

TB HLM 2023 Affected Communities and Civil Society Coordination Hub Leadership Group

Bertrand Kampoer

Bertrand is a public health expert with special focus on health and Community Systems Strengthening, gender and human rights. Over the last five years, he has carried out more than 20 technical assistance missions in West and Central Africa to scale up TB preventive treatment, capacity building of health care providers, and sustained community engagement. In 2018, he joined the World Health Organization TB Civil Society Task Force to help translate WHO TB policies, including the End TB Strategy, into practice by integrating the views of TB affected communities and their networks at global, regional and national levels. Bertrand holds a Master in Public Health (Health Promotion) from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lorraine, Nancy School of Public Health in France. Bertrand is the current board Chair of GCTA (Global Coalition of TB Advocate) and Coordinator of DRAF TB (www.draftb.org) a regional umbrella TB network in Francophone Africa bringing together 16 countries with more than 200 members associations of TB affected communities and survivors.

Blessina Kumar

Blessina is a health activist with a bachelor's degree in nursing and midwifery and a postgraduate in health systems management and advanced TB Diagnostics and Research. She has worked with varied communities across India and Sudan. She has endeavoured to bridge the patient – practitioner divide through patient literacy at the community level and policy advocacy at a macro level.

She serves on many global and regional boards and committees bringing the community perspective to the table. She is a proud member of the WHO Civil Society Task Force (CSTF) TB, Global Community Advisory board member UNITE4TB, Co-Chair of Indian Council for Medical Research National Community Advisory Board (CAB), Member of the International Scientific Advisory Group -ICMR, Member of CAB Benefit Kids Stellenbosch TB Centre South Africa, Technical Advisor for WHO Southeast Asia Region for TB, Technical Advisor Community Engagement, National TB Programme, India.

Presently, Blessina heads the Global Coalition of TB Advocates, a body that is in the forefront of ensuring a people centred and rights-based TB response.

Carol Nawina

Carol is a renowned International TB activist with many years of experience working in fields of TB/HIV. She is the Executive Director of the CITAMplus based in Zambia. A member of TB Women and board member on Stop TB Partnership and TB People and former board member on The Union, The Global Fund and Unitaid. Carol is a passionate and committed community representative who uses her personal experience with TB and working directly within the affected communities at grassroot level to advocate for policy change at national, regional and international levels. She fights to ensure that people affected by the diseases are at the centre of the response and that community-led monitoring is key to ensure complementarity among all partners.

Colin Puzo Smith

Colin is the Global Policy Director at RESULTS in Washington, DC, focused on global health, nutrition, education, and poverty. Before joining RESULTS ten years ago, Colin worked in a range of staff, board, and advisory roles on health and human rights, including with Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Washington Office on Latin

America (WOLA), and the Casa Educational Network. With RESULTS he's also part of the U.S. arm of ACTION, a partnership of locally-rooted health advocates across five continents.

Elie Aaraj

Elie is the Founder and Former Director of the Association Soins Infirmiers et Développement Communautaire-SIDC, which was established in 1987. Elie Aaraj completed his Maitrise degree in Community Health at the St Joseph University, Lebanon after going on to complete BS Nursing at the Lebanese University in 1982. He worked in 2 hospitals in Lebanon, before becoming the Director of the Nurse-Aid Technical School at Hayek Hospital, Beirut.

He is the Founding President of the Order of Nurses in Lebanon and the Council member of the Municipality of Sin El Fil for 2 terms (1998 & 2004).

He is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association-MENAHRA, a regional NGO working towards promoting and advocating for harm reduction within the MENA region. President of the Regional/Arab Network Against AIDS-RANAA (2008 – 2018).

Elie has undertaken more than ten major pieces of research on HIV, drug use prevention and Harm Reduction and the role of civil society organizations.

Evaline Kibuchi

Evaline is a global health advocate with a focus on TB with over 15 years in TB advocacy. Her experience expands from advocacy for global health financing, engaging political leadership, Civil Society and communities in TB advocacy and response.

Currently she is the Chief National Coordinator, Stop TB Partnership-Kenya and advisor to the African Parliamentary TB caucus, a member of the Civil Society Task force in the WHO TB team and a board member to the International Union against TB and Lung Disease. Evaline strongly holds that ending TB starts where political leadership begins.

Leonid Lecca

Leonid, is an international expert on global health. He is a Peruvian doctor, Executive Director from Socios En Salud, the Peruvian sister non-profit organization Partners In Health, and has more than 20 years of experience accompanying and developing initiatives for families in marginalized communities affected by TB and DR-TB.

He is also a Lecturer and Researcher at the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, he is a member of the Regional Green Light Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), he is the America's TB Caucus focal point and he is a member of the Americas TB Coalition.

Socios En Salud, the organization lead by Leonid, has led multiple TB regional and national interventions, highlighting his role in TB civil society strengthening. During the last decade, Socios En Salud has formed three important America's networks for TB survivors, people deprived of their liberty, and migrant population (TB Survivors Network, LAC Free TB Network, and LAC Without Borders Network); and implemented together with the Americas TB Coalition during the period 2019-2022 a TB Regional Project funded by The Global Fund (Observa TB), having created TB Social Observatories in eight LAC countries (Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico Peru and Dominican Republic). Currently, Socios En Salud is the grantee of Stop TB Partnership for the implementation of a Regional Project funded by Challenge Facility Civil Society Initiative.

Mike Frick

Mike is one of the co-directors of the tuberculosis program at Treatment Action Group (TAG), where he leads TAG's advocacy for universal access to TB prevention, including research to develop new TB vaccines. He is an experienced health and human rights activist committed to ensuring that all people with and at risk of TB can enjoy their fundamental human right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress against TB.

RD Marte

RD is a feminist and human rights activist with a passion for sexual rights and social justice issues. A TB survivor, she is the Executive Director of APCASO and a founding member and co-chair of the Activists' Coalition on TB Asia-Pacific (ACT! AP).

Timur Abdullaev

Timur is a human rights lawyer and a TB/HIV community activist from Uzbekistan. He currently serves as a Board member of TBpeople, the global network of people affected by TB, and as an Advisor to the Vice-Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board. Also, Timur works with a wide range of international development agencies and NGOs as a human rights and public health consultant.

Yuliia Kalancha

Yuliia is the TB Europe Coalition Executive Director. Yuliia is a specialist in European Union law. Since 2011 Yuliia has been working in the field of public health and has been involved in the processes related to the widening of access to treatment at the national, regional, and international levels. The main areas of Yuliia's expertise are related to community mobilization and involvement of grassroots communities in the international advocacy on access to essential medicines; development, design, and implementation of advocacy activities and campaigns, as well as monitoring of procurement of drugs and medical appliances.