

2014 ALMA Awards for Excellence Selection Committee



Dr. Akudo Anyanwu Ikemba has a passion for Africa's health and in 2006, Dr. Ikemba founded Friends of the Global Fund Africa (a.k.a. Friends Africa), an indigenous, independent pan-African organization on AIDS, TB, and Malaria. Dr. Ikemba has been recognized with the 2013 Harvard School of Public Health Innovator of the Year Award, 2013 Women's Social Leadership Award, the 2012 STEVIE Gold Award for Female Entrepreneurs, and is a World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader. She is the Chairperson of the selection committee.



Dr. James J. Banda, a Public Health Specialist coordinates implementation support at the Secretariat of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM) in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to taking up this role, Dr. Banda served as Director of Health Services Commissioning at the Central Board of Health in Zambia; National Coordinator for District Capacity Building; Vice Principal at the Chainama College of Health Sciences, and District Medical Officer of Lundazi District and Medical Officer in the Ministry of Health of Zambia.



Professor Fred Binka is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho in Ghana. Before joining the University of Ghana, he worked with the Ghana Ministry of Health for over 20 years in several capacities including Director of the Navrongo Health Research Centre, a member of the initial team that developed the Roll Back Malaria Initiative with WHO in Geneva. He established the Indepth-Network, an international health research NGO.



Sherwin Charles is a Senior Executive at Nando's where he is responsible for Nando's Treasury. As CEO of Sonhos Social Capital he is responsible for the Nandos Malaria Campaigns comprising Goodbye Malaria, Malaria Bond, the Operations in Mozambique, United Against Malaria, and the Kingsley Holgate Humanitarian Expeditions. Sherwin is also a Trustee of the Relate Trust. The Relate Trust is responsible for the manufacture of the Goodbye Malaria and UAM bracelet.



Dr. Maru Aregawi has been working with the World Health Organization since 1999. He is currently a Scientist within the Strategy Economics and Elimination Unit in the Global Malaria Program; Geneva, Switzerland. He received his Master of Science in Epidemiology degree from University of Utrecht. Dr. Aregawi continues to pursue his passion and work towards malaria eradication.