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**UNESCO-MARS Round Table Discussion**  
**30th October 2019, Accra, Ghana**

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## UNESCO - Merck Africa Research Summit Round Table 2019

30th of October 2019

Stafford Meeting Room, Kempinski Gold Coast City Hotel

12:00  
14:00

### Round-table Meeting With African Ministers Of Health, Science And Technology, Education, Information And Gender And UNESCO-MARS

1. Build Research Capacity In The African(Scientific) Health Research Community
2. Discuss Challenges, Opportuni Ties 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 Opportuni Ties To Strength The Scientifi Community And Their Impact On African Society And Media Communication
5. Defining Solutions To Address Sustainability Challenges In Africa

#### Scientific Committee:

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**Prof. Elijah Songkok,**  
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#### High Level Ministerial Panelists:

**Hon. Dr. Thadée NDIKUMANA**  
Minister of Public Health and Fighting  
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**Hon. Prof. Mahamoud Youssouf KHAYAL**  
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Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, Republic of Namibia

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Head of the Central Administration for International Students Affairs,  
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**Dr. Hossam Abdelghaffar**

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



## UNESCO - Merck Africa Research Summit Round Table 2019

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
5. Définir des Solutions pour Relever Les Défis de la Durabilité dans la Communication en Afrique

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## **Dr. Rasha Kelej**

**CEO of Merck Foundation,  
President of Merck More Than a Mother,  
Co-Chairperson of Merck Africa Asia  
Luminary 6th Edition  
Chairperson of UNESCO Merck Africa  
Research Summit (MARS)**

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 healthcare 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).





## **Mr. Diallo Abdourahamane**

**Chief of Section, Division of Science  
Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO**

Mr. Abdourahamane Diallo comes to the UNESCO Accra Office with vast experience in leadership positions, having previously, served as the Head of Office and Representative of UNESCO in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo. His tenure with UNESCO has spanned working at the headquarters as a consultant, as a member of the permanent delegation and as a programme specialist at the African department.

He began his career in 1994 in Niger as a consultant in the field of international business. In 1998, he was engaged as a consultant in information systems and web development to several units of UNESCO at the headquarters. Between 1996 and 1998, he was a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Niger to UNESCO, as a member of the Group of Experts on Financial and Administrative Matters of the Executive Board's Finance and Administrative Commission.

In January 2002, Mr. Diallo was assigned to UNESCO's Africa Department as a Programme Specialist in charge of monitoring cooperation with the African Union; the various sub regional and regional African organizations. Subsequently from January 2006, he became the acting Head of the Section for Regional Organizations and Post-Conflict Situations, focusing on addressing the specific needs of African countries in crisis and post-conflict settings.

Mr. Diallo holds a degree in engineering (1991) from the Ecole des hautes etudes industrielles in Lille, France, and a Master of Business Administration in international business engineering (1994) from the Institut superieur de gestion in Paris, France. He is a seasoned diplomat and international civil servant, who had been involved in the joint action of the United Nations system and its partners around the world. He is from Niger and married.





## **Dr. Ahmed Fahmi**

**Chief of Section, Division of Science  
Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO**

After a peripatetic education in Africa, Asia, Italy and the UK, Ahmed Fahmi settled for a PhD on investigating the role of membrane proteins in controlling the electro-chemical behaviour of cardiac cells, which he obtained in 2000 from the University of Cambridge. Thereafter he worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the Imperial College and Kings College of the University of London and the Max Planck Institute in Germany before landing a university post for teaching biochemistry at the University of London. Dr Fahmi joined UNESCO in 2006 working in South Asia and the Asia-Pacific region on managing and coordinating the execution of the organization global programme in Basic and Engineering Sciences and Science Policy. He worked on a variety of projects, notably the development of a field guide manual on repair and retrofitting of historical building for earthquake engineers, e-learning programme in renewable energy, Teachers training program for Sri Lanka, policy formulation on the marine environment of the Maldives, the planning and execution of the reform of the Kingdom of Bhutan's science and higher education system and the establishment of the UNESCO Regional Centre for Biotechnology in India. He was a visiting professor at the United Nations University in Japan in 2012, working on socio-economic theories of development. He was transferred to UNESCO Head Quarters in Paris in 2013 and has been involved in the establishment of UNESCO centres of excellence and in the reform of the biotechnology sector of Ethiopia.

He also leads the Global Observatory of Science Policy Instruments (GOSPIN) working on the review and formulation of STI policies in Africa. He has many peer-reviewed articles in his name.





**Dr. Eng. Ahmed HAMDY**

**Executive Director Scientific, Technical,  
and Research Commission African Union  
Commission**

Dr. Eng. Ahmed HAMDY is the Executive Director of the African Union, Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU/STRC); and former Head of Science & Technology and ICT Division of Department of Human Resources Science and Technology of the African Union Commission (AUC). He was appointed as Member of the ASRIC Bureau and as the Executive Director of African Scientific Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC) in 2018.

Dr. Hamdy has 28 years of national and international work experiences out of which 14 years are devoted fully to Science and Technology policy development. His main achievements in the field of Science policy were the development of the book of lighthouse projects; and Africa's Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy and its book of flagship projects. This resulted in successful projects and programs such as the African Union Research Grant; Connect Africa Research and Education; African Leadership Programme on ICT, African Internet Exchange Points; African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award; the African Network of Infectious Diseases Surveillance; African Scientific Research and Innovation Council; and the African Network of Sciences. He had a significant contribution to other continental project and programs such as the establishment of the Pan African Intellectual Property Organization and the African Science Technology and Innovation Observatory. Most recently he was among the core contributors to the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024 (STISA 2024) which is a continental strategy for next 10 year to shape and direct the continent on the STI landscape.

In furtherance, he has also developed the Research Translation from bed to the bedside in Africa towards bridging the existing gap in translating research outputs to practical use in the health science. Towards enhancing green innovation in Africa, he has developed the Green Innovation Framework for Africa. On the other hand, realizing the need for enhanced cooperation and Intra Africa collaboration among scientists, he has established the African Union Network of Sciences, a virtual network that promotes knowledge sharing and brain circulation linking scientists of different fields within Africa and in diaspora. Building upon the importance of women and youth in science, he has developed the roadmap that to enhance the participation of women in science "Towards Women participation in Science" among others.





## **Prof. Elijah Songok**

**Professor and Director of The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Graduate School**

Prof. Songok obtained his BSc and MSc in Biochemistry from the University of Nairobi, then a PhD in viral infections from Kanazawa University Japan and a postdoctoral training in genomics at University of Manitoba in Canada. His other current positions include professorship at the institutions he trained-Department of Viral Infections, Kanazawa University and Department of Medical Microbiology, University of Manitoba.

Prof Songok research interest is on viral infections and emerging infectious agents. He has published more than 50 articles in peer reviewed journals and won various international research grants and awards. Prof. Songok other major interest is health research capacity building especially training of young and emerging health scientists from Africa. He has trained and mentored many Kenyan scientists to PhD level in the field of viral and emerging infections. Currently, as head of KEMRI's Graduate School, he is championing a sandwich attachment program for graduate students from Kenya universities to abroad universities for international exposure and to support their establishment of future networks .





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**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).

Adepte 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 Jaqueline 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 Jaqueline 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 MIKOLU 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 MIKOLU 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. Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng

**Minister of Environment, Science,  
Technology and Innovation (MESTI),  
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. Amara Somparé

**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 oeuvre 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. Dr. Edouard Niankoye LAMA**

**Minister of Health, Republic of Guinea**

### **Formations et Fonctions**

**1953-1959:** Ecole Primaire Élémentaire 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. Mory Sangaré

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. 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. He held a 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 15 years. 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. 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

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





## **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 Maïnassara

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.

Veritable homme de changement, il est entrain de piloter actuellement une reforme 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 reforme 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.





## **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 Secretary 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





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