


Biographies of proposed Guideline Development Group members in relation to the development of the WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (MEC) 6th Edition and the WHO Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use (SPR) 4th Edition

DOCTOR RACHID BEZAD	
	<p>Doctor of Medicine, Obstetrician Gynecologist, 1985; Professor of Obstetric Gynecology at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy at Mohammed V Rabat University Morocco, 1991. Director of the National Centre for Reproductive Health CNSR, Maternity Orangers Hospital of the Ibn Sina Hospital-University Centre, and WHO Collaborating Centre for Reproductive Health for Training and Research, 2004. Vice-President of Mohammed V Rabat University in charge of Scientific Research, Cooperation and Partnership. 2010 – 2014. Vice-President of the Moroccan College of Fertility, 2015. Chairman of the National Expert Committee for the Audit of Maternal and Neonatal Deaths in Morocco. Committee that set up the maternal and neonatal death monitoring system in Morocco. 2008-2012. University teacher of the discipline of obstetric gynecology and trainer in the field of reproductive health and pedagogical/andragogic technics. An expert member in education level III in medical pedagogy of the International Conference of Deans and French Faculty of Medicine (CIDMEF). Expertise in reproductive health development, including family planning, contraception, infertility, maternal health, sexually transmitted infections, etc. Scientific Committee Members of Medical Journals and Journals: French Journal Obstetrics Gynecology- Fertility, Esperance Medical and the Bulletin of the Moroccan Society of Medical Sciences.</p> <p>Membership in associations and medical societies: Founding member and former president of the Organization Pan-African de lute contre le Sida (OPALS MAROC). Member and Secretary-general of the Moroccan Association for the Development of Ultra Sonography (AMDUS). Moroccan Family Planning Association (AMPF). Moroccan Society of Medical Sciences (SMSM). Moroccan Society of Coelio Surgery. Royal Society of Obstetrics Gyneco. Moroccan Fertility and Contraception Society. Moroccan Society of Hysteroscopy and Cervico-Vaginal Pathology. Publisher of scientific articles, scientific research studies in the field of reproductive and maternal health in scientific journals of gynecology obstetrics at national and international level.</p>
PROFESSOR SHARON CAMERON	
	<p>Professor Sharon Cameron is a Consultant Gynaecologist and Professor at the University of Edinburgh. She is the clinical lead for sexual and reproductive health in Edinburgh and surrounding region. She has extensive clinical research experience in reproductive health including contraception and abortion. Professor Cameron serves on expert groups internationally and nationally. She is a member of the steering committee of the World Health Organization expert group on family planning. She is chair of the Science and Education Committee of the European Society of Contraception. She is past president of the International Federation of Abortion and Contraception Professionals, former director of the Clinical Effectiveness Unit of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, and steering committee member of the Scottish Government's Women's Health Plan.</p> <p>Sharon is a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. She is Editor-in-Chief of the medical journal BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health. She was also clinical lead for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK guideline 'Abortion Care'.</p>

DOCTOR GEETA CHHIBBER

Dr Geeta Chhibber is a Senior Technical Advisor for Family Planning and Human Resources for Health (HRH) and the technical lead for the midwifery initiative at Jhpiego, India Country Office. She is a public health professional and an obstetrician & gynecologist with over 22 years of work experience, both in India and internationally. Based in New Delhi, she provides strategic support and leadership across technical, research and program implementation areas within the Jhpiego portfolio of family planning & sexual and reproductive health (FPSRH), Maternal Newborn Health, and women's cancers.

Dr Chibber previously led the introduction of newer contraceptives (Progestin Only Pills and Centchroman) into the basket of choices within India's public health system. Her technical and programmatic assistance at Jhpiego involves a health system strengthening approach to introduce evidenced-based best practices and support the generation of high-quality data to inform policy and programs. She also works closely with both Federal and select State governments in the design and development of various policy documents, guidelines, technical resource materials and strategies to support the successful implementation of FPSRH programs, and more recently, of the introduction of a new cadre of professional midwives in the country.

DOCTOR MARIA DEL CARMEN CRAVIOTO

Maria Del Carmen Cravioto, MD, is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Reproductive Endocrinology and researcher at the Department of Reproductive Biology, National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition Salvador Zubirán, in Mexico City. She was Chief of the Institute's Reproductive Health Clinic and currently she serves as coordinator of the Institute's Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme. Over several decades carried out teaching activities in Specialization and Master's Courses in Reproductive Health and Reproductive Endocrinology and provided technical and scientific advice to the National Centre of Reproductive Health and Gender Equity, at the Ministry of Health of México. Dr. Cravioto's research work has been focused on Contraception and Menopausal Hormone therapy for women with chronic diseases, in particular systemic lupus erythematosus, premature ovarian failure, and sexually transmitted diseases.


Since 1988 she has collaborated with HRP in research projects, as member of Steering Committees (Long-Acting Contraceptive Methods, Introductory Trials, and Epidemiological Research) and as member of the MEC/SPR Guideline Steering and Development Groups.

PROFESSOR ALISON EDELMAN

Alison Edelman is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Division Director of Complex Family Planning (CFP) and CFP Fellowship Director at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). She completed all her medical training at OHSU and is double boarded in both OB/GYN and Complex Family Planning. She completed a Master's in Public Health at the University of Washington (2003). Dr. Edelman is an active clinician-scientist with independent research funding. Her work has focused on management of contraceptive induced menstrual changes, emergency contraception, and obesity and contraceptive efficacy. Dr. Edelman is also the Oregon site PI for the NICHD Contraceptive Clinical Trials Network. A complete list of her publications can be found at:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/alison.edelman.1/bibliography/41144878/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>

	<p>For close to 20 years, Dr. Edelman has been a global technical consultant in reproductive health with extensive in country experience in LAC, Asia, and Africa. Her role has included but is not limited to developing and implementing curriculum, providing technical support, and training medical personnel, designing standard operating procedures, and performing quality assurance audits.</p> <p>Dr. Edelman is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in contraception and abortion. She was appointed in 2022 to the UN/WHO Scientific Technical Advisory Group of the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (3-year term). She has a number of additional leadership positions in the field including Lead Editor of the Cochrane Fertility Regulation Review Group, Associate Editor of the journal, <i>Contraception</i>, member of the expert working group for the Centers for Disease Control Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC) for Contraceptive Use as well as the Selective Practice Guidelines for Contraceptive Use and a member of the World Health Organization's steering committee for the WHO MEC and just recently completed her time as the Chair of ACOGs Committee on Gynecology Practice Bulletins (4-2021). She is continuing to work with ACOG to support the transformation of their guidance to meet IOM standards and to support ACOG COVID-19 gynecology-related FAQs.</p>
DOCTOR NASSER EL KHOLY	
	<p>Dr El Kholy has over 35 years broad-based experience, most of it at the international level, practicing, training, & managing health programs. Dr. El Kholy international education in Leeds University, UK; Johns Hopkins university, USA & University of California Irvine, in addition to his medical background & being a university staff member has provided him with the experience to work in many countries with international organizations including UNFPA, WHO, different universities, IPPF, Pathfinder International, Chemonics International, Project Hope, & many USAID funded projects. Dr. El Kholy has worked as a regional RH adviser, maternal health adviser, Country representative, university staff member, training adviser, & has dealt with both public & NGOs projects; in addition, he has extensive experience in management, responsive relationship with donor agents & international organizations. He prepared the National Family Planning Guidelines for Syria, 2009.</p> <p>Dr El Kholy prepared the National Family Planning for Egypt, 2020, as a WHO Advisor. He prepared a National Training Package for FP Services, for Egypt 2020, as a WHO Advisor. He prepared a training package for the Post-Partum & Post-Abortion Contraception, for 2020, as a UNFPA consultant. He prepared the National Guideline for managing cases of Female genital Mutilation, for Egypt, for WHO & UNFPA. He is also the Head of the scientific committee of the Egyptian board for Family Planning and Reproductive Health. He is a member of the scientific committee of the Egyptian board for Midwifery. He is the president of the scientific committee of the Egyptian for FP&SRH. He is a member of the guideline development group of the FP in the WHO.</p>
PROFESSOR ANNA GLASIER	
	<p>Anna Glasier trained in obstetrics and gynaecology in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was a clinical scientist in the MRC Unit of Reproductive Biology then Director of Family Planning & Well Woman Services for Lothian from 1990 until 2010.</p> <p>She is an honorary professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Edinburgh and although retired from clinical practice is still active in research. Her research has been in reproductive health, particularly in contraceptive development and the delivery of contraceptive services. She is a world expert on emergency contraception. She was on the Board of Trustees and International Committee for Contraceptive Research at the Population Council for over ten years. With the Human Reproduction Program of the World Health Organization, she served on the scientific advisory committee and the research proposal review panel.</p>

	<p>Professor Glasier has worked with HRA-Pharma France since 1996 helping to get approval for two emergency contraceptives, and for ulipristal acetate-EC and a progestogen only pill over the counter.</p> <p>In 2023 Professor Glasier was appointed by the Scottish Government Women's Health Champion for Scotland. She continues in this post, for now.</p>
MR ANDY GRAY	
	<p>Andy Gray BPharm, MSc (Pharm), FPS, FFIP is a pharmacist whose research interests include policy analysis (in particular, the development and implementation of National Medicines Policies), rational medicines use and the application of antiretroviral therapy in resource-constrained settings. He is a Senior Lecturer in the Division of Pharmacology, Discipline of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. The Discipline is designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre on Pharmaceutical Policy and Evidence Based Practice. He is also Honorary Senior Scientist: Consultant Pharmacist for the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) and non-executive Director of JEMBI Health Systems, a not-for-profit company focused on developing computer/IT-based healthcare solutions for the developing world. Mr Gray is a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Rhodes University, Makhanda.</p> <p>Mr Gray is a Fellow and Honorary Life Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) and a Fellow of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). He is a past President of the South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists (SAAHIP) At the FIP, he served as President of the Hospital Pharmacy Section, Chairman of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice and as a Vice-President. He is currently a Director of the FIP Foundation for Education and Research. He was appointed to the South African National Essential Medicines List Committee in 2013 and currently chairs its Paediatric Expert Review Committee. He is currently chair of the Names and Scheduling Committee of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) and serves on its Legal Committee and Pharmacovigilance Committee. He is a Member of the World Health Organization's Expert Panel on Drug Policies and Management and has served as a member, rapporteur and co-chairperson of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, as chairperson of the sub-committee on Essential Medicines for Children, on the WHO Guidelines Review Committee, and the WHO Guideline Steering Group for Family Planning Guidance. Widely published, he has served as a reviewer for several international and local journals, is associate editor of the South African Pharmaceutical Journal, section editor of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice and serves on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy, Health Systems and Reform, BMC Health Services Research, and the Journal of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research. He has also been a member of the editorial committee of the South African Health Review.</p> <p>Mr Gray has reviewed funding applications for several agencies, including the Health Systems Trust, National Research Foundation, Medical Research Council and UNITAID. He has been actively involved in the development and assessment of medicines and other health-related law in South Africa. Mr Gray is a member of the Rotary Club of Westville, and chairs two related Trusts: the Don McKenzie TB Trust and the Mike Strong Educational Trust.</p>

PROFESSOR PHILIP HANNAFORD



Professor Philip Hannaford, FRSE. Emeritus Professor Primary Care, University of Aberdeen graduated from Aberdeen University in 1981 and trained as a general practitioner in Sheffield. His research career began at the Royal College of General Practitioner's Manchester Research Unit in 1985. He developed his love for epidemiology whilst working on the RCGP Oral Contraception Study- now 56-years old and one of the largest cohort studies in the world assessing the safety of the contraceptive pill. He returned to Aberdeen in 1997 to lead research within Academic Primary Care, much of it related to women's health issues.

Professor Hannaford was made Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2017 and became Professor Emeritus in 2020. He has provided advice to the World Health Organization about different aspects of contraceptive safety, and he sits on its Guideline Steering Group for Evidence-based Contraceptive Guidelines. He is currently chair of the Medicines for Women's Health Expert Advisory Group of the Commission on Human Medicines.

PROFESSOR ANNE BEATRICE KIHARA



In her professional discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Prof Anne Beatrice Kihara is seasoned in leadership, teaching, research, clinical proficiency, curricula and program development, student supervision and mentorship, community development and advocacy. Her leadership journey begun with the Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society participated in legislative Bills Development; professional clinical scope of practice for health care providers; policy formulation/reviews; strategic planning; guideline development and standard operating procedures; partnerships/ networks and collaboration with various donors, development partners, implementers, civil societies, and communities.

Professor Kihara subsequently headed the African Federation of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and instrumental in strategic plan development, improving the cohesion through South - South collaboration, formation of community of practice in maternal health care and conducting of multi-country projects. She is currently the President of FIGO and continues to champion advocacy in women's health. She has published over 100 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals and written two scientific books. Her areas of interest in women's health include leadership; adolescent and youth health; technology and advocacy.

DOCTOR SENI KOUANDA







Seni Kouanda is a Medical Epidemiologist with Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Master's in Public Health from Université Libre de Bruxelles and PhD from School of Public health, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium).


Senior researcher and head of the biomedical and public health department of "Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé" (IRSS), Professor of Epidemiology of "Institut Africain de santé publique" (IASP), Director of Doctoral School Of Sciences, Technology and Health (ED/2ST) of Université Saint Thomas d'Aquin (USTA) and EDCTP Senior Research fellow. He is the Coordinator of the regional HUB for training and research in reproductive health for francophone Africa (HRP/WHO). He led the National Ethic Committee for 7 years (2013-2020).

He has carried out research on various topics including HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, nutrition, infectious diseases, and health system research. His is widely published in peer review journals (local and international) with more than 200 journal articles. He has conducted research funded by several bodies (WHO, EDCTP, UNICEF, WB, UNFPA, USAID, EU, IDRC, BMGF, EDM) in the context of West African countries. Dr Seni Kouanda is committed to reinforce francophone West Africa countries capacities in epidemiology for diseases preparedness and control.

Seni Kouanda has more than 20 years of research experience and has led more than twenty research projects, particularly on HIV/AIDS and reproductive health, nutrition, and the health

	<p>system with funding from different donors. funds (USAID, Global Fund, World Bank, WHO/HRP, UNFPA, European Union, Ministry of Health Burkina Faso). The teaching disciplines are epidemiology, research methodology, monitoring and evaluation, scientific writing, and health research ethics.</p> <p>He has published over 150 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals. http://orcid.org/0000-0003-2426-7669</p>
DOCTOR ENRIQUITO LU	
	<p>Doctor Enriquito Lu, an obstetrician/gynecologist (Ob/Gyn) and public health practitioner, is a global leader in RH/FP whose focus include contraception and family planning, cervical cancer prevention and control, maternal and newborn care, and infection prevention and control for low resource health care settings. Dr. Lu has carried out long- and short-term technical assistance assignments in 40 plus countries—spanning all the developing regions of the world. He has been instrumental in the development of national reproductive health training systems in more than a dozen countries across the globe. During his time as Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH) Director at Jhpiego, Dr. Lu led the institution’s effort to promote and implement high impact and evidence-based FP/RH approaches and the scale up of community-centered screen and treat cervical cancer prevention programs in low- and middle-income countries.</p> <p>Doctor Lu also brings strong credentials in establishing systems for enhancing performance, counseling and provision of integrated FP, HIV and cervical cancer screening services, developing, and standardizing training curricula and service delivery guidelines, and evaluating provider performance. Presently, Dr. Lu consult for Jhpiego as a Senior Advisor in RH. In this capacity he led the development of an e-learning curriculum for cervical cancer prevention program managers and continues to provide technical support to the introduction and scale-up of HPV DNA Test and Thermal Ablation for cervical cancer prevention project in the Philippines. Additionally, Dr. Lu co-led Jhpiego’s technical engagement in the development and launch of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation’s (APEC) Menu of Policy Options for Demographic Resilience document in October 2023. It aims to build the capacity of health and economic policymakers to support family planning and fertility planning, as well as to promote social and economic inclusion, resilience, and sustainability. Independently, Dr. Lu is a technical consultant leading the Medical-Laboratory Working Group of the PIHOA (Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) and CDC funded Pacific Islands Against Cervical Cancer (PACe) project for the introduction of HPV based screening and managing screen positive women in Yap, FSM and Guam, USA. He was recently a technical advisor (temporary) for WHO Western Pacific Region Office’s Cervical Cancer Elimination Regional Action Plan Advisory Group (CCEI-RAG). Dr. Lu also serves as a steering committee member of the Philippines Department of Health Clinical Practice Guidelines Development group for cervical cancer screening and treatment.</p>
DOCTOR CATIA MARZOLINI	
	<p>Catia Marzolini obtained a degree in Pharmacy followed by a PhD in Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the field of pharmacogenetics of drug transporters within the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA. Catia Marzolini is an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases & Hospital Epidemiology at the University Hospital of Basel. Her research focuses on pharmacological determinants of antiretroviral drug response with a particular interest for the simulation of antiretroviral drug pharmacokinetics and drug-drug interactions in special populations as well as prescribing issues in elderly individuals living with HIV.</p> <p>She has authored/co-authored more than 140 publications. Catia Marzolini is also leading the therapeutic drug monitoring unit in the Service of Clinical Pharmacology at the University Hospital in Lausanne. Lastly, Catia Marzolini is the Deputy Director of the Liverpool HIV and</p>

	<p>COVID drug-drug interactions website and is in charge of developing the content of the websites. She currently serves on the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) guidelines committee where she chairs the drug-drug interaction section and is a member of the scientific board of the Swiss HIV Cohort Study.</p>
DOCTOR MARI NAGAI	
	<p>Mari Nagai, MD, MPH, PhD. She has over 25 years of experience in global health in Pacific, Asia, Middle East, and African countries including conflict and post-conflict area. Her areas of expertise are in health system strengthening, health workforce, and universal health coverage particularly for reproductive, maternal, and newborn health. Throughout her career, Dr Nagai has worked to improve access to health care for vulnerable, isolated populations and those marginalized either socially or geographically. This has included areas such as Afghanistan where only female health workers can provide reproductive and maternal care to females, and pregnant women are unlikely to seek institutional delivery. Her career in global health started as a medical doctor of MSF to provide humanitarian assistance for populations displaced by conflict. Later she began working as a public health practitioner with a variety of academic, non-government organizations, and bilateral and multilateral organizations.</p> <p>During her time at WPRO, she worked extensively to improve access to quality reproductive, maternal, and newborn care for women in the Pacific and Asian countries. She has contributed to developing various of WHO recommendations for reproductive and maternal health. She currently serves as a member of Technical Advisory Group on Universal Health Coverage in the Western Pacific Region. She also served as a member of the Global Fund Technical Review Panel from 2010-2014 and the Technical Evaluation Reference Group from 2018-2022. In addition to earning a medical degree, she received an MPH in health and human rights and refugee health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a PhD in health system strengthening at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine.</p>
DOCTOR HERBERT PETERSON	
	<p>Herbert Peterson, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, is past chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health and currently serves as professor in that department with a joint appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the UNC School of Medicine. He also serves as Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Research Evidence for Sexual and Reproductive Health, based in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at UNC.</p> <p>Certified by both the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Preventive Medicine, Dr. Peterson served for 20 years at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where he was Chief of the Epidemiologic Studies Branch and the first Chief of the Women's Health and Fertility Branch of the Division of Reproductive Health. In 1999, he was assigned by CDC to the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland where he served until coming to UNC in 2004. He retired from the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service at the rank of Captain (Navy) having received awards that include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Outstanding Service Medal, and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.</p> <p>Dr. Peterson's major research interests are at the interface of clinical medicine and public health and are increasingly focused on global women's reproductive health, most recently on implementation science. His work has been assuring that policies, programs, and practices-- and their implementation-- are based on the best available science. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts, editorials, book chapters, and other publications.</p>

	<p>Dr Peterson has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) and the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. Dr. Peterson is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American College of Preventive Medicine, and the American College of Epidemiology. In 2004, he was awarded the ACOG Distinguished Service Award, and he currently serves as Chair of ACOG's Global Expert Working Group. In 2019, he was awarded Fellowship honoris causa by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.</p>
MS FARIDA SHAH	
	<p>Farida Shah, MPH BSc, N, RM with over 20 years of experience working to improve Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) programs in various countries with international organizations. Her expertise includes program management, quality improvement, and capacity building of RMNCAH programs in development and humanitarian settings. From 2008- 2012, Ms. Shah worked in Afghanistan, holding positions with Aga Khan University and Jhpiego as a technical advisor & program manager. From 2012-2014, Ms. Shah led the major components of the Jhpiego Pakistan USAID-funded MCHIP program. She was able to develop and set RMNCH quality assurance and capacity building strategy, standards & plans, and implement the said plans in primary- secondary level facilities in the entire province through several implementing partners and provided technical support and guidance.</p> <p>Between 2014-2018 Ms. Shah worked as a short-term consultant with various international organizations and UN agencies in Pakistan & Lesotho, in development of work force planning, in-service training, quality assurance standards and training packages for SRMNH providers. In 2018 Ms. Shah worked with the Jhpiego Pakistan as a program manager and led the national wide Sexual Reproductive (SRH) Project which focused on the integration of family planning with primary health care services and task sharing/shifting to the mid-level service provider and community health workers. From July 2022 to June 2023 Ms. Shah worked with the WHO Somalia country office as an RMNCAH consultant and provided technical support and guidance to Federal Ministry of Health for RMNCAH related activities. Farida currently works as the Head of Community Health & Donor Funded Programs with Aga Khan Health Service, Pakistan. Where she is part of Senior leadership team and member of various steering committees such as Aga Khan University & Khan Health Services Deans & CEO forum, Research steering Committee, Information & Technology Steering Committee and Mental Health steering Committee.</p> <p>Farida Shah was elected to be the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Board Member in June 2023. As a Regional Board Member, Farida is responsible for sharing experiences from her region and steering the Board in meeting its strategic and governance responsibilities together with the other Board members. The Regional Board Member is a spokesperson for ICM in regional strategic partnerships and at National meetings and events for ICM's member associations in the region. Also, she was an Imam appointee Member of Aga Khan National Health Board for Pakistan 2019-2023. She was a mentor at the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) from 2019-2020 Johnson and Johnson funded Young Midwifery Leaders (YML) program and provided mentorship to the young midwife mentee. She also serving as an external evaluator for board of advanced studies & research graduate nursing program of Dow Medical University Karachi, Pakistan.</p>

MR DIRGHA RAJ SHRESTHA

Mr Dirgha Raj Shrestha has over 25 years of experience in managing reproductive health programs especially in family planning, maternal health, safe abortion and quality improvement. He has rich experience in designing, planning, and implementing innovative programs and approaches on family planning in Nepal. He coordinated with and assisted Government of Nepal (GoN)/Ministry of Health Population (MoHP)/Family Welfare Division (FWD) in developing policies, strategies, guidelines, national standards, long term plans, protocols, and policy briefs. He is the author of well-known reference books on Reproductive Health, Infection Prevention and Control, and Family Planning Services in Nepal.

Mr Shrestha has served in different projects in leadership positions including, Senior Program Coordinator of AVSC International/Engender Health, Team Leader of Quality Improvement and Reproductive Health Team of USAID supported Nepal Family Health Program I & II (Bilateral Project of USAID Nepal to support GON/MoHP on FP MNCH), Country Director of Engender Health and National Program Manager of Ipas Nepal. Currently he is working as freelancer and has worked for WHO/Nepal/SEARO, FHI 360, Save the Children/Nepal, UNFPA/Nepal, PSI, ADRA/Nepal, Nepal CRS Company, MSI/Nepal and many national and international organizations to develop policy, guidelines, costed implementation plan and conducted research/studies in the area of family planning and other components of sexual and reproductive health services.

Mr Dirgha Raj Shrestha has obtained Master of Primary Health Care Management (M.P.H.M.) from Mahidol University, Thailand and short courses on Quality Improvement and Infection Prevention and Control from John Hopkins University, USA.

DOCTOR CAROLINA SALES VIEIRA

Carolina Sales Vieira is a Tenured Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ribeirão Preto Medical School, University of São Paulo, Brazil. She is an Obstetrician gynecologist and a specialist in Reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Currently she is Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ribeirão Preto Medical School of the University of São Paulo, Brazil. A member of the Brazilian Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FEBRASGO) and the Brazilian Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FEBRASGO). She is a member of the advisory boards for the International Committee for Contraception Research – Population Council, Organon and Bayer health care.

She is a member of the Government of Brazil guideline development group in policy development for contraception for women living with HIV and mother to child transmission of HIV. At the Ribeirão Preto Medical School, she has served in various roles including as Director Primary Care outfits affiliated to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the committee of human rights, Academic Director, Women's Health Reference Center and head of the contraceptive Division – among other roles. She is a reviewer for several medical journals and a member of the editorial board for Contraception journal. She is a recipient of several research grants, has published extensively in peer reviewed journals and widely cited.