

**SESSION 6: ENSURING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE ANTIBIOTICS, VACCINES AND
DIAGNOSTICS**
Bios of Experts

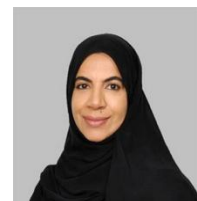
Leena Menghaney is a lawyer with over two decades of experience working at the intersection of public health, intellectual property, and pharmaceutical policy, with a strong focus on equitable access to medicines, vaccines, and diagnostics. She has been closely engaged in addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR), particularly through improving access to antibiotics for tuberculosis (TB). Her work spans securing timely introduction of generic medicines, developing policy solutions on access and stewardship, and contributing to national TB responses and global AMR frameworks. Currently the Intellectual Property and Access to Medicines Advisor with the Health Justice Initiative (HJI), she builds on 20 years of access-related work with Médecins Sans Frontières – Access Campaign. Her expertise includes pharmaceutical policy, patent law safeguards, and regulatory pathways that enhance access to health technologies. Based in India, she works with patient groups, activists, and international coalitions to strengthen generic competition and promote rights-based approaches to public health.



Freddy Eric Kitutu is a Senior Lecturer in Health Systems Pharmacy and a researcher at [Makerere University](#) in Uganda. He teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate students in pharmacy and public health and supervises doctoral students at Makerere and other universities. He has also examined successful doctoral and masters' theses. From August 2019 to April 2022, he served as the Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Makerere University, where he oversaw the transformation of the Dentistry Department into a School, following recommendations from the East Africa Community Partner States National Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulatory Boards/Councils.



Amina Al-Jardani is an Omani medical microbiologist and infectious disease consultant, the former Director of the Central Public Health Laboratories (CPHL) at the Ministry of Health in Oman. Currently she is AMR coordinator and consultant at CPHL. In addition to her role at CPHL, Dr. Al-Jardani is the national focal point for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and chairs the Global Laboratory Leadership Program National Working Group in Oman. She also serves as the co-director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases. Dr. Al-Jardani earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from Sultan Qaboos University in Oman. She completed her internal medicine residency at McGill University in Canada and subsequently obtained fellowships in internal medicine, infectious diseases and medical microbiology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



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medicines, commitment to the rational use of medicines, and collaboration with stakeholders towards building a more responsive healthcare system.

Hyfa Mohammed Ali works as a Program Manager for ReAct Asia Pacific. With a background in dentistry and a Master's degree in Public Health, Hyfa brings a unique perspective to her work. Her experience spans community engagement, health systems research, and digital health initiatives. Hyfa is passionate about promoting public health through a balance of top-down and bottom-up strategies, and leveraging digital tools for community education and well-being. She is a dedicated public health professional committed to making a positive impact through innovation, sustainability, and inclusiveness.



Emiliana Francis serves as the National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Coordinator at the Ministry of Health in Tanzania. With a strong background in public health and policy, Emiliana is dedicated to combating the growing threat of AMR within the country. In her role, she spearheads initiatives aimed at developing and implementing comprehensive strategies to address AMR, working closely with healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers to ensure effective coordination and response. Emiliana's commitment to public health extends beyond her current position, having previously held roles within the healthcare sector where she gained valuable experience in disease surveillance, infection control, and health promotion. Her proactive approach and dedication to improving healthcare outcomes make her an invaluable asset in the fight against AMR in Tanzania. Through her leadership and expertise, Emiliana is driving efforts to safeguard public health and promote sus



Carol Ruffell is the Director of GARDP Africa, which is part of the GARDP (Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership). GARDP accelerates the development and access of treatments for drug-resistant bacterial infections, working together with public, private and non-profit partners. Carol is an experienced executive within the pharmaceutical industry where she worked for GSK and Johnson & Johnson for a cumulative period of 20 years before joining the GARDP network. She holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy from Rhodes University in South Africa and Master's in International Public Health from the University of Liverpool, UK.



Shaffi Fazaludeen Koya serves as the Medical Officer for Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Prevention and Control at the WHO's Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean that covers 22 countries in Asia and Africa. He has several years of global health experience, including with WHO at all three levels, Doctors without borders, African Development Bank, and health ministries of Saudi Arabia and India. In the past, he worked in the areas of health security and high threat pathogens, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, and vector borne and zoonotic diseases. He is an adjunct faculty in global health, health systems and policies, and program evaluation in India, Peru, and the USA. He holds a Doctoral degree in public health leadership, management and policy from Boston University, besides his medical, public health, and management degrees from India.



Peter Mwale is a veterinarian with the Ministry of Agriculture, Malawi. He heads the microbiology section at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, where he supports



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Tapiwanashe Kujinga is the Director of the Pan-African Treatment Access Movement (PATAM). He has worked on, among other interventions, HIV and AIDS, TB, medical diagnostics, Covid-19, medicines regulation, intellectual property rights and access to medicines, for more than 20 years. In 2015, PATAM started the Zimbabwe antimicrobial resistance program with technical support



from a number of partners, and Tapiwanashe worked in a number of capacities in the program. He became a member of the AMR National Core Group, chairperson of the Education & Awareness technical working group and head of the national AMR secretariat. Tapiwanashe has also worked on AMR with other partners outside Zimbabwe, including the Africa CDC, ReAct, the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and the Quadripartite, to raise awareness on AMR among civil society. He has also co-published a couple of articles on AMR.

Mwapu Dika Ndahi is a veterinarian who works at Federal Ministry of Livestock Development in Nigeria as the country Focal Point for Veterinary Medicinal Products and AMR. She is a member of the One-Health Antimicrobial Resistance Coordinating Committee and National TWG for AMR and supports the implementation of AMR interventions in the animal health sector. She contributed to the development of the National Action Plans for AMR. She has a PhD in Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine with research focus on multidrug resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Listeria monocytogenes* (Published) and *Serratia marcescens* (Manuscript). As a Fleming Fund Fellow for AMU/C surveillance, her work focused on antimicrobial use in poultry, published in BMC ('Determination of antimicrobial use in poultry in Plateau and Oyo States of Nigeria'). She is also a member of the Antimicrobial Surveillance Working Group for the Surveillance and Epidemiology of Drug Resistant Infections Consortium (SEDRIC).



Alexandra Cameron leads a team in the World Health Organization's AMR Division focused on fostering the development of new, high priority antibacterial agents and ensuring equitable access to both new and existing treatments. Prior to this, she spent over a decade at Unitaid where she led the development and implementation of strategies to support R&D, innovation and early product access across a range of portfolios including malaria, childhood fever management, reproductive and maternal health, and AMR. She has spent several years at the World Health Organization supporting research and policy guidance related to access to medicines and pharmaceutical pricing, as well as serving as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, a Masters of International Public Health and a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences.

