



THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH NEW APPOINTMENT NOTICE

The Governing Council of the National Institute for Medical Research at its 127th Meeting at NIMR Headquarters approved appointment of the following with effect from 11th April 2019



DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION (DITC) DR. NDEKYA MARIA ORIYO, PhD

Dr. Ndeky Oriyo is a Principal Research Scientist with the National Institute for Medical Research. She holds a Doctorate degree in Medical Microbiology from University College London. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Microbiology & Zoology and Master's degree in Microbiology from the University of Dar es Salaam. She has additional training in public health leadership and laboratory surveillance. Her research activities focus on clinical and operational research in Tuberculosis, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, neglected tropical diseases and pathogens of epidemic potential. Before being appointed she was acting DITC.

Before joining NIMR, Dr Oriyo started her career as a lecturer in Medical Microbiology & Immunology at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College and as a Medical Microbiology Technical and Quality Assurance Advisor in the Clinical Laboratory of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre. At NIMR, Dr Oriyo has held the positions of Head of Clinical and Laboratory Research, head of the Tanzania National Health Ethics sub-committee Secretariat, Acting Director for Research Coordination and Promotion and from May 2018 Acting Director for information, Technology and Communication.

Dr Oriyo is active in national technical working groups and committees to include disease surveillance, global health security, one health, biosafety & biosecurity and antimicrobial resistance. Dr Oriyo is a WHO technical expert for joint external evaluations (JEE) in the areas of antimicrobial resistance, biosafety & biosecurity and national health laboratory systems. Dr Oriyo is a member of the TFDA Medical Devices and Diagnostics Registration Technical Committee and the National Health Technologies Assessment Committee. She is the Chair of External Scientific Advisory Panel of The International Multidisciplinary Programme to address Lung Health and TB in Africa "IMPALA" and a member of the External Scientific Advisory Panel for NIHR Global Health Research Group on non-communicable lung disease in Africa. Dr Oriyo is an Associate Editor for the East African Health Research Journal. Sub-editor of the LabsNET Bulletin and Editor of the Tanzania Public Health Bulletin.



DIRECTOR OF TANGA CENTRE PROF JOHN P.A. LUSINGU, PhD

Professor John P.A. Lusingu is a Chief Research Scientist with the National Institute for Medical Research. He received his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in health sciences from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark in 2006 focusing on epidemiology and immunity of malaria. He completed his medical degree (MD) in 1994 from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He worked as a General Practitioner in the southern highlands of Tanzania for five years as an employee of the Ministry of Health of Tanzania. He was seconded to join National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in 2000 with a focus on studying malaria immunity. Before being appointed he was the Acting Centre Director for Tanga.

He conducted several field-based studies to evaluate malaria epidemiology and later on joined University of Copenhagen, Denmark under Gates Malaria Partnership consortium where he pursued his Ph.D. Professor John Lusingu is also a Professor of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark with extensive experience in field studies including basic malaria research and clinical trials of malaria drugs and vaccines through phases 1, 2 and 3. He completed extension of the Phase 3 study of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine manufactured by GSK and sponsored by PATH-MVI and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at a capacity of Principal Investigator in Korogwe, Tanga, Tanzania.

He is an overall Principal Investigator of an ongoing study to find alternative antimalarial drugs to prevent malaria in pregnant women which is conducted in Korogwe and Handeni districts in collaboration with European and USA partners (<https://www.improve-consorium.org/professor-john-lusingu>). He is a Senior Fellow of EDCTP2 funded Project on Malaria Research and Capacity building for field trials in Tanzania (MaReCa) in collaboration with University of Copenhagen, Denmark (<http://www.edctp.org/projects-2/edctp2-projects/senior-fellowships/>). He is currently working in collaboration with Bernhard-Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM) to evaluate transmission of non-malarial fever and enteric diseases. He is a member of Tanzanian and international scientific technical committees. Prof John Lusingu has co-authored 107 peer-reviewed health research articles as per PubMed accessed on 25 April 2019 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Lusingu+J>). He is a reviewer of several peer-reviewed reputable international scientific journals. Currently, Prof. John Lusingu is the Editor-in-Chief of the Tanzania Journal of Health Research (<https://www.ajol.info/index.php/thrb/about/contact>).