

# Estimating and responding to the suffering of women with cervical cancer: stimulating overdue action

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## Speakers list (in alphabetical order)



**Lisa Bazzett-Matabele**

Head of Ob-Gyn Department,  
University of Botswana

Dr Bazzett-Matabele is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist with expertise in the surgical and medical management of women diagnosed with cervical cancer. She is a member of the WHO Expert Group for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer Initiative.



**Raimundo Correa**

Gynecologic Oncologist and Palliative Care Sub-specialist, Hospital Luis Tisne and Clinica Las Condes

Dr Correa serves as a staff physician in both gynecologic oncology and palliative care at Hospital Luis Tisne and Clinica Las Condes in Chile. Both of his clinical and research work is based on advanced gynecological cancers, surgical techniques, end of life and quality of life.



**Kelly Irwin**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Director of the Collaborative Care and Community Engagement Program, Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

Dr Irwin leads a clinical research program that aims to eliminate disparities in cancer and palliative care for individuals affected by mental illness.



**Khadidjatou Kane**

Physician, Massachusetts General Hospital; Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Dr Kane is board certified in Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine. Her interests lie in the delivery of quality and compassionate care for patients with serious and life limiting illness as well as educating clinicians locally and around the globe. As a native of Senegal, Khady is also passionate about expanding access to affordable and high-quality Palliative Care in Senegal and Francophone Africa.



### **Kathrin Kirchheiner**

Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical University of Vienna

Dr Kirchheiner is a psycho-oncologist at the Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical University Vienna, Austria. Both her clinical work and research is focused on gynecological cancer patients, covering morbidity, quality of life and sexual health of cancer survivors.



### **Eric Krakauer**

Associate Professor of Medicine and of Global Health & Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Attending Physician, Division of Palliative Care & Geriatric Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital; Honorary Chair of the Department of Palliative Care, University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Vietnam

Dr Krakauer previously served as Medical Officer for Palliative Care at WHO Headquarters and as a member of the Lancet Commission on Palliative Care. For many years, he has collaborated with ministries of health, hospitals, and medical schools in low- and middle-income countries to help integrate palliative care into health care services and education.



### **Sally Agallo Kwenda**

Patient Advocate, HIV/AIDS Counsellor, Member of NCD Alliance-Kenya, Global Hero of Hope - Kenya

Living with HIV since 1999, Ms. Kwenda has beaten 3 types of cancer: cervical, colon and rectum. She shares her story to inspire/encourage someone who may or is losing hope. Her plea to everyone today is "It is time for action, it is time for us to eliminate this cancer that is preventable and treatable. Get screened as early screening saves lives. It saved mine."



### **Lize Maree**

Associate Professor of Nursing, University of the Witwatersrand

Dr Maree is a specialist in the field of oncology and palliative care, and is also affiliated with Netcare Education in Johannesburg and the Sungardens Hospice in Pretoria, South Africa. She has a special interest in the fate of women living with cervical cancer in Africa.



### **M. R. Rajagopal**

Director of Pallium India

Dr Rajagopal is the director of the WHO Collaborating Center at Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences and the founder-chairman of "Pallium India". His initiative contributed to the development of a Government policy on Palliative Care in the state of Kerala in 2008, its revision in 2019, Government of India's National Programme in Palliative Care in 2012, and the amendment of India's Narcotic Act in 2014.



### Smriti Rana

Director of Programs, Pallium India

Ms. Smriti heads strategic partnerships, community engagement, policy advocacy and psychosocial curriculum development at the Pallium India, a national registered charitable Trust formed in 2003 that strives to alleviate health-related suffering.



### Maryam Rassouli

Professor of Nursing, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences; Director General of Nursing Services, Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Iran

Dr Rassouli is the associate editor of the *IJCM* and is the member of the *Regional Expert Network on Palliative Care* in WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean



### Julie Torode

Deputy CEO and Director of Advocacy and Networks, Union for International Cancer Control

Dr Torode has spearheaded the development of a number of programmes at UICC and the management of the organisation's flagship publications, *TNM* and the *International Journal of Cancer*. Prior to joining UICC, she spent ten years in Germany working in the pharmaceutical industry - with a particular focus on breast and ovarian cancers.



### Icó Tóth

Co-chair, ENGAGe Advocacy Group; Council Member, European Society of Gynecological Oncology; President, Mallow Flower Foundation

Ms. Tóth is a survivor of cervical cancer. She established an organization, Mallow Flower Foundation, and has written 2 books to share her experience. She is a mother of two girls (Jasmin 13, Inez 9).

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**Elena Fidarova**

Technical Officer, Cancer Control, WHO



**Claire Kimilu**

Consultant, WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative



**Bente Mikkelsen**

Director, Department of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), WHO



**Saki Narita**

Consultant, Cancer Control, WHO



**Alexandra Rauch**

Consultant, Rehabilitation, WHO

Alexandra Rauch is a trained physiotherapist and health scientist with long-term experience in rehabilitation in practice, research and teaching.



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### **Princess Nothemba (Nono) Simelela**

Assistant Director-General for Strategic Priorities and Special Advisor to the Director-General, WHO



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### **Slim Slama**

Unit Head, Noncommunicable Diseases Management, WHO



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### **Cherian Varghese**

Cross Cutting Lead for NCD and Special Initiatives, Department of NCDs, WHO