.

He has an interest in clinical outcomes studies in cancer management, particularly for head and neck, gastrointestinal, breast, cervical and prostate cancer and has authored several articles in high impact journals. He continues to participate in international collaborative clinical trials in cancer management. In 2010, he was invited as a panel member at the General Assembly of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna to discuss the Role of the Agency in Cancer management in Africa. In 2015, he delivered a lecture on Collaborative Research at the annual meeting of American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and also at the cancer disparity lecture series of Moffit Cancer Centre, University of South Florida among others.

Dr Yarney chaired the committee that authored the recently published cancer treatment guidelines for Ghana. He has participated in several IAEA activities as external expert and is an adjunct lecturer at University of Ghana in the Oncology, Medical Physics, Radiography and Surgery programmes.





Dr. Verna Vanderpuye

**Radiation/ Clinical Oncologist.
National Radiotherapy Centre
Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana**

Dr Verna Vanderpuye M.D. was born February 6th 1965 in Ghana, West Africa. She has over 20-year experience in managing cancer with radiation, systemic therapy, training medical students, young physicians, allied health workers, and conducting research in cancer in Africa. She is a senior consultant at the National Center for Radiotherapy, Oncology and Nuclear Medicine, Korlebu Teaching Hospital, Accra Ghana with affiliation to the University of Ghana, Accra. Her interests are in breast, sarcoma, genitourinary and gastrointestinal cancers in addition to research in cancer management in Africa. Following her clinical training, which was supported by the American Cancer Society and the IAEA at Howard University and University of Chicago, Dr. Vanderpuye became the pioneer female oncologist in West Africa.

She has mentored many regional and international young cancer professionals during their training and early and mid-career phases inculcating the importance of a holistic approach to patients taking into consideration economic, cultural and psychosocial factors when applying current global evidence of practice to local reality. This approach improved the quality of life of patients even in constrained resources, while simultaneously generating research opportunities, stimulating robust knowledge translation and fostering development of local cost-effective, pragmatic approaches to the implementation of new evidence. She is readily accessible to peers and younger colleagues encouraging adequate work-life balance and professionalism coupled with academic engagement in research, education and skill development in areas of expertise. She is currently the Secretary Treasurer of AORTIC, immediate past clinical oncology program director of her local postgraduate medical training program, a member of several local, regional and international cancer organization committees including ASCO, ESMO, WHO, UICC. Dr Vanderpuye is an international speaker and has authored/coauthored 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and technical/policy documents. An avid gardener, she still manages to keep a well-manicured garden in her home in Accra





Dr. Zipporah Ali

Palliative Care Doctor and Executive Director of Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA), Kenya

Dr. Zipporah is the Executive Director at Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA). She has experience at national, regional and international levels in providing technical assistance to local and international implementing organizations. Zipporah Ali is serves on the boards of several organizations including: the World Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA); International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN), Kenya Network of Cancer Organizations (KENCO), Cancer Alliance Kenya and Youth against Cancer in Kenya (YACK). She has previously served on the boards of the African Palliative Care Association (APCA), the Kenya Cancer Association and International Association for Hospice & palliative Care (IAHPC). Dr. Ali serves on the Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF's) Transformational Investment Capacity (TIC) Selection Committee.

She is heavily involved in advocacy and creating awareness on palliative care and access to pain relief for adults and children.

Dr. Ali has received several awards including: Humanitarian Award for Woven4Africa 2018 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to palliative care, both internationally and locally; Doctor of Law Honoris Causa-University of Dundee 2018; Social Impact Award for the Sub-Saharan Africa region-British Council; Honorary Doctor of the University by Oxford Brookes University 2012 and Individual Advocacy Award by the African Palliative Care Association and Open Society Foundations 2013





Dr. Kokou H. Amegan-Aho

Lecturer (University of Health and Allied Sciences) Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Fellow

Dr Kokou Amegan-Aho has been working with children for many years. Not only is he passionate about clinical care but deeply believes in high-quality research that could be translated into policies that will impact a greater number. The short-term and long-term morbidity and sadly mortality are too common among “his friends” suffering from non-communicable blood diseases like sickle cell disease and cancer, that he decided to sub-specialize in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. For that purpose, he completed a critical fellowship training at one of the prestigious cancer research and treatment centers in the World, the Tata Memorial Hospital with the contribution of the Merck Foundation. He is a member of the Paediatric Haematology Group, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

Education

- Merck Oncology Fellow, Tata Memorial Hospital
- Global Health Fellow (Sickle Cell Disease) Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research
- MWACP (Paediatrics) – West African College of Physicians
- MGCP (Paediatrics & Child Health), Ghana College of Physicians & Surgeons
- Health Administration and Management, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration
- MD, University of Lome

Areas of interest

- Childhood cancer survival
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Health Systems Strengthening

Research Activities at Tata Memorial Hospital, India

- Implementation of the Paediatric Early Warning Systems (PEWS)
- Viral infections among Children with Cancer
- Impact of Cytogenetics on Outcome of B-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (Nominated for Dr. J.C. Patel Best Paper Award Session in India and Presented at the SIOP 2019, Lyon, France)
- Survival of Children with B-ALL with end-of-consolidation MRD positive, at Tata Memorial Hospital (Won 2nd Price at PHOCON, India)

Current Research Activities

- A Randomised, Double-Blind, Parallel-Group, Multicentre, Phase III Study to Evaluate the Effect of Ticagrelor versus Placebo in Reducing the Rate of Vaso-Occlusive Crises in Paediatric Patients with Sickle Cell Disease (HESTIA3)
- Prevalence of Iron deficiency in Ghanaian Children with sickle cell disease
- Metabolic Disorders among Childhood Cancer Survivors





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has provided me with the knowledge on how to manage Diabetes and Hypertension, especially with regard to their complications. There are certain features that patients may develop that one may not know how to handle.

I am now more confident and able to manage these conditions. This has made my work easier.

FIONA MERCY CHEPKEMOI,
4th Year
Medical Student



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Combined Diabetes and Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

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Moderators: Dr. Joel Allotey, Dr Jacqueline Ngong & Dr. Sam Mucheru

08:30
13:00

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Adlon Section 3

08:30
09:00

Approaching The Online Postgraduate Diploma Course as Effectively as an On-campus Course

Prof. Steve Davies

Consultant Endocrinologist, University Hospital Wales. UK; Founding Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

09:00
09:30

Guide To Targeted Literature Search

Prof. Atul Kalhan

Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology, Royal Glamorgan Hospital; Course Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

09:30
10:00

Scientific Referencing: Guide To The Harvard-style Referencing

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie

Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist Diabetes and Endocrinology directorate Aneurin Bevan Health Board, UK

10:00
10:30

How To Read A Scientific Paper

Dr. Joel Allotey

Merck Foundation Alumni, Ghana

10:30
10:40

Q&A

10:40
11:00

Coffee Break

11:00
11:20

Managing The Challenges Of Studying Online While Working At The Same Time

Dr. Jacqueline Ngong

Merck Foundation Alumni, Cameroon

11:20
11:40

Life After The Post-graduate Diploma: Making It Relevant To Your Medical Practice

Dr. Sam Mucheru

Merck Foundation Alumni, Kenya

11:40
13:00

Interactive Session: Challenges & Solutions of Doing Online Diploma and Mastercourse

PANELLISTS:

Prof Steve Davies, UK
Prof Atul Kalhan, UK
Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie, UK
Dr. Jacqueline Ngong, Cameroon
Dr. Sam Mucheru, Kenya
Dr. Joel Allotey, Ghana

13:00
14:00

Lunch

AGENDA

Day 2 Diabetes Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

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14:00
17:00

Diabetes Session

Adlon Section 3

14:00
14:20

Mental Health And Diabetes:
Perspective Of Diabetes Care Provide

Prof. Federick Otieno

Dean of the Medical School, University of Nairobi, Kenya

14:20
14:40

Hypogonadism And Diabetes

Prof. Steve Davies

Consultant Endocrinologist, University Hospital Wales. UK; Founding Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

14:40
15:00

Management Of Diabetes In The
Elderly

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie

Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist
Diabetes and Endocrinology directorate Aneurin
Bevan Health Board, UK

15:00
15:20

Diabetes And Extreme Sports

Prof. Steve Davies

Consultant Endocrinologist,; Founding Director,
Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology,
University of South Wales, UK

15:20
15:40

Transition Care And Models
For Young Adults With Type 1
Diabetes

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie

Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist
Diabetes and Endocrinology directorate
Aneurin Bevan Health Board, UK

15:40
16:00

Therapeutic Options And Considera-
tions In The Management Of Type
2 Diabetes Mellitus

Dr. Yacoba Atiase

Lecturer, Department of Medicine & Therapeutics,-
School of Medicine & Dentistry, College of Health
Sciences, University of Ghana, Ghana

16:00
16:20

Diabetes in Pregnancy

Dr. Ernest Yorke

Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine &
Therapeutics, School of Medicine & Dentistry,
College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana, Ghana

16:20
16:40

The Metabolic Syndrome: Definition,
Classification and Management

Dr Josephine Apkalu

Korlebu Teaching Hospital, Ghana

16:40
17:00

Access to Diabetes Care in
Low Resources Setting

Mrs. Elizabeth Denyoh

President of Diabetes Association of Ghana

17:00
17:15

Diabetic Emergencies: Diagnosis
And Clinical Management

Dr. Osei Sarfo-Kantanka

Head, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Komfo
Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana

AGENDA

Session Combinée Cardiovasculaires et Diabète Programme de Renforcement des Capacités Merck

30th October 2019 (mercredi)

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Modérateurs: Dr. Joel Allotey, Dr Jacqueline Ngong & Dr. Sam Mucheru

08:30
13:00

SESSION INTERACTIVE

Salle de Réunion Stafford

08:30
09:00

Aborder la formation Diplôme Enseignement Supérieur en ligne comme s'il s'agissait d'un programme sur le campus

Prof. Steve Davies
Consultant Endocrinologue, Hôpital Universitaire Wales. ROYAUME-UNI ; Directeur fondateur, DES / Master en Endocrinologie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni

09:00
09:30

Guide de la recherche documentaire ciblée

Prof. Atul Kalhan
Consultant en Diabète et en Endocrinologie, Hôpital Royal Glamorgan ; Directeur de Cours, DES / Master en Endocrinologie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni

09:30
10:00

Référence Scientifique : Guide du Référence selon Harvard

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie
Médecin Consultant et Endocrinologue, Directeur du Conseil de Santé Aneurin Bevan de Diabète et de l'Endocrinologie, Royaume-Uni

10:00
10:30

Comment lire un article scientifique

Dr. Joel Allotey,
Merck Foundation Alumni, Ghana

10:30
10:40

Questions & Réponse : Défis et Solutions

10:40
11:00

Pause Café

11:00
11:20

Gérer les défis d'étudier en ligne tout en travaillant simultanément

Dr. Jacqueline Ngong,
Merck Foundation Alumni, Cameroon

11:20
13:40

La vie après le diplôme : le rendre pertinent pour votre pratique médicale

Dr. Sam Mucheru,
Merck Foundation Alumni, Kenya

11:40
13:00

Interactive Session:
Challenges & Solutions

PANELLISTS:
Prof Steve Davies, Royaume-Uni
Prof Atul Kalhan, Royaume-Uni
Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie, Royaume-Uni
Dr Jacqueline Ngong, Cameroun
Dr Sam Mucheru, Kenya
Dr Joel Allotey, Ghana

13:00
14:00

LE DEJEUNER

AGENDA

Jour 2 Diabète Session

Programme de Renforcement des Capacités Merck

30th October 2019 (mercredi)

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14:00 17:00	Diabète Session	Salle de Réunion Stafford
14:00 14:20	Santé mentale et Diabète : perspective du prestataire de soins du diabète	Prof. Federick Otieno Doyen de la Faculté de Médecine, Université de Nairobi, Kenya
14:20 14:40	Hypogonadisme et Diabète	Prof. Steve Davies Pr Steve Davies Consultant Endocrinologue, Hôpital Universitaire Wales. ROYAUME-UNI ; Directeur fondateur, DES / Master en Endocrinolo- gie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni
14:40 15:00	Prise en charge du diabète chez les personnes âgées	Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie Médecin consultant et endocrinologue Direction du diabète et de l'endocrinologie Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Royaume-Uni
15:00 15:20	Diabète et sports extrêmes	Prof. Steve Davies Endocrinologue consultant, University Hospital Wales. ROYAUME-UNI; Directeur fondateur, Diplôme de troisième cycle / Maîtrise en endocrinologie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni
15:20 15:40	Soins de transition et modèles pour les jeunes adultes atteints de diabète de type 1	Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist Diabetes and Endocrinology directorate Aneurin Bevan Health Board, UK
15:40 16:00	Options thérapeutiques et considéra- tions relatives à la prise en charge du diabète sucré de type 2	Dr. Yacoba Atiase Maître de Conférences, Département de Médecine et de Thérapeutique, École de Médecine et de Dentiste, Collège des Sciences de la Santé, Université du Ghana, Ghana
16:00 16:20	Diabète Gestationnelle	Dr. Ernest Yorke Maître de conférences, Département de Médecine et de Thérapeutique, École de Médecine et de Dentiste, Collège des Sciences de la Santé, Université du Ghana, Ghana
16:20 16:40	Syndrome métabolique : Définition, Classification et Prise en charge	Dr Josephine Apkalu Hôpital Universitaire de Korlebu, Ghana
16:40 17:00	Accès aux soins du diabète dans un milieu de ressources limitées	Mme Elizabeth Denyoh Président de l'Association du Diabète du Ghana
17:00 17:15	Urgences Diabétiques : Diagnostic Et Prise en charge Clinique	Dr. Osei Sarfo-Kantanka Chef, Diabète et Endocrinologie, Hôpital Universitaire Komfo Anokye, Kumasi, Ghana



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I am the first graduate of one year on-line Diabetes Diploma from UK which Merck Foundation provided me and fifty others from 25 African and Asian countries as an Award .

I have been recognized as a Diabetologist by Kenya Medical Council and Ministry of Health. I utilized the knowledge I gained from this valuable diploma to establish a diabetes clinic that I currently run in Mombasa, Kenya.

I encourage all the winners of Merck Foundation diabetes and hypertension awards to do the same, this is the ultimate solution to improve access to quality and equitable Diabetes & Hypertension care solutions across Africa and Asia , not only in the capitals but in smaller cities and villages. Thank you Merck Foundation for your successful strategy to realize your vision.

**Dr. Sam Mucheru,
Diabetologist , Kenya
Merck Foundation Alumnus**



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Day 2 Cardiovascular Session Merck Capacity Advancement Program

30th October 2019 (Wednesday)

14:00
17:00

Cardiovascular Session

Pearl Meeting room

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Cardiovascular Risk Assessment
In Clinical Practice

Prof. Atul Kalhan

Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology, Royal Glamorgan Hospital; Course Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

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HIV and Cardiovascular Disease:
CV Risk Assessment and Management Principles

Dr. Francis Agyekum

Snr. Specialist Physician & Cardiologist, Greater Accra Regional Hospital, Ghana

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Current Management Of Hypertension In Africa: What Is The Evidence?

Dr. Joseph Akamah

Head of Cardiology/Interventional Cardiology, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana

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Diabetes and Hypertension: Relationship and Management Strategies

Prof. Atul Kalhan

Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology, Royal Glamorgan Hospital; Course Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

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Coffee Break

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Cardiovascular Medicine in Paediatric and Geriatric Populations

Dr. Abdul-Samed Tanko

Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana
Member of Ghanaian Society of Cardiology, American College of Cardiology and European Society of Cardiology.

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Erectile Dysfunction And Cardiovascular Risk

Dr. Alfred Doku

Lecturer and Consultant, University of Ghana Medical School, Ghana

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Influence of Nutrition and lifestyle factors in the outcome of cardiovascular disease

Dr. Gyan

Cardiologist, National Cardiothoracic Centre, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana



AGENDA

Jour 2 Cardiovasculaires Session Programme de Renforcement des Capacités Merck

30th October 2019 (mercredi)

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Cardiovasculaires Session

Pearl Meeting room

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Évaluation du risque cardiovasculaire en pratique clinique

Prof Atul Kalhan

Consultant en Diabète et en Endocrinologie, Hôpital Royal Glamorgan ; Directeur de Cours, DES / Master en Endocrinologie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni

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VIH et maladies cardiovasculaires : évaluation des risques CV et principes de prise en charge

Dr Francis Agyekum

Médecin Spécialiste et Cardiologue, Hôpital Régional du Grand Accra, Ghana

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15:00

Prise en charge actuelle de l'hypertension en Afrique : quelles sont les preuves ?

Dr Joseph Akamah

Chef du Département de Cardiologie / Cardiologie Interventionnelle, Hôpital Universitaire Korle Bu, Ghana

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Diabète et Hypertension : relations et stratégies de prise en charge

Prof Atul Kalhan

Consultant en Diabète et en Endocrinologie, Hôpital Royal Glamorgan ; Directeur de Cours, DES / Master en Endocrinologie, Université de South Wales, Royaume-Uni

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Pause Café

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Médecine cardiovasculaire dans les populations pédiatriques et gériatriques

Dr Abdul-Samed Tanko

Hôpital Universitaire Korle Bu, Ghana
Member of Ghanaian Society of Cardiology, American College of Cardiology and European Society of Cardiology.

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Dysfonction érectile et risque cardiovasculaire

Dr Alfred Doku

Hôpital Universitaire Korle Bu, Ghana

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Influence de la nutrition et des facteurs de style de vie sur l'issue des maladies cardiovasculaires

Dr Gyan

Cardiologue, Centre National de Cardiothoracique, Hôpital Universitaire Korle Bu, Ghana





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Prof. Steve Davies

Consultant Endocrinologist, University Hospital Wales, UK; Founding Director, Post graduate Diploma/MSc Endocrinology, University of South Wales, UK

Dr Davies is a Consultant Endocrinologist at the University Hospital Wales. He has an established reputation in medical education particularly online learning, having been the founder of OnExamination.com and having set up other diploma courses. He has also been involved in establishing training courses for weight management in community pharmacy.

His clinical interests include hypogonadism, growth hormone deficiency and obesity. He has published over 100 peer reviewed publications and his research interests include the application of novel technologies in delivering medical education.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

- Lloyd's Bank Prize for Economics 1984
- Charles Kenshole Scholarship for academic achievement 1984
- Gwilym Williams Prize for Chemistry 1984
- Distinction in Medicine at Final MB examination 1989
- Foulkes Foundation award for Royal College of Physicians 1992
- MRC training fellowship April 1994
- British Endocrine Societies award for ENEA 1995
- Technology Grant from Cardiff City Council 2001
- Welsh 'Hot 100' companies for OnExamination.com 2005
- Hospital at Night educational programme supported by WAG
- OnExamination acquired by the BMJ Group
- Visiting Professor with University of South Wales 2016

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES:

- British Medical Association
- British Endocrine Societies.
- Welsh Endocrine Society
- Society of Physicians in Wales
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians





Prof. Atul Kalhan

Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Wales; Course Director, Post graduate Diploma & MSc Endocrinology course, University of South Wales, UK

I am currently working as a consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology at Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Wales apart from being an honorary consultant Endocrinologist at University hospital of Wales, Cardiff. I have been conferred with visiting Professorship with University of South Wales (USW) in March 2018.

I am also privileged enough to be the course director for the Endocrinology post graduate Diploma and MSc courses run by University of South Wales. I completed my graduation and post-graduation (MD Medicine) from Delhi University with a thesis on Thyroid dysfunction. The burning ambition to see a MRCP degree against my name was a driving factor for me to come to UK although one thing led to another and I attained a training number in ever evolving and challenging sub-specialty of Diabetes & Endocrinology (as part of all Wales specialty registrar training program).

I also had the opportunity to do research on neuroendocrine tumours for which was awarded a MD from Cardiff University. The research was quite rewarding (literally) and helped broaden my horizon apart from fetching me prizes at European Neuroendocrine tumour society (ENETS; Granada, Spain March 2009), UK & Ireland Neuroendocrine tumour society (UKINETS; London, December 2008) and British Endocrine society (BES; Harrogate and Birmingham April 2009 and 2011 respectively) annual meetings. I am editor of Specialty certificate exam (SCE) in Diabetes & Endocrinology MCQ book published by Oxford University press in February 2015 which remains one of the most widely read book by Diabetes & Endocrinology trainees in UK.

I am also the honorary editor of Endocrinology section of SCE online resource (www.studyprn.com) and have published editorials/articles in peer reviewed journals apart from contributing to book chapters on neuroendocrine tumours, thyroid and parathyroid disorders in various text books. Most importantly, I enjoy teaching (and learning) Endocrinology, with the South Wales University course providing me with an excellent opportunity to interact with keen and enthusiastic post graduate students all across the globe. In my spare time, I de-stress and connect with the surroundings by running; having completed one marathon and 10 half-marathons over last 8 years makes me silently qualify as a runner, I reckon.





Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie

**Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist,
Diabetes and Endocrinology Directorate,
Aneurin Bevan Health Board, UK**

Dr Emmanuel Kofi Obuobie is a Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist at the Royal Gwent Hospital (Aneurin Bevan Local Health board), Newport. He is also an Honorary Lecturer, Cardiff University (School of Medicine) as well as a Tutor at the University of South Wales Diabetes and Endocrinology, Post Graduate Diploma Course in Endocrinology. Dr Obuobie's has over 13 publications to his name, and his research interest include 'Quality improvement Programmes to enhance Diabetes and Endocrine services in the United Kingdom and Sub Saharan Africa'.

Other Responsibilities include:

- ABUHB representative (Specialist training committee for Diabetes and Endocrinology Wales Deanery – 2004 till date)
- Educational and Clinical Supervisor or Specialty trainees Diabetes and Endocrinology, Core medical trainees, Foundation Trainees and Medical students

Membership of Professional Bodies:

- Association of British Clinical Diabetologists
- DiabetesUK
- British Endocrine Society
- European Thyroid Association

Achievements in present post:

- Setting up of the Royal Gwent hospital – MRCP PACES examination center.
- The setting up of the Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion pump therapy service
- Young adult diabetes transition service
- Played a key role in the development and roll out Electronic discharge summaries within Aneurin Bevan Local health board
- Weekly clinical and monthly business meeting for Diabetes multidisciplinary team at RGH.
- I have written a number of key guidelines – Management of Diabetic ketoacidosis, Management of Hypoglycaemia. I am working with 1000 lives campaign (trialing new insulin charts at RGH)
- Set up a Clinical Elective Programme for Final Year medical students from Ghana (KNUST Medical School, Kumasi) to do a clinical attachment at RGH.





Dr. Joel Allotey

Medical Officer and Tutor for PG Diploma Programme of the University of South Wales, Cardiff, UK
Merck Foundation Alumni, Ghana

Current position: Dr Joel Allotey is a Medical Officer and currently works as a Tutor for the Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine postgraduate diploma programme of the University of South Wales, Cardiff, UK.

Brief professional history:

Dr Allotey began his medical career working as a House Officer at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra, from where he advanced to the position of Senior House Officer at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital. At both facilities, Dr Allotey spearheaded innovations that improved patient-care, by organising series of academic seminars in medical sub-specialities for junior doctors and also innovating a new monitoring protocol for management of induction of labour in the department of Obstetrics/Gynaecology at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital. Presently he is a Medical Officer, and also works as a Tutor for the Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine postgraduate diploma programme of the University of South Wales. He tutors modules in the areas of cardiovascular disease epidemiology, risk assessment and management, cardiovascular medicine in renal disease, diabetes mellitus, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), mental health, autoimmune and rheumatologic conditions as well as in paediatric and geriatric populations.

Graduation details:

Dr Allotey graduated from the University of Ghana School of Medicine and Dentistry in 2016. He pursued a Postgraduate Diploma in Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine from the University of South Wales, a distance-learning programme organised by Diploma-MSc, which he completed in 2017. Afterwards, Dr Allotey progressed to obtain a master's degree in Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine from the same institution in 2018.

Research interest: Dr Allotey has research interests in the areas of cardiovascular epidemiology and cardiovascular risk assessment.

Achievements:

Dr Allotey is a recipient of the 2016 MERCK Hypertension Award. The award enabled him to pursue his postgraduate studies in cardiovascular medicine.

Membership of Societies: Dr Allotey is a member of the Ghana Medical Association as well as the European Association Preventive Cardiology. He is also an alumnus of MERCK foundation and works with other MERCK foundation beneficiaries of the Capacity Advancement

Programme, in the areas of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Medicine, by providing academic guidance and counselling.





Dr. Jacqueline Ngong

**Medical Doctor, Community Hospital,
Bamenda, Cameroon
Merck Foundation Alumni, Cameroon**

Ngong Jacqueline Shaka is a Medical Doctor working with a state community based hospital, CMA Nkwen, Bamenda, Cameroon where she has served as the head of the Maternity/ANC and the Diabetic/Hypertension Units since 2017.

She is also the founder and coordinator of a youth-led organization called Youth 2 Youth, a platform where she advocates for improved adolescent healthcare in Cameroon with the prevention of non-communicable disease risk factors and sexual reproductive health rights and HIV prevention as thematic focus. She graduated with an MD degree from the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Yaounde I in 2017.

She holds a post graduate Diploma in Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine from the University of South Wales. Currently, she is conducting a study on the prevalence of cardiovascular disease risk factors and corresponding national prevention programs among young people below the age of 20 years in Cameroon for her MSc thesis in Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine with the University of South Wales. She is a member of; Cameroon Medical Council, International AIDS Society and 120 Under 40 New Generation of Family Planning Leaders.





Dr. Sam Mucheru

Family Physician and Diabetologist,
Aga Khan University Hospital, Kenya
Merck Foundation Alumni, Kenya

Current position

Senior Clinical Instructor – Aga Khan University, Nairobi Kenya

Family Physician and Diabetologist – Aga Khan University Hospital, Peponi Executive Clinic, Nairobi Kenya.

Brief professional history

Dr. Samuel Mucheru did his undergraduate medical degree at the university of Nairobi, following which he did his residency training in Family Medicine at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi Kenya. He completed his MSc. in Diabetes from the University of South Wales in 2019. Dr. Mucheru has been involved in setting up of chronic disease care clinics at the outreach centres of the Aga Khan University hospital as well as in training of residents in diabetes care at the institution. He was until recently the head of the outpatient and family medicine departments at the Aga Khan Hospital Mombasa.

Graduation details

MBChB – 2010 – University of Nairobi

MMed – 2016 – Aga Khan University

MSc. – 2019 – University of South Wales

Research Area of Interest – Anthropometric Measures as a measure of insulin resistance in Africans

Achievements

Best Graduating Student in the department of Family Medicine Department 2016.

Membership of Societies:

Kenya Association of Family Physicians

Kenya Diabetes Study Group





Prof. Fredrick Otieno

**Associate Professor of Internal Medicine
Endocrinology Specialist Diabetologist
Dept. of Clinical Medicine & Therapeutics,
School of Medicine, College of Health
Science University of Nairobi, Kenya**

Dr. Fredrick Otieno is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine / Endocrinology Specialist Diabetologist at the Department of Clinical Medicine and Therapeutics, School of Medicine, College of Health Science - University of Nairobi.

He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBChB) and Master of Medicine (M.Med) in Internal Medicine from the University of Nairobi.

Currently he is involve in Lectures and clinical teaching to both under and post-graduate students in Internal Medicine at the College and the teaching hospital, Kenyatta National Hospital. Carrying out research in clinical medicine, inter-departmental research collaboration, mentorship of academic staff and clinicians, Coordination of clinical rotation and end-of-term assessment of final year (5th) clerkship in clinical medicine for MBChB, Coordinator of Post-graduate Examination.

Dr. Otieno is a Member of the Editorial Board of the recently initiated African Journal of Diabetes and Metabolism.





Dr. Yacoba Atiase

Lecturer, Department of Medicine & Therapeutics, School of Medicine & Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana, Ghana

Dr. Yacoba Atiase, is a lecturer at the University of Ghana Medical School, a consultant endocrinologist and diabetologist at the Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra Ghana, and also the Director of the National Diabetes Management and Research Center.

She graduated from the School of Medical Sciences, University of Science & Technology, in 2001, is a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians, and a member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. She holds a PG Dip in endocrinology and an MSc in Diabetology from the University of South Wales and the Cardiff University respectively.

She is a Key Opinion leader in the field of Diabetes and endocrinology in Ghana. She enjoys teaching, and is particularly excited when she gets the opportunity to speak to doctors and other health care providers, believing she reaches more patients this way than she ever will in her consulting room alone. She has spoken at several international and local conferences and is an award recipient for the best postgraduate presentation in original research by the International Society of Endocrinology in 2009.

She is a reviewer for the Ghana Medical Journal and has several publications in peer reviewed journals. Her research interests include complication prevention in diabetes mellitus, diabetic foot disease and psychological effects of diabetes.

Dr Atiase is passionate about managing diabetes effectively, since diabetes is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, the number one cause of death globally. She believes in preventive health and realizes that taking care of risk factors is an important way to handle the scourge of non-communicable disease that is plaguing the world today. She volunteers for and is a board member of Diabetes Youth Care a non profit organization that educates and advocates for young people with diabetes in Ghana, a role she finds most fulfilling.





Dr. Ernest Yorke

Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine & Therapeutics, School of Medicine & Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana, Ghana

Dr Ernest Yorke is a Senior lecturer at the School of Medicine & Dentistry, and a Consultant Physician/Endocrinologist at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital.

He has served as a Consultant and Advisory Board member for a number of multinational pharmaceutical companies involved in diabetes care, both locally and abroad. Currently, he is the immediate past country lead of the 'Buddy Doctor Initiative' (BDI) for middle Africa that seeks to improve the capacity of Practitioners in the use of insulin in improving outcomes. He has also been extensively involved in the organization and also served as a facilitator to numerous metabolic and cardiovascular CMEs, both locally and abroad. He values the use of practical tools as well as new technology in research and development to solve problems and also to advance knowledge.

His main research interests include Diabetes and Kidney Disease, Psychological impact of Diabetes, Pregnancy outcomes in Diabetes and Diabetic Foot Care as well as Thyroid Diseases. He has twenty-two peer-reviewed publications to his credit.

He has other interests outside clinical work and academia. Amongst many other volunteer works, he is currently the Chairman of the Greater Accra Division of the Ghana Medical Association and also a Board member of Diabetes Youth Care, a non-governmental organization dedicated to the care and well being of young people living with diabetes in Ghana.

He is married with 3 children and watches TV in his spare time





Dr. Josephine Apkalu

Senior Lecturer - Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, University of Ghana Medical School. Senior Specialist/ Endocrinologist/ Head, Endocrinology unit – Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra.

Educational and professional qualifications

Fellow, West African College of Physicians

Fellow, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

Postgraduate Diploma in Endocrinology and Diabetes - Queen Mary University of London
Commonwealth Medical Fellow (Endocrinology and Diabetes) - Queen Elizabeth Hospitals Birmingham

American College of Physicians International Fellow (Internal Medicine and Endocrinology)

MBChB – University of Ghana Medical School

Professional Affiliations

Member, Ghana Medical Association 1998

Member, Ghana Society of Internal Medicine - 2008

Member, Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolic Society of Ghana - 2009

Member, American College of Physicians - 2007

Member, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist - 2014

Member, Society for Endocrinology, UK - 2016

Conferences and workshops

Facilitator, resource person and participant in several local and international workshops and conferences in the areas of endocrinology, diabetes, metabolic disorders and cardiovascular diseases.

Research interest

Has undertaken research and published in the areas of:

Cardiovascular diseases and other complications among diabetes and obese patients in Ghana

Metabolic disorders among diabetes and obese patients in Ghana

Thyroid disorders in Ghana.





Mrs. Elizabeth Denyoh

**Chair Person IDF West Africa
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MSC NURSING PUBLIC HEALTH
BSC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (TRAUMA)





Dr. Francis Agyekum

**Senior Specialist Physician & Cardiologist
Education/training**

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

BSc. : Biological Science, 2000 - University of Ghana, Legon – Accra, Ghana
MB. ChB – Medicine, 2004 - University of Ghana Medical School, Korle Bu – Accra, Ghana

Member of West African College of Physicians, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Korle Bu – Accra, Ghana since 2010

Member of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Korle Bu – Accra, Ghana since 2010

Certificate of Interventional Cardiology Guangdong Cardiovascular Institute, China 2015

Fellow of Clinical Cardiology and Internal Medicine - West African College of Physicians, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Korle Bu – Accra, Ghana -2016

Dr. Francis Agyekum is a clinician with over 14 years' experience of medical practice at all levels of health care delivery in Ghana and abroad. His mainstay is clinical and Interventional cardiology with strong interest in cardiovascular disease prevention, management and research in Ghana and beyond. His research interest is in the genomic and environmental determinants of cardiovascular diseases and have enormous skills in design and implementation of cardiovascular research in both the clinical and community settings.

He is actively involved in the training of young doctors and medical students in internal medicine and cardiology. He is part of the Ghana Heart Initiative which is a team of cardiovascular physicians and researchers who drafted the first comprehensive cardiovascular disease prevention and management guidelines for Ghana.

Dr. Francis Agyekum is also the General Secretary of the Ghanaian Society of Cardiology. He has attended and presented papers at several local, regional and international scientific workshops and conferences on cardiovascular medicine. He is also a certified Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) instructor of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons / American Heart Association.





Dr. Joseph Akamah

**Consultant Physician and Interventional Cardiologist
Head of Cardiology, Department of Medicine and
Therapeutics, University of Ghana Medical School,
Accra. Ghana**

- Head of Cardiology and Director of Cardiovascular Education, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra. Ghana
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA

Dr. Joseph Atiah Akamah is the Head of Cardiology at the University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS), Department of Medicine and Therapeutics and the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra. He is in charge of cardiovascular interventions including the management of heart attacks and critical care cardiology.

Dr Akamah trained and worked in the United States of America after graduating from University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS) in 1993. He is experienced, well-trained, board certified and licensed in multiple medical and cardiovascular specialties including Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Vascular Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, Echocardiography, and Interventional Cardiology. Dr Akamah returned to Ghana in 2013 after spending seventeen years in the USA to help build capacity to combat cardiovascular diseases.

Dr Akamah is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, as well as the American College of Physicians and the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr Akamah enjoys teaching. Aside from his work at the UGMS as Head of Cardiology, he and his colleagues are currently training the largest number of future cardiologists in the country for both the West African College of Physicians and the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. This includes the training of cardiologist in the art and practice of interventional cardiology in resource poor country. Dr Akamah also has international faculty commitments and serves as a faculty of the American College of Cardiology and retains an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine appointment at the Vanderbilt University where he trained and worked till his voluntary return home. Locally, Dr Akamah serves as a voluntary lecturer at University for Development Studies, Department of Medicine and Therapeutics and voluntary Consultant Physician at the Tamale Teaching Hospital.

Dr Akamah is passionate and enthusiastic about capacity building. Dr Joseph Atiah Akamah is the first American Board-Certified Cardiologist and Interventional Cardiologist to return home to Ghana to help in capacity building. He is a lead figure in resuscitation medicine, critical care medicine and critical care cardiology in Ghana and was the Director of Training and Deputy CEO of Ghana's emergency medical services, the National Ambulance Service from 2013 to 2016 before joining the UGMS. Dr Akamah is leading the training of interventional cardiologists at the National Cardiothoracic Centre and a teaches critical care cardiology for many non-internal medicine training programmes including Family Medicine and the School for Critical Care Nurses.





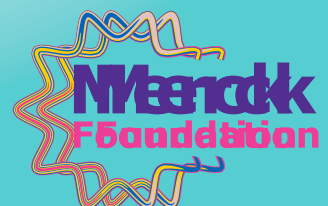
Dr. Abdul-Samed Tanko

**Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana
Member of Ghanaian Society of Cardiology,
American College of Cardiology and European
Society of Cardiology**

Obtained his Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Cuba with Gold Medal in 1993 and Diploma in and Fellowship in Cardiology from the University of London and Imperial College of Medicine, London, UK in 2007.

Former Part-time Lecturer at the University of Ghana Medical School.

Co-Writer/Author for Ghana's Guideline for Cardiovascular Diseases (Heart Failure).
Preceptorship for Heart Failure in Scotland, UK





Dr. Alfred Doku

Former head, Cardiology Unit, Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital Lecture and Consultant, University of Ghana Medical School Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2016-Date, Lecturer, Consultant Physician and Cardiologist at SMD, CHS, University of Ghana. Department Medicine and Therapeutic and National Cardiothoracic Centre, KBTH.

March 2012- Dec 2015, Physician Specialist and Trainee Cardiologist at the Dept. of Cardiology and Angiology, University Teaching Hospital, Muenster, Germany.

Nov. 2009- Feb. 2012, Physician Specialist/ Cardiologist at the National Cardiothoracic Centre in Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital

May 2005- Nov 2009, Physician Specialist and trainee cardiologist at National Cardiothoracic Center and Department of Medicine, Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital

May 2000- April 2005, Residency in Internal Medicine at Department of Medicine, Korle-Bu in Internal Medicine

2003- 2012, Cardiovascular Physiology (part-time) at University of Ghana Medical School Demonstrator and teaching assistant in clinical physiology

Nov.1999-May 2000, House job at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital House-job in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Internal Medicine Academic and Professional Qualification

August 2018-June 2019: Master's in public health, School Public Health, University of Ghana (Congregation 20th July, 2019)

6th Dec, 2017: Fellow of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeon (GCPS) by the Council of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.

March 2012-April 2015: Germany Medical Council, Fellowship in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at the Department of Cardiology, at the University Teaching Hospital of Muenster, Muenster, Germany.

2005-Oct. 2009: Fellow West African College of Physicians at Postgraduate Medical College, University of Ghana Fellowship training for FWACP

2002- April 2005: MWACP- Member West African College of Physicians at Postgraduate Medical College, University of Ghana

1994-1997: MB ChB at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

1991-1994: B.Sc. Human Biology at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Professional Bodies and Positions held

Former head of cardiology, University Ghana Medical School/Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital

Former head of cardiology, National Cardiothoracic Centre, Korle-Bu

Vice president, Ghanaian Society of Cardiology, Nov, 2018 to date

Secretary, Ghana Society of Hypertension and Cardiology,

Sept. 2003- Nov. 2017 Member, European Society of

Cardiology Fellow, German College of Cardiology

Fellow, West African College of Physician (WACP)

Fellow, Ghana College of Physician and Surgeons





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