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**FACILITATORS BIOS**

**Håkan Billig**

Håkan Billig is a Professor in Physiology and Head of the Endocrinology Research group at University of Gothenburg, Sweden. He began his PhD training before receiving his MD at the medical faculty (later Sahlgrenska Academy) at University of Gothenburg. Once his degrees were completed he did two post docs in the US, and later returned to the Sahlgrenska Academy and was appointed as a researcher funded by the Swedish Medical Research Council. He later became Secretary General for medical and health research at the Swedish Research Council and has worked for better funding of medical research, improved infrastructure and better conditions for experimental and clinical research in Sweden, in the Nordic countries and internationally. Håkan’s research focuses on female reproductive endocrinology. He has pursued this research at several levels: molecular, cellular, systemic and both in experimental animal models as well in clinical settings and patient materials. Currently he is focusing on gamete transport in the Fallopian tube and tubal ectopic pregnancy.

**Charles Obonyo**

Dr. Charles Obonyo, is a Chief Research Officer at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), based at the Centre for Global Health Research in Kisumu, western Kenya. He joined KEMRI in 1991. He has a Diploma in Clinical Medicine from the Kenya Medical Training College (1986-89), MSc Clinical Epidemiology from Erasmus University at Rotterdam, The Netherlands (1996-97) and a PhD degree in Clinical Epidemiology from Utrecht University in The Netherlands (2004-2006). He worked as a Clinical Research Fellow for one year (2000-2001) at the New England Medical Center in Boston, USA. His PhD thesis was entitled, “Malaria, anemia and antimalarial drug resistance in African children”. His research at KEMRI has focused on evaluation of interventions against tropical pediatric diseases. Specifically, he has designed and led clinical trial teams evaluating the efficacy and safety of antimalarial drugs; he has also used the systematic review methodology to generate evidence for the effectiveness of health interventions. He has published close to 20 papers in peer-reviewed journals and also edited book chapters. On a part-time basis, he serves as an Associate Professor at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (teaching Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Bioethics, Research Methods and Systematic Reviews). He is a member of the KEMRI Scientific and Ethics Research Unit, Chair of the Ethics Committee at the Great Lakes University of Kisumu and serves on a number of Technical Advisory Committees at the Kenyan Ministry of Health and at World Health Organization. He is currently a Senior Fellow of the European and Developing Countries’ Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) programme.

**Duncan Gatoto**

Duncan Gatoto provides financial management at APHRC. Since his position looks at the Center’s financial matters as a whole, he gets to work with all APHRC’s programs as well as the Operations Division. He holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration (Strategic Management) and a Bachelor’s degree in Commerce, Finance major from the University of Nairobi and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) of Kenya. Duncan joined APHRC in March 2003 prior to which he worked with Deloitte where he was involved in external audits covering various sectors of the industry.

**Evelyn Gitau**

Dr. Gitau is the Director of Research Capacity Strengthening at APHRC, the division that hosts the CARTA secretariat. Before joining APHRC, she was as a program manager at the African Academy of Sciences, where she stewarded the Grand Challenges Africa at the Academy under the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA) program. Prior to that, she was part of the team at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Program in Kilifi, Kenya, conducting research on developing biomarkers of disease among seriously ill children. Dr. Gitau earned her PhD in Life Sciences from the Open University/Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in the UK, investigating neurological infections in children living in malaria-endemic areas. She has more than 15 years of experience in medical research.

**Florah Karimi**

Dr. Karimi is one of two Program Managers for CARTA. She holds a Bachelor and Master’s degree in Education from Kenyatta University and a Doctoral degree in the Psychology of Education from the University of South Africa. She has been actively engaged in quality assurance endeavors in universities in the African Region, including engagement in the development of policies, regulations, standards and guidelines and benchmarks for university education and being the Kenyan focal person for World Bank Projects relating to university education in the African Region. Previously, Florah was the technical advisor to the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Education in Kenya on university education matters, prior to which she was the Deputy Vice Chancellor at Pan Africa Christian University and earlier on, the Deputy Commission Secretary of Commission for University Education in Kenya.

**Mosa Moshabela**

Prof. Mosa Moshabela (MBChB, MFamMed, Dip HIV (SA), MSc, PhD) is a public health scientist in health services, systems and policy research, and currently Dean in the School of Nursing and Public Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Mosa is also a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow and Adjunct Faculty at the Africa Health Research Institute, South Africa, and collaborates with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was previously the regional health advisor for the Millennium Villages in West and Central Africa, based at the MDG Centre in Mali/Senegal, working with the Earth Institute at Columbia University, NYC, USA. He joined the Earth Institute from the School of Public Health at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, where he worked for five years as Senior Lecturer and Director of the Rural AIDS and Development Action Research Programme. Currently, Mosa seeks to design, implement and evaluate complex interventions in public health care services and programs in ways appropriate for resource-poor settings in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Violet Naanyu**

Prof. Violet Naanyu has for the last 21 years worked in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, Moi University, Kenya. She teaches and mentors undergraduate and graduate students and serves as Co-Field Director of Research, Indiana University-Kenya Program, Eldoret; Board Member of the Consortium for National Health Research, Kenya; Member of the Africa Ethics Working Group, and Member of the National Bioethics Committee, National Commission for Science Technology and Innovations, Kenya. Her academic career began with undergraduate training in Anthropology. She now holds MA Medical Anthropology (University of Amsterdam, NL), MA Sociology (Indiana University, USA), and PhD in Sociology (Indiana University, USA). Her areas of interest cover research ethics, gender and health, disease stigma, maternal and child health, and care seeking behavior. She has extensive experience in qualitative research for she is routinely involved in collaborative research projects where she is responsible for design and implementation of qualitative aspects of such projects. Most of her research focuses on health-related projects in Kenya especially that which explores individual and socio-cultural factors around illness, health and healthcare.

**Jackie Sturt**

Prof. Jackie Sturt is a behavioural scientist and both a registered general and mental health nurse in the Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Palliative Care, King’s College London. Much of her academic career has been spent working in diabetes, developing, evaluating and supporting the implementation of complex interventions to support patient self-management. She has undertaken a number of systematic reviews in diabetes distress and is also interested in how timely access to healthcare, via digital consulting, can support people to self-manage their diabetes. Whilst working at Warwick Medical School she held an NHS clinical secondment from 2010-12 to develop “The Diabetes Listener service” supporting patients struggling to cope with their diabetes.

**Martin Underwoord**

Martin Underwood is Professor of Primary Care Research at the University of Warwick. He has worked as a general practitioner in Lusaka, Manchester, London, and Coventry. His main area of research interest is the management of chronic pain. He is currently leading a programme of work on the diagnosis and management of chronic headache disorders (CHESS). He is part of the team on multiple other randomised controlled trials including; a self-management approach to help people estop opioid drugs for chronic non-malignant pain (I-WOTCH), screening and treating older people at high risk of falls injury (PreFIT), casts or boot after ankle fracture (AIM), Physiotherapy for shoulder dislocation (ARTISAN), Psychological support for people living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (Tandem), Induction of pregnancy for large babies (Big Baby), and Antibiotics for recurrent miscarriage (CERM). Martin was part of the steering committee Global call for action on back pain disability published as a Lancet series in 2018. On behalf of NICE he has chaired Guideline Development Groups for low back pain and for headaches. Until 2017 he was Chair if the NICE Accreditation Advisory Committee. Until 2017 he was director of Warwick Clinical Trials Unit. He retired from clinical work in 2015 to concentrate on his academic work.

**Marta Vicente-Crespo**

Dr. Vicente-Crespo is one of two program managers for CARTA. Dr Vicente-Crespo earned her PhD in 2007 in Biological Sciences with European mention, excellent cum laude from the University of Valencia, Spain. She worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, UK, and at the Division of Biology of University of California San Diego (UCSD) in the US. From there she became a senior lecturer and the founding director of the Institute of Biomedical Research at the Kampala International University, Western Campus in Uganda, where she worked for almost five years. She later became senior lecturer and two-time dean in the School of Medicine and School of Research and Graduate Studies at the St Augustine International University in Kampala, Uganda. Her most recent position was as lead researcher on the community-based Vaccination Information Management System Project, which aims at leveraging mobile phone technologies to improve vaccination timeliness. The project is led by Bushenyi Integrated Rural Development (Western Uganda) under a Grand Challenges Explorations seed grant. In 2013 she co-founded DrosAfrica, an initiative that promotes the use of the fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster, in African biomedical research.