

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profile

African global health strategist, board chair and senior adviser with more than 30 years of leadership across Africa, the United Kingdom, the Gulf and international settings. Advises leaders and boards on strategy, governance, partnerships, financing, institutional positioning and strategic risk. Brings executive, philanthropic, public-sector and continental institution-building experience, with practical judgement in complex political and technical environments.

Board and advisory value

- Governance and strategic oversight, including board leadership, risk, fiduciary oversight and accountability.
- Africa and Global South leadership, with senior networks across institutions, governments, policy platforms, philanthropy, academia and private-sector partners.
- Philanthropy and investment judgement, including technical feasibility, strategic fit, sustainability and implementation risk.
- Institution building, resource mobilisation, health systems and health security.
- External influence, public speaking and writing on global health reform and African leadership.

Current board, advisory and governance roles

Board Chair: Population Services International Europe

Trustee: Healthcare Federation of Nigeria

Commissioner: NUS-Lancet Pandemic Readiness, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Commission

Advisory Board Member: Albert Luthuli Leadership Institute, University of Pretoria

Member: Novartis Global Health Strategic Advisory Board

Strategic Advisory Group Member: PharmAccess Nigeria

Member: WHO AFRO Emergency Preparedness and Response Technical Advisory Group

Policy Advisory Group Member: Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative

Advisory Board Member: SHARPER, Strengthening Health Systems Capacity in Africa for Pandemic Equity and Responsiveness

Faculty and Steering Committee Member: Africa CDC Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme

Areas of expertise

- Global health strategy and governance
- Health financing and philanthropy
- African institutional agency and partnerships
- Health security, preparedness and outbreak response
- Health systems and primary health care
- Women's leadership and equitable global health

Professional experience

Independent Global Health Strategist and Adviser

Independent practice, Kenya, UAE and international | Aug 2026 to present

Advisory, board, speaking and thought-leadership work focused on global health strategy, health financing, African institutional agency, philanthropy, health security and partnerships.

Global Health Adviser to the Director General

Mohamed bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity, Abu Dhabi | Nov 2025 to Jul 2026

Provided direct senior counsel on institutional strategy, governance, partnership choices, external engagement and strategic risk.

Chief Program Officer

Mohamed bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity, Abu Dhabi | Nov 2024 to Oct 2025

Helped shape global health strategy, investment review and senior partnerships across infectious diseases, NTDs, maternal and newborn health, disability and health systems innovation.

Chief Executive Officer

Africa Public Health Foundation, Nairobi | 2023 to 2024

First substantive CEO of the independent foundation established to mobilise resources and partnerships in support of Africa CDC.

Honorary Senior Strategic Adviser to the Founding Director

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Addis Ababa | 2020 to 2023

Contributed to Africa CDC institutional development, its 2022 to 2027 strategy, the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing and the Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme.

Senior Health Adviser

Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, London and Africa | 2021 to 2024

Advised African governments and public health institutions on strategy, systems and institutional development.

Medical Consultant and Programme Director

Public Health England, later UK Health Security Agency, London | 2016 to 2021

Designed and scaled a £24 million International Health Regulations programme across six countries in Africa and Asia.

Consultant in Communicable Disease Control and Environmental Health

UK Health Protection Agency, United Kingdom | 2002 to 2016

Senior leadership in communicable disease control, outbreaks, environmental health, tuberculosis and surveillance. Chaired the UK public health tuberculosis group from 2012 to 2015.

Academic, editorial and public leadership

- Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Leeds School of Medicine; Honorary Lecturer, Hull York Medical School; Visiting Lecturer, University of Bradford and Babcock University College of Health and Medical Sciences.
- Associate Fellow, Chatham House.
- Editorial Board Member, PLOS Global Public Health and BMJ Global Health; Regional Advisory Board Member, BMJ Africa.
- Faculty and curriculum contributor for Africa CDC, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Honours, qualifications and selected publications

Honours and recognition

- 2025, Nigeria Healthcare Excellence Award, Diaspora Excellence in Global Public Health Leadership.
- 2023, Honorary Doctor of Science, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.
- 2023, Profiled by The Lancet for leadership in Africa's emerging public health architecture.
- 2021, British Medical Association Role Model for Women in Academic Medicine.
- 2021, United Kingdom Government Inspirational Scientists and Engineers Award.

Education and professional qualifications

DSc, honoris causa, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 2023 | FPHM, Faculty of Public Health Medicine, United Kingdom, 2002 | MSc Public Health, Newcastle University, 1998 | DTM&H, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 1994 | MBBS, University of Nigeria College of Medicine, 1991 | Executive Leadership Programme, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2017

Selected publications and commentary

- Okereke E. What U.S. Withdrawal from the World Health Organization Means for Africa. Think Global Health. 2026.
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- Okereke E, Gombe S, Onyango O. None of us are prepared unless all of us are prepared: research for the next health shock must be inclusive and equitable. BMJ. 2024;387:q2110.
- Elnaiem A, Mohamed-Ahmed O, Zumla A, et al. Global and regional governance of One Health and implications for global health security. The Lancet. 2023;401:688-704.
- Oyebanji O, Okereke E. Empowering African women leaders is key for health equity. Nature Human Behaviour. 2023;7:839-841.

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