

WHO FOUNDATION EXPANDS BOARD

GENEVA - 22 February 2021 – The WHO Foundation has appointed a Vice Chair and new member to its growing board of eight international experts.



Rebecca Enonchong was confirmed as the Vice Chair of the Board in February, under the leadership of Professor Thomas Zeltner, Founder and current Chair. Originally from Cameroon, Enonchong is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of AppsTech, a leading global provider of enterprise application solutions. Named as one of Africa's 50 Most Powerful Women by Forbes Africa, she brings extensive experience working at the intersection of technology and entrepreneurship, also serving as Board Chair of Afrilabs, a network of over 240 hubs in 48 African countries, supporting a community of over 1 million entrepreneurs. "I'm thrilled to be taking on a more active leadership role with the WHO Foundation, an organization that I believe in deeply. The WHO Foundation has a unique opportunity to leverage the strengths and innovations of the private sector to advance key global health priorities, and I am committed to helping it succeed in doing so." In her capacity as Vice Chair, Enonchong will support the Board's work to steer the strategic direction of the Foundation and continue to mobilize resources to advance its work.



The WHO Foundation also formally welcomed Professor Thuli Madonsela to the Board in February. An Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, Madonsela is the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice and a Law Professor at the University of Stellenbosch. She is also the founder of the Thuma Foundation, an independent democracy leadership and literacy public benefit organization. As one of the drafters of South Africa's Constitution and co-architect of several laws that have sought to anchor South Africa's democracy, she is widely acknowledged for her leadership, having been named one of Time 100's Most Influential People in the World in 2014, Forbes Africa Person of the Year in 2016 and one of BBC's 100 Women. "The world is full of urgent needs and disproportionate health burdens. Helping to shape the work of the WHO Foundation, so that it can realize its potential as a platform for meaningful change in the lives of everyone, everywhere in the pursuit of social justice and sustainable development, is a cherished opportunity."

Madonsela and Enonchong are two of six women now residing on the Foundation's eight-member Board, which also includes Clare Akamanzi; Bob Carter; Senait Fisseha, MD, JD; Dr. Silvia Gold; and Nahed Mohammed Taher, PhD. In addition to overseeing the Foundation's operations to protect its independence and integrity as a separate legal entity from WHO, the Board is working with Anil Soni, the Foundation's CEO and Executive Secretariat to scale its fundraising efforts. According to Soni, "The WHO Foundation has the ambitious goal to raise \$1 billion over the next three years to advance the health of everyone in the world. Such a goal would not be achievable without the diverse perspectives and bold vision of our growing Board."



About the WHO Foundation

The WHO Foundation is an independent grant-making foundation, based in Geneva, that sets out to protect the health and well-being of everyone in every part of the world, working alongside the World Health Organization and the global health community. It aims to support donors, scientists, experts, implementing partners, and advocates around the world in rapidly finding new and better solutions to the most pressing global health challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Foundation will target evidence-based initiatives that support WHO in delivering Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 (To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all). It is focused on reducing health risks, averting pandemics, better managing diseases, and creating stronger health systems. It tackles these areas by building awareness and supporting its partners, including WHO, so that every life is invested in and the world is ready for any health emergency that may arise.

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