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Title: Repositioning Bed side Teaching for the COVID-19 era
Speaker profiles:



Dr. Bonaventure Ahaisibwe is the regional director for strategy and innovation at Seed Global Health Inc where he helps foster local ownership of Seed's portfolio in Africa including promoting mutually respectful partnerships with government, institutions, faculty, students and communities. Over the last decade, he has provided leadership in establishment and implementation of collaborative north - south international partnerships in humanitarian and development contexts in Uganda, Liberia and Zambia with Seed Global health, the US Peace Corps, GIZ and University Research Co. LLc. His training is in medicine and public health from Makerere University and University of Manchester respectively.



Dr. Mulinda Nyirenda is a senior consultant in the emergency department at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi. She also holds a clinical lecturer post within the University of Malawi -College of Medicine; coordinating, teaching and overseeing Emergency Medicine courses for undergraduate and post graduate medical students, as well as acute care modules for clinical officers in Bachelors programs within medicine and surgery.

She holds a specialist degree in internal medicine from both Universities of Malawi and Witwatersrand in South Africa. Her passion for acute care facilitated her shift to emergency medicine in 2010 as the College of medicine started establishing the emergency medicine specialty training programs. She was the founding head of the adult emergency department called "Adult Emergency and Trauma Center – AETC" at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital since its inception in December 2011 to November 2015. She has also actively been involved in the development of pre-hospital care system development initiatives in Malawi and also serves a member of the NCD technical working group with a Trauma focus in the Ministry of Health.

Her research interests include trauma care, pre hospital care, acute care (infectious diseases and non-communicable medical), medical education and health care systems.

She is a member of the African Federation of Emergency Medicine (AFEM), a professional body that promote research in emergency care systems across Africa as one of the pillars for developing the specialty of emergency medicine. She is also the international Malawi liaison for American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and is a member of the international education subcommittee in the international section of ACEP.



Prof. Fastone Mathew Goma is a Medical Doctor with an MSc Cardiorespiratory Physiology from the University College London, his research focused on the myocardial protective mechanisms in coronary artery disease (CAD).His PhD in Cardiovascular Science from the University of Leeds focused on the electrophysiological mechanisms invoked during exercise stress in CAD. He also studied International Public Health at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), and Tobacco Dependency Treatment at University of Toronto.

He is currently the deputy Vice Chancellor, Eden University, Zambia. Prior to that he served as dean for the School of Medicine and also Director for the Centre for Primary Care Research (CPCR) which focusses on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) research and policy influence. The CPCR is the secretariat for the Zambia Tobacco Control Campaign (ZTCC), a community advocacy group and the International Tobacco Control Evaluation Project (ITC-Project).

His research interests include Palliative Care, knowledge translation and Health Systems research -Human Resources for Health (HRH). He continues to actively participate in processes of formulating and implementing risk reduction strategies for NCDs in Zambia and Africa. He is the founding President for the Zambia Heart and Stroke Foundation (ZAHESFO), an active member of the African Heart Network and World Heart Federation.



Prof. Nelson K. Sewankambo MBChB, MSc, M.MED, FAAS, FRCP, LL.D (HC), former Dean of Makerere University Medical School, Uganda, a past Principal Makerere University College of Health Sciences and a Professor of internal medicine. In the last 18 years he focused on advancement of medical education and research capacity development. He is a fellow and President of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences, a Vice President of the Network of African Sciences Academies (NASAC) and Vice President of the Accordia Global Health Foundation. He trained at Makerere University as a medical doctor, specialized in internal medicine and later graduated in Clinical Epidemiology at McMaster University in Canada. He received a fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in London; an Honorary Doctorate Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health; a Grand Silver Medal, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden; a Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, McMaster University, and Honorary Fellowship of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is also an external affiliate of the US Institute of Medicine (US Academy of Medicine) and a fellow of African Academy of Sciences.

During his Deanship many educational transformations and innovations were started at the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Sewankambo initiated many partnerships between Makerere University College of Health Sciences with other institutions in Uganda and abroad including successful research capacity building consortium (THRiVE) involving seven African institutions (4 universities and 3 research institutes) and two universities in the UK, and provided leadership for an Africa wide initiative for Strengthening Research Capacity in Africa (ISHReCA). With NIH funding, he was involved in starting a national MEPI consortium of Uganda Universities (MESAU) to jointly address the country health professional education needs. He is the Coordinator of the IDRC funded International Chairs Initiative that focuses on the evaluation of knowledge translations platforms. He was the regional Coordinator of Supporting Use of Research Evidence for Policy (SURE Project) which aimed to promote the use of evidence in health policy decisions. He has participated in several key global health initiatives, councils and committees, including the FAIMER Board and WHO Task Force on Health Systems Research.

He has led teams of academicians composed of experts in Europe, North America and Africa to develop and manage a very successful model for strengthening a medical school in the developing world the Infectious Diseases Institute at Makerere. He was founder Principal Investigator in Uganda for the internationally re-known Rakai Health Sciences Program (formerly Rakai Project) where he continues to be an active researcher/investigator and has contributed to the large volume of scientific publications in peer reviewed journals together with providing mentorship and development of many Ugandan junior and mid-level researchers.

He steered the development of an East African effort that led to an internationally acclaimed institutional brokerage mechanism for linking research to policy and action; The REACH Policy Initiative headquartered in Arusha under the East African Community.

Dr. Sewankambo has not restricted application of his knowledge and skills to the Uganda scene but has also contributed significantly to the international environment including the Global Forum for Health Research, Nuffield Council Working Party on Ethics of Health Care Related Research in Developing Countries, International Clinical Epidemiology Network, International Joint Learning Initiative on Human Resources for Health and Development, FAIMER and CIGI the African Initiative on the impact of climate change: mitigation and adaptation. As co-chair of the education/production subcommittee of the initiative he contributed to the landmark report entitled Human Resources for Health, Overcoming the Crisis which had a major influence on WHO and its recent 2006 report (Together for Health) which focus on the global crisis of health workers and the need for urgent action in order to enhance health of populations. He was also a contributor to the chapter on how to build strong education and training systems of the Global Health Workforce Alliance in the Lord Nigel Crisp Report 2008: Scaling up education and training for health workers.