

# 2<sup>nd</sup> AFRICA REGIONAL HEALTH CARE IN DANGER MEETING

18-19 July 2022

## Who are our moderators and panelists?

Opening Speaker: **PATRICK YOUSSEF**, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA, ICRC

**Bio:** Patrick Youssef joined the ICRC in 2005 and completed different missions in Sudan, Chad, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. Between 2010 & 2020, he held different leadership positions in the field and at HQ. He is currently the Regional Director for Africa. Born in 1978, Patrick Youssef has a bachelor's degree in public law, a Master's degree in Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations, an LLM in International Law in armed conflicts, a certificate of completion of an Executive Education on Global Leadership and Public Policy as well as a training certificate on "Transformational Leadership".

**Websites/links:** [PYoussefICRC](https://www.pyoussief.org/)

Opening Speaker: **DR. ADEBIMPE ADEBIYI**, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**Bio:** Forthcoming



Moderator: **JULIET KELECHI UNUBI**, HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, ICRC NIGERIA

**Bio:** Juliet Kelechi Unubi has over 10 years of progressive work experience in leading and promoting partnership initiatives as well as implementing programs for the Protection of the Civilian Population. She excels at influencing and convening relevant stakeholders for multi-sectoral actions that improve human welfare. Currently, Juliet is a Humanitarian Affairs Advisor on the Health Care in Danger (HCiD) file at the Abuja Delegation of the ICRC in Nigeria. She holds MSc. Degrees in Sociology and Project Management.

**SESSION 1 THEME: EXPERIENCES WITH TOOLS AND APPROACHES IN PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE AND MITIGATING ITS IMPACT**

Moderator: **THERESIA MOHERE**, PROGRAM MANAGER, AGA KHAN HEALTH SERVICE, TANZANIA

**Bio:** Ms Theresia Mohere is a Programme manager for donor funded and community projects at Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam and a Patient centered Care master trainer. She also supports clinical and capacity building initiatives at Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam. Theresia holds a BA (Hons) degree in Business Administration from London School of Commerce, and she has certificate of healthcare management from London School of Economics, Entrepreneurship in partnership with Aga Khan Health Services, Tanzania & Kenya.

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Panelist: **DR SHAHEEN DE VRIES**  
**MEDICAL DIRECTOR, WESTERN CAPE**  
**GOVERNMENT HEALTH EMS, SOUTH**  
**AFRICA**

**Bio:** Dr Shaheem de Vries is a medical doctor with nearly 18-years of experience in prehospital Emergency Care. He served as the Chief Executive Officer (2013 – 2021) and more recently as the medical director of the Western Cape Government Health Emergency Medical Services. Dr De Vries is also a charter member of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM) and holds a Master's in Emergency Medicine and an executive MBA from the University of Cape Town. He is currently completing his PHD at the Graduate School of Business where he is exploring a process theory approach to a reimagined civil service.

**Websites/links:**

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Shah-eem-De-Vries/research>

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Panelist: **ANDOHERY**  
**ANDRIANARINONY**, DEPUTY  
**PROTECTION COORDINATOR,**  
**PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN**  
**POPULATION, ICRC MALI**

Andohery has been in her position as Deputy Protection Coordinator since in

Mali since 2021. She has worked with the ICRC since 2011 in the field of protection (essentially the protection of the civilian population and those deprived of liberty). She has been working the past four years in the Sahel (Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali). She is a lawyer by training with a specialization in prison law, international and european rights law.

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Panelist: **HAROUNA KADIO**, GENERAL  
**DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PRIMARY**  
**HEALTH MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
**(AGSP)**

Harouna Kadio is a judge from Burkina Faso. Since 2015, he has worked at the Ministry of Health where he successively held the positions of study officer, legal advisor to the Minister, and Director General of the National Agency for Primary Health Care Management. In 2020, he participated as a panelist in the governmental expert meeting on IHL: Practices in Medical Activities in Armed Conflict on the theme "Challenges and practices related to the provision of medical care and respect for confidentiality in light of the obligation to report gunshot wounds under national law."

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**SESSION 2 THEME: ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH CARE**  
**THROUGH POLICY, LEGAL MEASURES AND EDUCATION**

Moderator: **DR PAOLA FORGIONE**, LEGAL ADVISOR, ICRC

**Bio:** Paola holds a PhD in international law and human rights. She has been working for 8 years with the ICRC in Africa, Middle East, Americas and Europe, focusing on protection and on the issue of violence against healthcare. She joined the ICRC legal division in Geneva last year, where she works on implementation of international humanitarian law in African countries.



Panelist: **PROFESSOR ALPHONSUS RUKEVWE ISARA, PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIANS OF NIGERIA (APHPN)**

**Bio:** Prof. Isara is a Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Benin, and a Consultant Public Health Physician at University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH). He has been promoting Public Health in Nigeria for over two decades. He is a top notch medical scholar with decades of teaching and research experiences in Public Health and Community Medicine. Prof. Isara has taught, mentored and supervised several Resident Doctors, undergraduate medical students and postgraduate students at the masters and PhD Levels.

**Websites/links:**

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=tc\\_gfy0AAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=tc_gfy0AAAAJ)

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Panelist: **ALCÍDIO SITOE, LEGAL ADVISOR FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, ICRC MOZAMBIQUE**

**Bio:** Alcídio Siteo is Legal Advisor to the ICRC since 2019 and a University lecturer. He was previously a Consultant and a Coordinator of a Human Rights Project in Mozambique. He has written two books, one on Human Rights (launched in 2013) and another on Governance Reforms (launched in 2016).

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Panelist: **ISAM ELHAG MAHMOUD ABRAR, LEGAL ADVISOR, ICRC SUDAN**

**Bio:** Forthcoming

### **SESSION 3 THEME: THE LATEST RESEARCH ON VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE FROM THE REGION**

Moderator: **MUTSA MUGANGAVARI, DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION, ICRC SOUTH AFRICA**

**Bio:** Forthcoming

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Panelist: **DR GHISLAIN BISIMWA BALALUKA, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF BUKAVU, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

**Bio:** Dr Bisimwa is a physician doctor with a PhD in Public Health Sciences from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. He has been Director of School of Public Health of Catholic University of Bukavu since 2013 and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine

between 2013-19. He is a national expert in public health and was Coordinator of the CEMUBAC Program in south Kivu Province between 1999 and 2013.

**Websites/links:**

<https://equalresearch.org/ucb>

Ghislain Bisimwa, MD., MPH., PhD. List of Research Articles

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Panelist: **DR DARE GODIYA ISHAYA, PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENT DOCTORS**

**Bio:** After earning my MBBS from university of Jos in April 2010. Dr Ishaya started Residency Program in Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) Bauchi. In addition to my primary job function as a Resident Doctor, I was elected the President of the Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) which is a Young (early Career) Doctors union in Nigeria in 2020.

**Websites/links:**

<https://nardnigeria.com.ng>

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Panelist: **PROFESSOR MARTHA M BRADLEY, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT**

**OF PUBLIC LAW, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Bio:** Martha Bradley is an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Law at the University of Pretoria.

Owing to her teaching innovations Prof Bradley was her faculty's nominee for the UP Teaching and Learning award in 2020. Her research focuses on the law of non-international armed conflict and the legal classification of non-international armed conflict. Prof Bradley has published international discipline specific journals including the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law and the International Review of the Red Cross. Prof Bradley has been invited to teach internationally in LLM programmes at several universities across the world. She is also a recipient of the University of Johannesburg's 2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellows Excellence Award.

**Websites/links:**

<https://www.up.ac.za/public-law/article/2822010/dr-martha-m-bradley>

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=FW\\_7LYYAAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=FW_7LYYAAAAAJ&hl=en)

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**SESSION 4 THEME: THE ROLE OF DIPLOMACY AND REGIONAL PLATFORMS IN THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH CARE**

Moderator: **H.E CHURCHILL EWUMBUE-MONONO, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON TO ETHIOPIA AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AFRICAN UNION**

**Bio:** H.E Churchill Ewumbue-Monono is a career diplomat who holds a doctorate in International Relations from Yaounde University, and held a fellowship in Public Diplomacy, Boston University. He has served in Cameroon in various professional capacities. He has served in various professional capacities in the Ministry of Information and Culture, the Ministry of External Relations, the Ministry of Plan and Regional Development, the Presidency of the Republic, and the Cameroon Embassy in Addis Ababa. He has written extensively on humanitarian cooperation and diplomacy including on IHL and the ICRC and Africa. He has written books on political history including Men of Courage, published in 2005.

**Websites/links:** Promotion of international humanitarian law through cooperation between the ICRC and the African Union

Respect for international humanitarian law by armed non-state actors in Africa | International Review of the Red Cross (icrc.org)

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Panelist: **H.E. MOHAMED GAD, AMBASSADOR OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT TO ETHIOPIA AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AFRICAN UNION**

**Bio:** Forthcoming



Panelist: **PÉLAGIE MANZAN DEKOU, REGIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR, ICRC IVORY COAST**

**Bio:** Pélagie has worked for the ICRC since 2009. In coordination with the regional legal adviser based in Dakar, she provides technical support to the ICRC legal advisers covering the 15 ECOWAS States, Mauritania and Chad. This support is related to relations with academic circles and the national implementation of IHL. On the latter, she provides support on priority humanitarian themes, including among others, the protection of health care.



Panelist: **IMAM IBRAHIM MOUSSA, THE GRAND IMAM OF OULLAM, NIGER**

**Bio:** CIM holds a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies from the University of Say (Niger) and is fluent in Arabic and French. He is a member of the National Board of the Islamic Association in Niger (AIN) where he holds the position of Social Affairs Officer. He is a member of several regional (ECOWAS Religious Associations) and sub-regional platforms (structures related to G5Sahel activities) and has worked extensively with the ICRC.

As such, he participated in the IHL Course in Beirut, the 4 Madrassa in Nouakchott and the 4 Colloquiums in Niamey (Islam-IDH), including the one in 2021 which dealt with the Protection of the medical mission. He was one of the drafters of the Niamey Appeal issued after this meeting.

Imam CIM has been working closely with the ICRC for years in several areas. With our FORENSIC colleagues, he is regularly called upon as a resource person and trainer on SMM according to ICRC standards. He intervenes with the Ulemas as well as with the members of the Nigerien Defence Forces on SMM.

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## **SESSION 4 THEME: SPOTLIGHT ON NIGERIA**

Moderator: **LEONARD BLAZEBY, DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION, ICRC NIGERIA**

**Bio:** In his current role as Deputy Head of Delegation, Leonard heads up the work of Prevention for the ICRC in Nigeria. He leads a team of experts who work closely with government, military, diplomatic, health and academic circles to promote the ICRC and its activities. Since joining the ICRC in 2000, Leonard has held a variety of positions across Africa, Europe and the Pacific in specialist and management positions.





Panelist:

**DR OSAGIE EHANIRE**  
**HEALTH MINISTER FROM**  
**OREDO LOCAL**  
**GOVERNMENT AREA OF**  
**EDO STATE**

**Bio:** Dr Osagie Ehanire from Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State was born on November 4th 1946. A medical doctor, he attended Government College Ibadan, Oyo for his West African School Certificate as well as Higher School Certificate (HSC) and passed the latter with distinction.

He is a graduate of Medicine from the University of Munich. In 1976 he attended the prestigious Royal College of Surgeon in Ireland, Dublin where he obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Anaesthetics as well as Certificates in General Surgery and Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery and became a fellow of the famous West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) in 1984.

Dr. Ehanire has worked extensively in Germany as resident Anesthesiologist, resident Vascular Surgeon and resident general surgeon in Thoracic Surgery at various hospitals.

He returned to Nigeria in 1982 to work at the Department of Surgery (Orthopaedic Surgery) University of Benin Teaching Hospital up till 1984 after which he joined Shell Development Company (SPDC) Hospital Warri between 1985 and 1990. Dr. Ehanire has served at various times as a prominent member of the Boards of Edo State Health Management Board and T.Y Danjuma Foundation among others.

Prior to his appointment as the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire served as the Honourable Minister of State for Health from November 2015 to May 2019.

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Panelist: **DR DATONYE DENNIS ALESIA**, EDITOR  
**NIGERIAN MEDICAL**  
**JOURNAL NATIONAL**  
**OFFICERS COMMITTEE,**  
**NIGERIAN MEDICAL**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**Bio:** Forthcoming

**Websites/links:**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/datonye-alasia-70916916/> and

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&authuser=3&user=INxvrXQAAAAJ>



Panelist: **DR MANIR H JEGA**, HEAD OF HEAD &  
**CARE, NIGERIAN RED**  
**CROSS SOCIETY**

**Bio:** Manir H Jega is a Medical Doctor and a Public Health Specialist with over

15 years of experience working in both Public and Development sectors. He has extensive experience in implementing programs in Nigeria in the areas of health systems strengthening, Human Resource for Health, Health Finance, RMNCAEH +N and WASH.

**Websites/links:**

<http://www.texilajournal.com/public-health/article/2007-assessment-of-health>

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Panelist: **MR ALIYU AGWAI**, HEAD OF  
**NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION**  
**MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, FEDERAL**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FEDERAL**  
**REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**Bio:** Mr Aliyu Agwai possesses a B.Sc in mathematics, from university of Jos in 1990, M.Sc in Health planning and management from university of Maiduguri

in 1996 and Health Economic and management Abia state university in 2001. He was employed in federal Civil Savant as Statistician in Federal Ministry of Health Dept Health Planning Research Statistics and worked with the different units of the

Department until promoted to the rank of Assistant Director and Head Survey Coordination. He took up his current role in 2021.

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Moderator: **MACIEJ POLKOWSKI, HEAD OF HCiD INITIATIVE, ICRC**

**Bio:** Maciej Polkowski started his career with the ICRC in 2005. He holds two Masters degrees in South Asian studies and in linguistics. He has been heading the Health Care in Danger initiative at the ICRC headquarters since the beginning of 2018, a position he took over after several years of work on protection of healthcare from violence in the field. Maciej's interest include humanitarian evidence, partnerships and behavioural change.

**Websites/links:** MPolkowskiHCiD



Closing Speaker: **DR OSAHON ENABULELE, PRESIDENT-ELECT, WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Bio:** A Chief Consultant Family Physician; President, Commonwealth Medical Association; President-elect, World Medical Association; and Co-ordinator, Coalition of African National Medical Associations. A Civil, Human & Health Rights activist & a strong advocate of Universal Health Coverage. Was pivotal in the major revision of WMA's policy on Violence in Health; initiated a Free Medical Mission in Nigeria that has so far offered care to over 100, 000 indigent Nigerians. Championed a robust campaign that led to enactment of Nigeria's first National Health Act in 2014. Has delivered over 60 public lectures/keynote addresses; has several published papers to his credit. Married with three lovely children.

**Websites/links:** [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=VeSfy\\_QAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=VeSfy_QAAAAJ&hl=en)