

## Steering Committee for the Second WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit (New Delhi, India, 17–19 December 2025)

### Co-chairs



**Dr Goh Cheng Soon** is the Director of the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia and frequently serves as a consultant to WHO. Dr Goh began her career in Malaysia as an allopathic doctor in 1993. Subsequently, she served in the Medico-Legal Unit, Practice Division and Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) Division since 2004. Holding the post of Director of the T&CM Division, Dr Goh and her team have implemented the T&CM Act of 2016 (Act 775) and developed the T&CM Blueprint 2018–2027 (Health Care), Framework on T&CM Research in Malaysia in 2023, and Research Priorities in T&CM for Malaysia 2024–2029. Moreover, a book co-authored and co-edited by Dr Goh titled *Healthy Ageing in Asia: Culture, Prevention and Wellness* has been published in 2022.



**Professor Motlalepula G. Matsabisa** is a pharmacologist with research interests in the pharmacology of traditional medicines and medicinal plants, leading many collaborative research projects internationally. He is currently the Director of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (Health) Lead Programme (IKS) within the Department of Pharmacology, School of Clinical Medicine, and Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Free State. Professor Matsabisa is a Guest Professor at the Beijing University of Chinese Medicines. He is the Director of the DSI-TIA-UFS Indigenous Knowledge Systems platform known as African Medicines Innovations and Technology Development. He is a member of the University of Free State Senate. He is a current member of the Complementary Medicines Committee (CMC) of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority and a reviewer of complementary medicine product dossiers. He is the Vice-Chair of the CMC Pharmaceutical and Analytical Committee.

## Members



**Dr Abdullah Obaid Alanazi** is a Consultant Doctor currently acting as the Chief Executive Officer and Supervisor General of Technical Affairs at the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Saudi Arabia. He is also a member of the National Advisory Committee for Complementary and Alternative Medicine and of the International Collaboration Committee at the Ministry of Health. His memberships extended to the Legitimate Health Boards and Health Professional Lawsuits at the Ministry of Justice. Dr Alanazi was assigned by The Ministry of Health to represent Saudi complementary and alternative medicine experience in global and regional activities.

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**Dr Anastasia Michaelina Yirenkyi** is a distinguished Research Scientist with a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences, specializing in the Standardization, Formulation, and Quality Assurance of healthcare products, particularly Herbal Medicine. She holds additional qualifications, including a certificate in Traditional Chinese Medicine and an Executive Master's in Public Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration. Dr Yirenkyi has attended numerous health-related conferences and seminars both locally and internationally, and has authored several scientific papers and publications. Currently, she serves as the Director of the Traditional and Alternative Medicine Directorate within the Ministry of Health of Ghana.

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**Professor Bhushan Patwardhan** is a distinguished academic and thought leader in integrative health sciences, with over four decades of experience in research, education and policy. Formerly Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission of India, he currently serves as National Research Professor-Ayush, Government of India, Distinguished Professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University, IIT Kharagpur, and The Lancet Citizens Commission for reimagining Indian healthcare. He is internationally recognized for his contributions to evidence-based Ayurveda and traditional medicine. His transdisciplinary work bridges modern science with ancient wisdom, advocating for holistic, sustainable and culturally rooted approaches to health and education. He has published extensively and serves on editorial boards of reputed journals. A passionate advocate for academic integrity and policy reform, he continues to mentor scholars and institutions to advance intellectual traditions in global knowledge discourse.



**Dr Chunyu Wei** is the Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Department of the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, People's Republic of China, with over 20 years of experience in management, policy-making, regulation and international development of Traditional Chinese Medicine. From 2021 to 2023, she worked as a Program Officer at the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCI) Unit of WHO, responsible for providing policy guidance and support in bringing the best features of TCI within the context of primary healthcare, universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. She also served as the Focal Point of the WHO International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines Network. Dr Chunyu has received several awards, and her publications focus on the analysis of the development of Traditional Chinese Medicine from the international perspective.

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**Dr Dorji Gyeltshen** is a Traditional Medicine practitioner and Acupuncture Specialist from Bhutan, currently serving at the National Traditional Medicine Hospital under the Ministry of Health. He holds a diploma and bachelor's degree in Bhutanese Traditional Medicine, and a master's degree in Acupuncture, Moxibustion and Tuina from Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, where he was recognized as an Outstanding Graduate in 2023. In 2016, he was awarded the Topper Certificate by His Majesty the King of Bhutan for securing the highest rank in the Royal Civil Service Examinations. Dr Gyeltshen's work bridges traditional Bhutanese healing with modern clinical research, focusing on areas such as herbal medicine safety, warm acupuncture, end-of-life care ethics and the integration of Buddhist astrological practices. He serves as a member of the Research Ethics Board of Health and other national technical committees. He is also the editor of the *Menjong Sorig Journal* and a contributor to national public health education initiatives.

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**Dr Holger Cramer** is a Full Professor of Research in Complementary Medicine at the University of Tübingen, Germany, and Scientific Director of the Robert Bosch Center for Integrative Medicine and Health at the Bosch Health Campus in Stuttgart, Germany. He also holds an adjunct professorship at Southern Cross University in Lismore, Australia, and is Director of Cochrane Complementary Medicine Germany. In addition, Dr Cramer is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Integrative and Complementary Medicine*. Dr Cramer leads major efforts to evaluate the safety, effectiveness and integration of traditional and complementary therapies into healthcare systems. He has authored over 300 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, as well as numerous books and book chapters in this field.



**Dr Mariana Cabral Schweitzer** is an Adjunct Professor in Preventive Medicine at the Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP), Brazil, and a Fulbright Visiting Professor at the University of California San Diego (Spring 2025). She completed her postdoctoral studies at the University of São Paulo's School of Nursing, and holds a Doctor of Science dual degree from the University of São Paulo and Portuguese Catholic University, including a Sandwich Doctorate at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She earned her master's degree in Nursing from the Federal University of Santa Catarina and is a specialist in Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Public Health. As a nurse and former Director of the Brazilian Consortium for Integrative Health (CABSIN), Dr Schweitzer coordinates UNIFESP's Research Group for Health Promotion, Complementary Therapies, and the Evidence HUB CARE. She has authored over 60 scientific articles and the book *Self-Care: A Dynamic Approach to Integral Health*. Her work focuses on primary healthcare, public policies and integrative practices.

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**Dr Nessma El-sayed Mohamed Aly El-Nabawy** is the General Manager of the General Administration for Registration of Herbal Products at the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA), with over 15 years of experience in herbal medicine regulation. She is the co-founder of the Herbal Medicines Receiving Section at EDA. She has served as a rapporteur and member of various national committees developing herbal registration guidelines and the Egyptian Herbal Monograph. She is the National Focal Point for WHO's third global survey on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM), and an active advisor on the WHO TCIM Strategy 2025–2034. She is a Member of the Global Consortium for Safe and Effective Traditional Medicine (GEM), and participant in the 2025 WHO survey on herbal medicine regulation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. She has contributed to key WHO initiatives including the WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit, the Global Technical Coordination Meeting for Traditional Medicine (GTMC), and the Expert Consultation on the WHO TCIM Strategy in Saudi Arabia. She regularly collaborates with WHO and other global partners in TCIM-related activities.

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**Mr Sione Tu'itahi** is the Executive Director of the Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand. At the global level, he is the Immediate Past President of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE, 2025–2028). He is the founder and Co-Chair of the IUHPE Global Working Group on Waiora Planetary Health and Human Wellbeing. Mr Tu'itahi is also a Member of the Steering Committee of the Planetary Health Alliance. With 30 years of experience in leadership in the education and health sectors at the national and international levels, his areas of research and teaching include planetary health, determinants of health, human rights and Indigenous knowledge. He lectures at several tertiary institutions, and is a musician, a poet and an author. In recognition of his significant contributions to health and education at the national and international levels, Mr Tu'itahi was awarded as the 2019 New Zealand Public Health Champion.



**Ms Susan Sheridan** is CEO and Co-Founder of Patients for Patient Safety US (PFPS US), a patient led non-profit organization dedicated to creating a healthcare system that empowers patients and families and prioritizes the safety and well-being of every patient. She recently served as a member of the Patient Safety Working Group of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Prior to PFPS US, she served as Director of Patient Engagement for the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine, Advisor to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Director of Patient Engagement for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and led the Patients for Patient Safety programme at WHO. Sheridan and her late husband, Pat, also served as Peace Corps volunteers in Ecuador.

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**Ms Tanushree Jain** is a pharmacy graduate from Delhi, India. She is currently serving as the Chairperson of Public Health at the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF), representing 500 000 pharmacy students and recent graduates from 100+ countries around the world. Ms Jain is a vocal advocate for meaningful youth engagement in health governance, having led the IPSF delegation to the World Health Assembly, World Health Summit, UNFCCC COP29 and the 156th WHO Executive Board. Her advocacy focus areas include antimicrobial resistance, noncommunicable diseases, universal health coverage and One Health. With grass-roots experience leading various youth-led advocacy and awareness drives in Delhi, India, Ms Jain is committed to advancing health equity and awareness, especially among underserved and marginalized communities.

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**Dr Tido von Schoen-Angerer** is the president of the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Healthcare Coalition and of the International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations. Dr von Schoen-Angerer is a Consultant Pediatrician at the Multidisciplinary Center for Integrative Medicine at Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland and a Researcher with the Charité Competence Center for Traditional and Integrative Medicine, Berlin, Germany. Previously, he worked in various humanitarian contexts and served as the Executive Director of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders' Access Campaign and Director of Operations. He holds a medical degree from Uppsala University, Sweden and a master's degree in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He completed his paediatric residency and served as Chief Resident at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York.





**Dr Vivian Tatiana Camacho Hinojosa** is the National Director of Ancestral Traditional Medicine within the Vice Ministry of Ancestral Traditional Medicine of the Ministry of Health of the Plurinational State of Bolivia. She is also a High-Level Commissioner for “Alma Ata 40 Years” in the Americas Region for the Pan American Health Organization. With extensive experience in the health sector, Dr Camacho has worked as the Coordinator of Health for the People’s Health Movement in Bolivia, represented the Andean Region in the Latin American Coordination within the World Movement for Peoples’ Health, and is a Quechua Midwife and Promoter of Respectful Birth and Ancestral Midwifery. An Indigenous Communicator and member of the Red del Abya Yala de Comunicación Indígena, Dr Camacho is committed to promoting the ancestral knowledge of Indigenous Peoples as a Specialist Surgeon in Interculturality and Health.