



# Understanding the context of health coverage in Nigeria and progress towards effective Universal Health Coverage

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# Workshop background

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The World Health Organization estimates that at least half of the world's population still lack full coverage of essential health services. The global commitment towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has been affirmed as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UHC means that all individuals and communities should have access to the full spectrum of essential and effective health services including promotion, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care without suffering financial hardship.

About 100 million people are pushed into extreme poverty by having to pay for health care, including 11 million Africans per year. In Nigeria, the percentage of individual populations reliant on out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure remains as high as 77.2%. A multitude of barriers and challenges exist which prevent the achievement of UHC, many of which are specific to Nigeria and the West Africa region, including the contextual challenges inflicted by political instability and the recent Ebola Virus outbreak. Some challenges are shared however, and global support can help accelerate the attainment of UHC through global and regional level research, information gathering, financial investment and technical assistance. Establishing UHC depends on many governmental departments and aspects including improving infrastructure, training the healthcare workforce, increasing the number and quality of health facilities from hospitals to local clinics, developing information systems and ensuring the supply of medicines and medical technologies.

UHC is an important step towards social inclusion and equity. Many countries are making progress towards achieving UHC, with most low- and middle- income countries, including Nigeria, in the process of designing and implementing strategies to ensure their whole population has access to essential health services, which must be of high quality. Activity across the region includes: exempting populations from user fees; community-based and national health insurance schemes aiming to minimize out-of-pocket expenditure; and initiatives aimed at scaling up and improving access to maternal, new born and child healthcare (MNCH), amongst others.

The objective of this workshop is to consider the vision and status for universal health coverage in Nigeria, to engage with policymakers and researchers across sectors to support the implementation of this agenda and ensure that health policies are evidence-based. The aims are to:

- Provide a platform for experts to reach a consensus on the vision for UHC in Nigeria.
- Bring together evidence on what progress has been made to achieving UHC in Nigeria.
- Identify tools and innovation that could accelerate progress to embed and scale-up effective UHC.
- Identify shared research challenges and barriers to achieving quality UHC.
- Provide a platform for multi-disciplinary experts to share their UHC and research experiences, challenges and successes to allow learning from one another.
- Agree on a list of research priorities and solutions to overcome the identified barriers that can be addressed at country level.
- Impact policy uptake, specifically through the use of science and investment in research and research leadership.

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# Steering committee

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## Co-chairs

**Professor Mike English FMedSci**, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, UK/Kenya

**Professor Friday Okonofua FAS**, University of Benin, Nigeria

## Members

**Professor John Idoko FAS**, University of Jos, Nigeria

**Dr Tanya Marchant**, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

**Professor Chima Ariel Onoka**, University Of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

**Dr Joanna Raven**, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK

# Speakers

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**Professor Oye Gureje**, Professor of Psychiatry; Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, Neuroscience, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

**Dr Walter Kazadi**, WHO representative, Nigeria Country Office

**His Excellency, Dr Olusegun Mimiko**, Former Governor of Ondo State, Nigeria

**Njide Ndili**, Country Director, PharmAccess Foundation, Nigeria

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**Professor Obinna Onwujekwe**, Professor of Health Economics and Policy and Pharmaco-economics/pharmaco-epidemiology, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

**Dr Nneka Orji**, Senior Health Economist, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria

**Robert Yates**, Executive Director of the Centre for Universal Health at Chatham House, London, UK

# Day One: Understanding the context of health coverage in Nigeria and progress towards effective Universal Health Coverage

<b>08:55-09:00</b>	<b>Participants join meeting</b>
<b>09:00-09:05</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> Professor Kalu Mosto Onuoha FAS, President of the Nigerian Academy of Science and Professor Dame Anne Johnson FMedSci, Vice President (International) of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences
<b>09:05-09:15</b>	<b>Aims, objectives and format of the Workshop</b> Professor Mike English FMedSci and Professor Friday Okonofua FAS, Workshop co-chairs
<b>09:15-10:10</b>	<p><b>Keynote Session: Context setting - The current healthcare landscape and pathways to UHC success in Nigeria</b> <i>Session chair: Professor Friday Okonofua FAS, Workshop co-chair</i></p> <p>This session will aim to introduce the current situation for UHC globally and in Nigeria, including the current socio-economic and cultural context of healthcare, the role of UHC in achieving the WHO's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), and reflections upon UHC experiences and pathways to success. It will provide context for the accompanying sessions and discussions over the course of the workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UHC in Nigeria - Looking back and looking forward</b> (15 mins) <i>His Excellency, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, Former Governor of Ondo State, Nigeria</i></li> <li>• <b>SDG's and the critical role of UHC</b> (15 mins) <i>Dr. Walter Kazadi, WHO representative, Nigeria Country Office</i></li> <li>• <b>Achieving UHC in Nigeria by 2030: A mirage or reality?</b> (15 mins) <i>Professor Obinna Onwujekwe, Professor of Health Economics and Policy and Pharmaco-economics/pharmaco-epidemiology, University of Nigeria, Nsukka</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Q&amp;A/ discussion (10 mins)</b></p>
<b>10:10-12:00</b>	<b>Breakout sessions</b>
	<p>Building upon the plenary discussion, participants will split into three breakout groups, each focusing on different elements of UHC efforts. Participants will be asked to discuss the vision for UHC in Nigeria in each of these areas, highlight challenges and barriers in achieving the vision in these specific fields, consider the supportive activities, strategies and systems required for successful implementation, and identify future priorities and opportunities to implement and scale-up activities.</p> <p>The three breakout groups:</p> <p><b>A) Policy measures</b> <i>Chaired by Professor Chima Ariel Onoka, University Of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria</i></p> <p><b>B) Research (inc. primary research, structure and resource)</b> <i>Chaired by Dr Tanya Marchant, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK</i></p> <p><b>C) Multi-sectoral collaborations</b> <i>Chaired by Professor John Idoko FAS, University of Jos, Nigeria</i></p>

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	<p><b>Session Outcome</b> By the end of this session, each group will have developed a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation ready to be delivered on Day Two by the Chair of each group.</p>
10:10-10:25	<p><b>Breakout session: Group Introductions</b> Group participants will each have one minute to cover the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name</li> <li>2. Affiliation</li> <li>3. Interest in UHC</li> <li>4. An interesting fact about them</li> </ol>
10:25-11:55	<p><b>Breakout session: Defining the vision for UHC in Nigeria and steps to implementation</b> Discussions will focus on defining the vision for UHC in Nigeria and exploring how this vision can be operationalised, including the strategies and systems required to support efforts. This includes resource requirements; effective measurement and tracking of progress; and priorities and opportunities for research, policy measures and multi-sectoral collaboration to support the implementation of UHC goals. Groups should also look to reflect upon the challenges and barriers to success, ongoing activities which could be utilized, and any success or learnings from relevant efforts that can be shared.</p> <p><b>The group will address the following questions:</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 (30 mins) - Current efforts, strategies, and learnings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can an overall vision for UHC in Nigeria be taken forwards and supported, and what processes and strategies are required to operationalise this? This includes:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Financing models and schemes</li> <li>b) Coverage efforts (access, equity and quality)</li> <li>c) Maternal, Newborn and Child Health initiatives</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Where, if any, are there current efforts in these areas, and are there any successes or learnings?</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 2 (30 mins) - Barriers and challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the barriers and challenges (including knowledge and engagement gaps) to supporting successful implementation in this manner?</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 3 (30 mins) - Mechanisms and priorities for action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there possible mechanisms to address identified challenges and barriers, and achieve UHC goals?</li> <li>• Where are the key priorities for action going forwards?</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Outcome</b> By the end of this session, participants should have a consensus on: the overall Vision for UHC in Nigeria and how this should be operationalised; ongoing efforts and shared learnings; barriers and challenges to achieving UHC goals in Nigeria; and mechanisms to support implementation, scale-up and monitoring in future. This includes priority action areas to support engagement in the UHC agenda, and resource requirements to build research capacity for future efforts. Participants should each aim to have at least three examples of common barriers and challenges to UHC, and learnings and priorities that can be shared.</p>

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<b>11:55-12:00</b>	<b>Breakout session: Presentation Development</b> During this session, participants will agree on a PowerPoint presentation that summarises the discussions that have taken place throughout the day.  <b>Session Outcome</b> By the end of this session, using the PowerPoint template provided, each group will have a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation to be delivered on Day Two by the Chair of each group.
<b>12:00-12:05</b>	<b>Daily wrap up</b> Professor Mike English FMedSci, Workshop co-chair



## Day Two: Identifying opportunities to embed the Universal Health Coverage policy, practice and research agendas in Nigeria

09:00-09:05	<b>Welcome</b>
09:05-10:15	<p><b>Presentation session - Research into intervention: Examples of research or related activity informing UHC in Nigeria</b>  <i>Session Chair: Professor Mike English FMedSci, Workshop co-chair</i></p> <p>The panellists will give short talks (10 mins &amp; 5 slides) on examples of research which has informed UHC interventions in Nigeria. They will cover the problem that the research sought to address, what has worked, what have been the challenges, methods for achieving impact, and any follow up activities.</p> <p>We will also hear some brief insights from the perspectives of development funding organisation on what they would find most useful to receive from research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How can Nigeria finance Universal Health Coverage?</b> (10 mins)  <i>Robert Yates, Executive Director of the Centre for Universal Health at Chatham House, London (10 mins)</i></li> <li>• <b>Accelerating UHC in Nigeria: Opportunities and Challenges</b>  <i>Dr. Nneka Orji, Senior Health Economist, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria (10 mins)</i></li> <li>• <b>Universal health coverage: attending to supply-side barriers</b> (10 mins)  <i>Professor Oye Gureje, Professor of Psychiatry; Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, Neuroscience, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, University of Ibadan, Nigeria</i></li> <li>• <b>Improving access to quality healthcare through private provider networks</b> (10 mins)  <i>Dr. Modupe Oludipe, Lead, Health Strategy Delivery Foundation Lagos</i></li> <li>• <b>The role of Private Sector in accelerating UHC: Case for an integrated approach</b> (10 mins)  <i>Njide Ndili, Country Director, PharmAccess Foundation, Nigeria</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A/panel discussion (15 mins)</b></p>
10:15-11:30	<p><b>Breakout Group Presentations and group discussion</b>  <i>Session Chair: Professor Friday Okonofua FAS, Workshop co-chair</i></p> <p><b>Group One – Policy (10 mins)</b>  5 min clarifications</p> <p><b>Group Two – Research (10 mins)</b>  5 min clarifications</p> <p><b>Group Three – Multi-sector collaboration (10 mins)</b>  5 min clarifications</p>

## Day Two: Identifying opportunities to embed the Universal Health Coverage policy, practice and research agendas in Nigeria

	<p><b>Group discussion (30 mins)</b> Following the morning's presentations, participants will have the opportunity to discuss all of the evidence, challenges and opportunities highlighted, including priorities and next steps. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions achievable in the short term (3-12 months) to help operationalise and embed the UHC agenda in Nigeria</li> <li>• Actions achievable in the longer term (1-3 years)</li> <li>• Collaboration opportunities locally, regionally and internationally to put these actions into practice</li> <li>• Ways to ensure coverage, equity, and quality are holistically embedded in Nigeria's overall UHC agenda in future</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Outcome</b> The output from this session will be a set of common research themes, policy actions, and areas for multi-sector collaboration to take forwards to support a defined and embedded vision of UHC in Nigeria, along with the introduction of access, equity, quality into this agenda. These will be jointly owned by all workshop participants along with agreement that any commitments will be actioned as a next step.</p>
11:30-11:40	<p><b>Conclusions and wrap up</b> <i>Professor Mike English FMedSci and Professor Friday Okonofua FAS, Workshop co-chairs</i></p>

# Co-chair biographies

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## Professor Mike English FMedSci

Professor of International Child Health, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, UK/Kenya



### Biography

Mike trained as a General Paediatrician in the UK and has been a faculty member of the University of Oxford since 1998, becoming a full Professor of International Child Health in 2010. He has however, lived and worked in Kenya for over 20 years supported by a series of Wellcome Trust research fellowships. In Kenya he works as part of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) – Wellcome Trust Research Programme from a base in Nairobi. He works in collaboration with Kenya's Ministry of Health, the University of Nairobi and many other Kenyan and international partners and has supervised 15 African students to the conclusion of their PhDs. He initially established a Child and Newborn Health research group in Kenya but this evolved to become the Health Services Unit which tackles both clinical and health systems issues affecting newborns and children. Mike's work has involved developing national, evidence-based guidelines for care of children and newborns in Kenya since 2005 (now in a 4<sup>th</sup> Edition) and the linked ETAT+ skills training course, both now used in many LMIC. His research team uses a range of methodologies spanning statistical modeling to ethnography aimed primarily at improving rural hospital care for children and newborns. In 2013 he established the Kenyan Clinical Information Network as a form of Learning Health System to improve quality of care, foster implementation research and service evaluation at scale and support large scale intervention studies. This network now includes 20 hospitals as partners. Mike also leads the Oxford Health Systems Research Collaboration (OHSCAR) that employs organizational research methods to understand complex systems and explore how digital innovations might be used to transform health service delivery.

# Co-chair biographies

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## Professor Friday Okonofua FAS

Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Benin, Nigeria



### Biography

Professor Friday Okonofua MD, PhD is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, and the African Academy of Science. He has served as the Executive Director of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics and as Honorary Adviser on Health to President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

Professor Okonofua is a global champion in women's health, a discipline where he has published more than 270 journal articles and obtained 46 international research grants. He is the founder of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre, one of Nigeria's leading NGOs, and the founding editor of the *African Journal of Reproductive Health*. He is a member of the editorial board of the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, and a reviewer to several international journals. He is the current Editor in Chief of the *Proceedings of the Nigerian Academy of Science*, published by the Nigerian Academy of Science. He has served as program officer at the Ford Foundation and as consultant to several international agencies, including the MacArthur Foundation and the World Health Organization. He is the team leader of the World Bank Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, and the Coordinator of the World Bank projects at the University of Benin in Nigeria. He recently completed his term as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the first University of Medical Sciences in Ondo State in Nigeria, and now he is the Director of Grants and Research at the University of Benin, in Nigeria.

# Steering committee biographies

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## Professor John Idoko FAS

Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases, University of Jos, Nigeria



### Biography

An infectious diseases physician with training in infectious diseases and immunology of infectious diseases, Professor John Idoko trained in medicine, internal medicine at the Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria Nigeria, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne United Kingdom, and the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, where he was a commonwealth scholar in Immunology.

Professor Idoko has served in management and leadership positions in HIV services/research organizations for more than 20 years. This includes serving as President for the Nigerian AIDS Research Network, Chairman for the Nigerian National Antiretroviral Committee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jos, Nigeria (1994-1998), Special Consultant to the Nigeria Petroleum Special Trust Fund (PTF), Co-Chair of West African Infectious Diseases Institute (WAIDI), board member of several boards including the Governing Council of the International AIDS Society (IAS). In May 2018, he was elected President of the Executive Council of the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) for a 4-year tenure.

Currently, he is a Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases with the University of Jos. In this role, he conducts research in infectious diseases mainly, HIV/AIDS and related diseases and oversees HIV treatment program implementation at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital which caters for the care and treatment of about 9,000 persons living with HIV. He also continues to function as an Adjunct Professor of Global Health at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Professor Idoko is a member of the Academy of Sciences of Nigeria. From 2009-2016, he served as the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria's National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA). As Director General for NACA, he was charged with overseeing the three ones of UNAIDS in Nigeria; Developing the national policy, coordinating and monitoring the multi-sectoral HIV interventions in the country. Prior to this, he was Principal Investigator of the Harvard University/AIDS Prevention Initiative Nigeria (APIN) Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program at the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH). He had in the preceding years been a lecturer and professor in various capacities at two leading university teaching hospitals in Nigeria (Ahmadu Bello University and the University of Jos) and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Professor Idoko has been a lead and plenary speaker at local and international conferences and has over 100 published papers in peer reviewed journals. In addition, he has made contributions to several books and has been editor of books.

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## Dr Tanya Marchant

Associate Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK



### Biography

Tanya Marchant is an epidemiologist whose research aims to optimise access to and quality of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health care in sub-Saharan Africa. Based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK, Tanya is the principal investigator of the IDEAS project <https://ideas.lshtm.ac.uk/> and has carried out collaborative research on maternal and newborn health programmes in Nigeria since 2011, working with multiple partners in Adamawa, Gombe and Lagos States. Prior to this, Tanya lived and worked in West and East Africa over a period of 15 years. Her research has included investigations into women's preferences and priorities for managing fertility, testing insecticide treated mosquito net delivery strategies for the prevention of anaemia and malaria in pregnancy, and understanding the effectiveness of innovations for improved maternal and newborn health programmes. Through this work Tanya has placed emphasis on the use of high quality data for evaluation concurrently with its use to strengthen programmes at scale, working with project, district and national level actors to support data-informed decision making. She contributes to a number of advisory groups at the World Health Organization, particularly those focussed on improving measurement methods for tracking health care quality and measuring effective coverage. Given the prominence of maternal and child health within Universal Health Coverage, this experience is highly relevant to addressing the opportunity that UHC presents.

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## Professor Chima Ariel Onoka

Professor in health systems, policy and management,  
University Of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

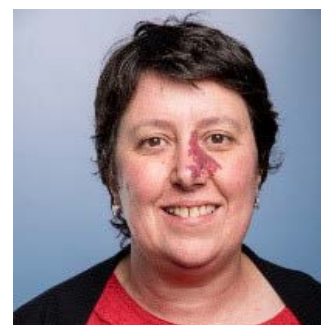


### Biography

Professor Chima Ariel Onoka is a Community Physician and Health Systems Economist. He obtained his medical degree in 2000. He is a fellow of the West African College of Physicians and holds a Ph.D. in Health Economics from the University of London. He has previously served as honorary consultant public health physician at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital. At the University of Nigeria, he has also served as associate dean of the faculty of medicine, pioneer associate director of the Institute of Public Health, and head of operations of the Health Policy Research Group. He has worked as a consultant to the Federal Ministry of Health, USAID, PATHS2 (Abt Associates) and Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON). Using both quantitative and qualitative methods, his research has focused on the policies and economics of universal health coverage initiatives in Nigeria, the role of public and private sector in health financing including the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) and health maintenance organisations, as well as the systems for providing maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS and malaria services. He was a member of the secretariat for the National Council on Health for several years and has served as a sub-theme speaker. He has also supported the Government of Nigeria by serving at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) of Nigeria as a Senior Technical Advisor on Primary Health Care Systems strengthening.

## Dr Joanna Raven

Senior Lecturer in Health Systems Research, Liverpool  
School of Tropical Medicine, UK



### Biography

Joanna Raven is a health systems researcher who has over 20 years' experience of research, training and partnerships in Africa including Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana and Asia. The insights gained while working as a midwife in LMIC has ensured that her research is always relevant to these contexts. She has successfully managed multi-partner research grants, fostering research networks based on trust, innovation and high-level, quality outputs. She has a strong track record of developing capacity of researchers, managers and health workers and very effective communication skills which have helped build an extensive network in health systems research which maximizes research to policy and practice interface.

Joanna is currently a senior lecturer in health systems research at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and leads the Centre for Health Systems Research. Her recent research has focused on fragile and conflict-affected settings and resource poor settings in the areas of: health systems, maternal health, strengthening district-level health management, improving health workforce performance including formal and informal health workers, gender equity and scaling-up complex health system interventions. This portfolio is complemented by capacity strengthening for health systems researchers in LMICs.

# Academy representatives

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## Professor Dame Anne Johnson FMedSci

Vice President (International), Academy of Medical Sciences,  
UK



### Biography

Dame Anne Johnson is Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at University College London. After training in medicine in Cambridge and Newcastle Universities, she specialised in Epidemiology and Public Health. Her career has focussed on research into the epidemiology and prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections as well as other infections such as influenza, Ebola, and antimicrobial resistance.

She co-directed the Medical Research Council, UK Centre for Co-ordinating Epidemiological Studies of HIV from 1985 until 1999. She was principal investigator on the 3 decennial National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal). She is an investigator on the UK i-sense programme, studying point-of-care diagnostics and digital pathways for infectious disease detection.

She co-founded UCL's Institute for Global Health and has advised many national and international science organisations. She chaired the UK Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) Working Group on Improving the Health of the Public by 2040 and is a former Governor of the Wellcome Trust. She is currently Vice-President International of the AMS.



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## Professor K. Mosto Onuoha FAS

President, Nigerian Academy of Science



### Biography

Professor K. Mosto Onuoha FAS had his university education at the Loránd Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary (1971-1978), where he majored in Geophysics, obtaining the *PhD* degree (*summa cum laude*) in 1978. He served as Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Geophysics of the Technical University, Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Germany before returning to Nigeria to join the services of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) as Lecturer in 1980. He rose quickly through the ranks, becoming Head of the Department of Geology in 1987 and full *Professor of Geology* in 1988. He was the pioneer *ExxonMobil Professor of Petroleum Geology* at the University of Calabar (1991-92), served as *Technology Development Adviser* (Subsurface Development Services) at the Shell Petroleum Development Company Limited, Port Harcourt (1996-2002), and *Shell/NNPC Professor of Geology* at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2003-2012). He also concurrently served as *Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)* of the University of Nigeria between 2005 and 2009. In January 2013, he was appointed to the Petroleum Technology Development Fund's (PTDF) *Chair of Petroleum Geology* at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, a position that he held until his formal retirement from service in 2017. The UNN later honoured him by conferring on him the title of an *Emeritus Professor* of the university. Prof. Mosto Onuoha is a recipient of many other awards and honours in his professional life and is the current President of the Nigerian Academy of Science. His research interests include the characterisation of petroleum reservoirs, tectonophysics, and mitigation of natural and man-made hazards in West and Central Africa.

# Speaker biographies

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## Professor Oye Gureje

Professor of Psychiatry; Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, Neuroscience, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, University of Ibadan, Nigeria



### Biography

Professor of Psychiatry and Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research in Mental Health, Neurosciences and Substance Abuse, Department of Psychiatry, University of Ibadan and Professor Extraordinary, Department of Psychiatry, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. A former President of the Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria and of the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions, he was recently a member of the WHO International Advisory Group for the Revision of the ICD Chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders and Chair of the Somatic Distress and Dissociative Disorders Work Group and co-Chair of the Cultural Guidance Work Group for the ICD-II. He has served the World Psychiatric Association in various capacities including as Chair of the Task Force on Brain Drain and currently as a member of the Association's Standing Committee on Science, Education and Research. He Chairs the Mental Health Action Committee and is a member of the Non-Communicable Diseases Expert Technical Working Group, both of the Federal Ministry of Health.

He is best known for his research in global mental health, including nosology, epidemiology, randomized controlled trials, implementation and health system strengthening research. His has received research support from the Wellcome Trust, MRC (UK), EU, AusAid, Grand Challenges Canada, IDRC and the NIMH, among others. He has published more than 500 peer-reviewed scientific papers, monographs, book chapters, and has co-edited 3 books. Described as one of the "most influential scientific minds", he is listed among the global highly cited researchers by Clarivate Analytics (<https://hcr.clarivate.com>). He is a recipient of many awards among which are Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, and the Nigerian National Order of Merit.

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## **Dr Walter Kazadi**

WHO representative, Nigeria Country Office



### **Biography**

Dr Walter Kazadi is a World Health Organization representative to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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## His Excellency, Dr Olusegun Mimiko

Former Governor of Ondo State, Nigeria



### Biography

Dr. Olusegun Mimiko is the immediate past governor of Ondo State, Nigeria (2009-2017). He is a medical practitioner who has had practice experience both at the public and private sectors. Before he was elected as Governor, he had held many public service leadership positions as Commissioner for Health, Secretary to State Government and Federal Minister of Housing and Urban Development.

The Impactful Abiye Safe Motherhood Programme, an essentially public funded maternal, neonatal and child health programme, which received both national and international commendation, was one of the high points of his administration.

Dr. Mimiko is a Honorary Fellow of the Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology of Nigeria (SOGON); and the National Post-Graduate Medical College.

Under his leadership, his Ondo State won the two editions of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Leadership Challenge for Polio Eradication and Routine Immunization in Nigeria.

A Distinguished Alumnus of University of Ife, Nigeria, Dr Mimiko is the pioneer Gold Medalist of Adetokunbo Lucas School of Public Health of same university. He is also listed on the United Nations Habitat Roll of Honor for quality leadership.

Since leaving office about two years ago, Dr. Mimiko has served as Resource Person and Keynote Speaker at many conferences, especially on UHC, both home and abroad.

He was, in 2014, conferred with the National Honors of Commander of the Order of Niger(CON).

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## Njide Ndili

Country Director, PharmAccess Foundation Nigeria Office



### Biography

Njide Ndili is the Country Director for PharmAccess Foundation, an international NGO dedicated to facilitating affordable access to quality health care in Africa by stimulating investments in the healthcare industry through partnerships with the private sector and government institutions. She has oversight of activities that support demand side financing through insurance, supply side quality improvement using our ISQua accredited SafeCare© Methodology, access to finance for healthcare SMEs through our Medical Credit Fund. PharmAccess also has a digital agenda, developing and promoting innovative digital solutions to enable seamless access and improvement in health outcomes such as our HealthConnect App to leverage international remittance for health, our Health Facility Quality Improvement tool (QIT), Multi system Poverty Screening tool (MPS), Mobile App for TB Screening (MATS) and CarePay digital insurance platform using the mobile phone to aggregate funding and payment for healthcare services, amongst several other innovations.

Njide has over 25 years leadership roles in the healthcare industry in the United States and Nigeria, and has worked as a consultant to several healthcare organizations. She was recently appointed to serve as a Commissioner for the Lancet and FT Commission on Digital Health and AI -Governing Health Future, set up to explore how digital and frontier technology can be used to accelerate UHC especially for the young population and low-income countries.

Njide has an MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management from London School of Economics, an AMP from INSEAD Business School, France, an MBA from the University of Houston, a Post Graduate Diploma in Finance and a B. Sc. in Computer Science from the University of Nigeria. She is an EXCO member of Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, a Trustee and sponsor of the Healthcare Excellence Award and remains on the Board of the Society for Quality in Healthcare in Nigeria.

# Speaker biographies

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## Dr Modupe Oludipe

Director, Health Strategy and Delivery Foundation (HSDF),  
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### Biography

Dr. Modupe Oludipe is a public health physician with over 20 years' practical experience in leading, planning, implementing and monitoring medium- and large-scale health system interventions. In the past 12 years, she has led health programs in over 400 primary and secondary (public and private sector) health facilities across 12 states in Nigeria and developed practical, hands-on expertise in the area of Quality Healthcare and Service Delivery. She has also led the implementation of State-wide projects and provided support to health system leaders. Till date, she engages with healthcare leadership at Federal, State and Local Government levels, as well as private sector service providers to improve the effectiveness of health service delivery and to strengthen the performance of the health system. She is an ardent advocate for healthcare quality who is keen on deploying interventions that will produce system-wide impact, using methodologies that can reproduce at scale results sustainably.

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## Professor Obinna Onwujekwe

Professor of Health Economics and Policy and Pharmaco-  
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### Biography

Professor Obinna Onwujekwe is medically qualified but also has MSc and PhD in Health Economics. He is a Professor of Health Economics & Policy at the University of Nigeria Enugu Campus, the Director of Research in the University, the Coordinator of the Health Policy Research Group and the President of the Nigerian Health Economics Association. He is also the Director of the Nigerian National Centre on Health Systems, which is part of the African Health Observatory Platform (AHOP) on Health Systems. He is currently a Professor of Health Economics & Policy and Pharmaco-economics & Pharmacoepidemiology at the University of Nigeria. He was a member of the Resilient and Responsive Health Systems (RESYST) Consortium and is currently a member of the Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) Consortium; the Community-led Responsive & Effective Urban Health Systems (ChORUS) RPC and the JHSRI Accountability-in-Action project. was also a member of the Consortium on Health Policy. Prof. Onwujekwe has extensive expertise in investigating and finding solutions to weaknesses in various aspects of health systems in both Nigeria and the broader Sub-Sahara Africa. He has consulted widely for many national and international organizations and has working experiences in Nigeria, Sudan, Malawi, South Sudan, Oman and the UK. He has published more than 300 academic and policy papers. His detailed profile is at: [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Obinna\\_Onwujekwe](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Obinna_Onwujekwe).

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## Dr Nneka Orji

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### Biography

Dr Nneka Orji is a Health Economist and Health Systems expert. She has over ten years' experience in health financing and health systems research with particular skills on health expenditure tracking and funds flow. She is currently the Technical Advisor to the Minister of State for Health in Nigeria. And also doubles as the Universal Health Coverage focal point and the Health Financing lead at the Federal Ministry of Health.

Dr Nneka has a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree from Ebonyi State University in Nigeria. She also holds a Post graduate diploma in Economics and a Master's Degree in Health Economics and Policy from the University of Adelaide, South Australia.

She is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Tasmania, Australia where she is working on the Health Economics and Epidemiology of Myalgic encephalitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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## Robert Yates

Executive Director of the Centre for Universal Health at Chatham House, London, UK



### Biography

Robert Yates is a political health economist specializing in universal health coverage (UHC) and progressive health financing. He is Head of the Centre For Universal Health at Chatham House. He is also an Honorary Associate Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a long-term consultant to [The Elders](#) on their UHC programme.

His principal area of expertise is in the political economy of UHC, with a focus on advising political leaders and governments on how to plan, finance and implement national UHC reforms. He has previously worked as a Senior Health Economist with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and the World Health Organisation, advising numerous governments in Asia, Africa and Europe on health financing policy and health systems reforms.

He holds a BA degree in Natural Sciences and Economics from the University of Cambridge and a MBA, from the University of Leeds.



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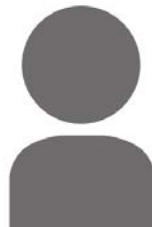
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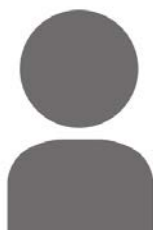
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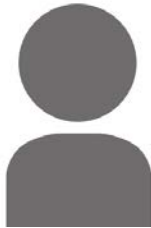
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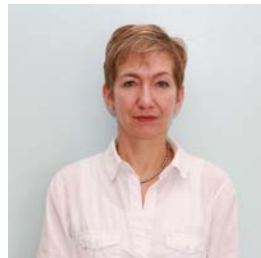
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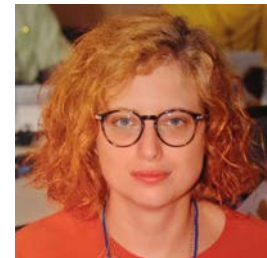
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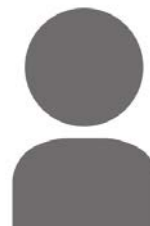
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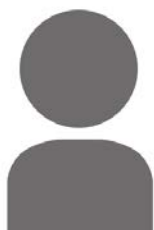
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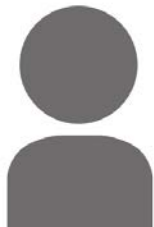
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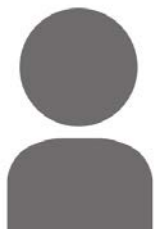
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