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Global health strategy with African authority at the centre.

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POSITIONING

A strategist for health systems, power and delivery

Ebere advises leaders, boards and institutions working across global health, African public health, the Gulf, philanthropy and partnership. Her executive experience in the UAE adds a valuable Gulf perspective to her work across African and international institutions. She addresses the choices that determine whether ambition becomes accountable delivery: who sets priorities, who controls resources, what partnerships enable, and where institutions hold durable authority.

Focus areas

GLOBAL HEALTH REFORM African institutional agency, sovereignty and governance	HEALTH FINANCING Financing choices, transition, philanthropy and accountability
GULF AND AFRICA UAE experience and strategic partnerships linking the Gulf, Africa and global institutions	HEALTH SECURITY Preparedness, surveillance, outbreak response and One Health
HEALTH SYSTEMS Primary health care, implementation and system leadership	GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP Board oversight, strategy, risk, women's leadership and institutional authority

Selected leadership and advisory roles

- Board Chair, Population Services International Europe
- Trustee, Healthcare Federation of Nigeria
- Former Chief Executive Officer, Africa Public Health Foundation
- Former Honorary Senior Strategic Adviser to the founding Director, Africa CDC
- Former Global Health Adviser and Chief Program Officer, Mohamed bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity, UAE
- Associate Fellow, Chatham House

SPEAKING

Themes and formats

Core themes

African authority in global health

Moving country ownership from principle to enforceable power over priorities, financing and partnerships.

Health financing and reform

The choices required to protect essential services, create fiscal space and demand accountable external finance.

Institutions that hold

How public health institutions build durable authority, negotiate well and sustain a strategic course.

Preparedness and health security

Building the capabilities, partnerships and governance needed before the next health shock.

Women's leadership

The structures that determine who is seen, heard and authorised to lead.

Formats

Keynotes | Plenary panels | Moderation and interviews | Podcasts | Board and leadership conversations | Policy roundtables | Media commentary

Selected engagements

- Keynote and moderator, Africa Health Agenda International Conference
- Speaker and moderator, Africa CDC events and World Health Assembly side sessions
- Speaker, Abu Dhabi Global Health Week
- Panelist, Africa Health Sovereignty Summit, 2025
- Confirmed moderator, Commonwealth People's Forum, Antigua and Barbuda, November 2026

PUBLIC VOICE

Writing, commentary and recognition

Selected writing

- What U.S. Withdrawal from the World Health Organization Means for Africa, Think Global Health, 2026.
- After USAID: what now for aid and Africa?, BMJ, 2025.
- A fair pandemic treaty is unlikely, but poorer countries have healthy options, Chatham House, The World Today, 2025.
- None of us are prepared unless all of us are prepared: research for the next health shock must be inclusive and equitable, BMJ, 2024.
- Empowering African women leaders is key for health equity, Nature Human Behaviour, 2023.

Recognition

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

For hosts

Ebere brings evidence, institutional perspective and clear judgement to discussions where politics, power and practical delivery intersect. She is strongest where a conversation needs clarity on choices, accountability and what it will take to move from commitment to action.

HOST INTRODUCTION

Short introduction for use on stage

Dr Ebere Okereke is an independent global health strategist, board chair and strategic adviser with more than 30 years of experience across Africa, the United Kingdom, the Gulf and international settings. She has held senior executive and advisory roles with the Mohamed bin Zayed Foundation for Humanity in the UAE, Africa Public Health Foundation, Africa CDC, the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Public Health England and the UK Health Security Agency. Ebere chairs PSI Europe and serves in board and advisory roles with organisations including WHO AFRO, Novartis Global Health, DNDi, PharmAccess Nigeria and the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria. A physician, author and Associate Fellow of Chatham House, she writes and speaks on African institutional agency, health financing, global health reform, preparedness and leadership.

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