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Catarina Furtado is President of Associação Corações Com Coroa (CCC), a non-government organisation dedicated to promoting gender equality and social inclusion of people in vulnerable situations. She is a tireless advocate for the rights of women and girls and has been a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador since 2000. She holds the Commendation of the Order of Merit in Portugal, and served as an MDG Champion at the invitation of the UN Secretary-General in 2010.

As a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador, she regularly visits developing countries, meeting with local leaders, organizations, and the press and hearing the stories of local people. She talks at international conferences and media events, and is co-author of six series of the TV documentary “Principes do Nada”, where she tells real stories of people living in challenging situations around the world.

Catarina Furtado is the face of many Portuguese and international Campaigns about gender equality, human rights and development, with three books on related topics.



Honourable Enock Phale MP is the Deputy Minister of Health of Malawi. He was born in rural areas where he received his primary and second education. He studied at Malawi College of Health Sciences between 1991 and 1995.

He had worked in various Government hospitals for 14 years up until 2008, when he got promoted to a position of Assistant Director of Clinical Services. He later voluntarily retired to join active politics and got elected as a Member of Parliament in 2019. While in Parliament, he has served in various Parliamentary committees including committee on Health and Population since 2019 to February 2022, when he was appointed as Deputy Minister of Health and until now.



Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez is a lawyer and law professor at the Universidad Católica del Táchira, Venezuela. She is the founder of the NGO “Juventud Unida en Acción”, an institution in which she has been developing education and training programs to empower young people.

She was the Youth Advisor of the TUNZA strategy of the United Nations Environment Program and is CO-Founder of the Latin American and Caribbean platform LACEMOS. She has promoted initiatives such as the ApoyaME+ program, providing legal, psychosocial, and educative support to women victims of violence.

Dalia is also Co-Founder of the Global Youth Biodiversity Networks Chapter Venezuela, designer and coordinator of the program “Mental Health for Peacebuilding”, and EcoSchools Program promoting environmental educations for sustainable consumption and productions in LAC.



Osman Alimamy Sankoh is the Statistician General and Chief Executive Officer of Stats Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Advisory Boards/Committees of several international academic journals including The Lancet Global Health and Global Health Action. He is author of hundreds of peer-reviewed scientific publications in several international journals.

He previously served as Rapporteur and Vice-Chair of the UN Statistical Commission, as a biostatistician in the Institute of Public Health at the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany, and as Executive Director at the INDEPTH Network of demographic and health surveillance systems in Africa, Asia and the Pacific.



Juan Antonio Perez III is Executive Director of the Philippines Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) which is tasked with, among other functions, strengthening the integration of population and development. He has served in various capacities in the health programs in both public and private sectors in the Philippines for four decades, and at USAID, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.