



Speaker Profile

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Christoph joined Family Health International Nigeria in July 2006 as Deputy Chief of Party, technical. In May 2007, he became Country Director of FHI Nigeria and Chief of Party for the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative Nigeria (GHAIN) which is the largest PEPFAR funded project worldwide.

Christoph has studied medicine and economics in Germany, USA and UK. He earned his doctorate in molecular immunology and parasitological for which he received the Dr Martini Prize of the University of Hamburg for the best research work of young physicians. He holds various postgraduate degrees and certificates, in various areas of medicine including molecular biology (University of Hamburg and Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Germany), infectious diseases epidemiology (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine LSHTM, UK) and health systems management (LSHTM).

He was a recipient of several scholarships including a scholarship from the German Centre for Cancer Research (Heidelberg, headed by Professor Harald zur Hausen, Nobel Prize Winner 2008).

Christoph became a consultant in Family Medicine before moving to the Imperial College London and the Wellcome Centre for the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases under Professor Sir Roy Anderson. He was leading the HIV/AIDS & Sexual Reproductive Health Program of the African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF) in Tanzania, after which he became the Founder Director the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research (KCCR), a joint venture between the governments of Ghana and Germany through the University of Kumasi and the Bernhard Nocht Institute Hamburg. Prior to joining FHI, he assisted the South African Ministry of Health in its planning and implementation of the largest comprehensive HIV and AIDS program worldwide as Senior Technical Advisor on secondment from the British government (DFID).

Christoph has published widely in the various fields of his professional career. He has served as senior public health adviser for various governments, civil society organization and the private sector. He is a Board member (Secretary) of Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNi), an FHI affiliate in Nigeria; Executive Board member of the Society for Quality in Health Care Nigeria (SQHN); Vice-Chair, Member of Executive Committee and Member of Oversight Committee of the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Nigeria.

Christoph is committed to development, innovations, and people's right to quality services.