

## Biographies of Moderator, Panelists and Leaders

Call to Action for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention  
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Session Room 8, International AIDS Conference, Washington, D.C.

### **Brenda Wilson (Moderator)**, *Knight International Journalism Fellow, South Africa*



Brenda Wilson is a health fellow with the International Center for Journalists of the Knight Foundation, under a grant funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Since 2011, she has worked as a mentor, trainer and coach with journalists at SABC Radio News in Johannesburg, promoting the coverage of health throughout South Africa. Ms. Wilson started her career at NPR as a producer/editor on Morning Edition. Widely recognized as a trusted voice by the global health community, Ms. Wilson worked for more than 20 years as a Correspondent/Editor on the NPR Science Desk covering global health and U.S. public health. During that time, Ms. Wilson focused intensely on AIDS, but also reported on other infectious diseases, reproductive health, maternal and child health, health systems in developing countries and other health issues. She has examined extensively the link between human behavior, social conditions, health and disease, and scientific developments relative to these issues. She has produced a number of award-winning stories, including contributions to the landmark series, AIDS in Black America: Breaking the Silence, which won a Columbia duPont Award.

### **Dr. Emmanuel Njeuhmeli**, *Co-Chair PEPFAR Male Circumcision Technical Working Group, USAID Washington*



Emmanuel Njeuhmeli is the Senior Biomedical Prevention Advisor at the Office of HIV/AIDS at USAID Washington and Co-Chair of PEPFAR Male Circumcision Technical Working Group (MC TWG). He is also member of the PEPFAR HIV Prevention Steering Committee, the WHO-UNAIDS Male Circumcision Steering Committee and Member on the WHO Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision. Dr. Njeuhmeli holds a Medical Degree from the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences of University of Yaounde in Cameroon, a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Master of Business Administration from John Hopkins Carey Business School.

Dr. Njeuhmeli has significantly contributed to the successful launch of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) programs in East and Southern Africa countries and led the implementation of the medical male circumcision costing and impact activity aiming at developing data for decision-making using the UNAIDS-USAID Decision Makers Program Tools (DMPPT). One of the key deliverables of this activity, the PLOS Medicine collection, signposts the way forward to accelerate the scaling up of VMMC service delivery safely and efficiently to reap individual and population-level benefits. Dr Njeuhmeli is a strong advocate of use of innovative service delivery models to maximize use of limited resources available and maximum public health impact on the HIV epidemic in the region.

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**Angelo Kagawa**, *Program Coordinator, AVAC, and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Client*



As Program Advisor at AVAC, Angelo has provided technical and communications support to the AVAC team with a specific focus on expansion of activities and materials focused on building research literacy in communities affected by and involved with research. Angelo manages AVAC's Advocacy Fellows program and also VMMC advocacy. Before joining AVAC, Angelo worked as the Communications Officer with the UVRI-IAVI HIV Vaccine Program in Uganda. In this role, he led communications, documentation, media relations, public relations and development of education & communication materials. He was also the editor of the program's quarterly newsletter, The Uganda AIDS Vaccine Update. Angelo sits on the Governing Council for the Public Relations Association of Uganda (PRAU), and formerly worked as Assistant Public Relations Officer for The Mildmay Centre, a specialist HIV/AIDS treatment, care and training centre. Angelo holds a BA in Mass Communications from Makerere University (Uganda) and is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Health at New York University.

**Her Excellency Dr. Speciosa Wandira**, *Fmr Vice President of Uganda & Champion for an HIV-Free Generation*



A Makerere University graduate Surgeon with a Doctor of Science Degree in Global Health and Population from the Harvard School of Public Health, Dr. Speciosa Naigaga Kazibwe has served as executive Vice President of the Republic of Uganda, held various Cabinet portfolios, served as a Member of Parliament and was a Member of the Constituent Assembly that drafted Uganda's 1995 Constitution. She has served on various local, regional and international Boards and Commissions. Dr. Wandira was the first President of the African Women's Committee on Peace and Development of the African Union, Co-Chair of the Inter-Academy Council Panel that drafted a report on Realizing the Promise and Potential of African Agriculture, and has been Advisor on Special Initiatives to the President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). She is also a founding member of The S'HE Foundation. Dr. Wandira is currently Senior Presidential Advisor to the President of Uganda on Population and Health. In that capacity, she has served as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Microfinance Support Center Ltd. She is currently coordinating health financing reforms in Uganda's health sector. Dr. Wandira is also a member of the Board of the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CODA).

**Hendrica Okondo**, *YWCA Global Program Manager for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and HIV*



Hendrica Okondo holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Nairobi, Kenya and a Master's of Science from the University of London. She was a lecturer at Egerton and Kenyatta University, teaching environment economics and agricultural extension. After 4 years of teaching girls education, leadership skills, economic empowerment, legal literacy, governance and political empowerment in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, Ms. Okondo moved on to the World Food Program as the Senior Gender Adviser for East, Horn and Central Africa where she trained emergency officers on gender and emergency. In 2001, Ms. Okondo undertook a gender assessment for UNIFEM to respond to the needs of women in Internally Displaced Peoples camps after Eritrea and Ethiopia border conflict. Later, she was appointed Program Manager for UNIFEM projects in Somalia, South Sudan and Tanzania.

## **His Excellency Chief Jonathan Mumena,** *Republic of Zambia*



Chief Mumena is a prominent chief of the Kaonde People of Zambia's Northwestern Province, a region along Zambia's Northern border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Among Zambia's 287 officially recognized traditional chiefs, Mumena is the immediate past chair of the House of Chiefs. He has drawn praise for his efforts to use his inherited authority as a platform to encourage his people to adopt new traditions and new economic ventures.

He is a strong advocate for voluntary medical male circumcision as a method of HIV prevention, and he serves as a Champion of Zambia on the country's male circumcision advisory council. While the Kaonde have not historically practiced male circumcision as a right-of-passage for young men, Chief Mumena has become a vocal champion of the procedure, which he himself has undergone. Additionally, Mumena has made efforts to encourage gender balance and reduce HIV transmission among the Zambian people. He has also encouraged rural development and has also championed safe motherhood in Zambia.

## **Honorable Dr. Oburu Oginga,** *Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of Kenya*



Oburu Oginga received his Masters and PhD in Economics in Moscow. He served as an Economist for the Ministry of Planning and National Development in Kenya from 1981-1994. He was then elected into parliament in 1994. His services as minister include chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance, and on the Planning and Trade and Defense and Foreign Relations committees. He has also served on the Public Accounts and Planning Committee and was Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Finance and Planning and Trade Committee from 2003-2007.

## **Honorable Pr. Dr. Ondoa D. J. Christine,** *Minister of Health, Republic of Uganda*



Christine Joyce Dradidi Ondoa is a Ugandan pediatrician, pastor and politician and the current Minister of Health in the Ugandan Cabinet. As a cabinet minister, she is also a member of the Ugandan Parliament in an ex-officio capacity. Prior to her current position, she was the Executive Director of Mbarara National Referral Hospital, one of the three national referral hospitals in Uganda. She holds the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), obtained in 1994, from Makerere University Medical School (MUMS), the oldest medical school in East Africa. She also holds the degree of Master of Medicine in Pediatrics (MMed), obtained in 2000, also from MUMS. In March 2010, she graduated from the Uganda Management Institute with the postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration & Management (Dip.PA&M). In 2012 she will graduate from the same institution with the degree of Master of Management Studies (MMS). She did her internship at St. Francis Hospital Nsambya. She also worked in Arua Regional Referral Hospital as a Consultant Pediatrician, Jinja Regional Referral Hospital as Senior Consultant Pediatrician and Medical Director, was Chairperson of the Governing Council for Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery, and worked as the Executive Director at Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, the teaching hospital of Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST).

## **Mr. Blessing Chebundo**, *Member of Parliament, Republic of Zimbabwe*



Blessing Chebundo is the founding Chairman of the Zimbabwe Parliamentarians on HIV (ZIPAH), an apolitical and non-profit network of legislators committed to increasing their role in the response to HIV. Under his leadership and with technical assistance from PSI/Zimbabwe, 23 Members of Parliament were recently circumcised and 119 underwent testing and counseling as part of the organization's efforts to inspire other citizens to follow suit. In 2004, Blessing led the first group of Parliamentarians to get tested publicly at a time when most people in the country avoided knowing their HIV status, as treatment was not widely available.

Blessing is a Zimbabwean politician, a Member of Parliament and a founding member of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change party. He served as the MDC's Secretary for Health from 2001 to 2005. He is the founding and current Chairman of the alliance of the Southern and Eastern Africa Parliamentary Committees for Health and HIV and AIDS (SEAPACOH). He is an Environmental Health Technician by profession and holds a degree in Local Governance Studies, and diplomas in Environmental Health Studies, Occupational Health, Safety and Development and Labour Studies.

## **His Excellency Benjamin Mkapa**, *Former President of Tanzania and Champion for an HIV-Free Generation*



H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania from 1995 – 2005, graduated with a degree in English from Makerere University College in Uganda. In 1962, he served as District Officer of Dodoma and eventually became Managing Editor of a number of Tanzania's leading newspapers—the Nationalist, Uhuru, The Daily News, and The Sunday News. He later became Founding Editor of Tanzania News Agency (SHIHATA).

In 1974, H.E. Mkapa became the Press Secretary for Founding President of Tanzania, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, and went on to hold an extensive number of high-level posts: High Commissioner to Nigeria, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Information and Culture, High Commissioner to Canada, Ambassador to the U.S., Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Minister for Science, Technology & High Education, Chairman of Chama Cha Mapinduzi, Co-Chair of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of the Globalization, Commissioner of the Commission for Africa, Chairperson of the South African Development Community, Member of Panel of Eminent Persons appointed by UN Secretary-General to review and enhance role within UN reforms, Member of Panel on UN system-wide coherence in areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance & Environment, Member of African Union Panel of Eminent Persons, Chairman of the South Centre, Co-Chair of Investment Climate Facility for Africa and Africa Emerging Markets Forum, Board of Trustees for the Africa Wildlife Foundation and Aga Khan International University, Commissioner of UN Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor, Member of the InterAction Council and Africa Forum. He also holds eight Honorary Degrees.