

Adviser Biography

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Professor Agnes Binagwaho is the Vice Chancellor and co-founder of the University of Global Health Equity, an initiative of Partners in Health which focuses on changing how health care is delivered around the world by training global health professionals who strive to deliver more equitable, quality health services for all. She is a Rwandan pediatrician who returned to Rwanda in 1996, two years after the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi. Since then, she has provided clinical care in the public sector and served the Rwandan health sector in high-level government positions, first as the Executive Secretary of Rwanda's National AIDS Control Commission, then as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, and lastly as the Minister of Health for 5 years.

She is a member of several advisory boards and groups, including the Africa CDC Strategic Advisory Group of Experts and the Wellcome Global Monitor. She is also a member of various boards of directors including the Rockefeller Foundation Board of Trustees and the Consortium of University for Global Health. She currently serves on the Commission for African COVID-19 Response under the leadership of HE President Ramaphosa of South Africa. She is a member of several international scientific committees, working groups and task forces in global health for different institutions such as the Think 20 and the UN, as well as independent organizations like the Africa Europe Foundation. Prof Binagwaho sits on the editorial board of several scientific journals such as the BMJ.

Previously, she co-chaired the Millennium Development Goal Project Task Force on HIV/AIDS and Access to Essential Medicines for the Secretary-General of the UN under the leadership of Professor Jeffrey Sachs. Professor Binagwaho also co-chaired the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS and founded the Rwandan Pediatric Society, chairing it until 2019. She is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, and a member of the World Academy of Sciences. In 2015, Prof Binagwaho received the Roux Prize and Ronald McDonald House Charities Award of Excellence. She was named among the 100 Most Influential African Women for 2020.