

Dr. Jacqueline W. Kitulu, MBS, OGW



LEADERSHIP INFLUENCE & DIRECTION IN: Healthcare Organizations, Boards, Taskforces, Technical Working Groups, National and Global Healthcare Associations

A distinguished Healthcare Leader with more than 20 years of experience, Dr. Jacqueline Kitulu stands out as an Influential, Transformative, and Purpose-driven leader whose influence has shaped healthcare in Kenya, across Africa, and globally.

President of the World Medical Association(WMA), Dr. Kitulu's reputation is one of transforming healthcare organizations, health systems, healthcare quality and access, and advancing efforts towards global resilient health systems, medical ethics, and improved welfare for healthcare practitioners. Dr. Kitulu is also a licensed Medical Doctor in private practice at the Karen Surgery, a multi-disciplinary practice.

Working at the intersection of Healthcare Management, Global Health Advocacy, Health Systems Strengthening, Health Policy Formulation, Health Financing, and Stakeholder Relations, Dr. Kitulu brings a strong footprint in championing Universal Health Coverage, ethical medical practices by physicians, robust health systems and corporate governance structures for healthcare facilities and organizations, and effectively managing global medical emergencies and pandemics.

Core Qualifications:

- Board Leadership
- Organizational Leadership
- Corporate Governance
- Primary Health Care
- Health System Strengthening
- Health Policy Formulation
- Global Health Advocacy

She previously served as Vice-President, National Vice-Chair, and first female President of the Kenya Medical Association (KMA), Treasurer and National Chair of Kenya Medical Women's Association, Director of Kenya Healthcare Federation, Secretary of the Kenya Association of Physicians, Vice-Chair of the National Resuscitation Council of Kenya, and Council Member of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), where she played an instrumental role in the inspection of Medical Training Institutions in Kenya and across East Africa.

Dr. Kitulu has helped instil professionalism and quality in healthcare delivery in Kenya, East Africa, and beyond, advanced the welfare of doctors, and served as key partner at national and global-level policy discussions on healthcare excellence. During her tenure as President, the Kenya Medical Association (KMA) engaged in crucial national policy-making and secured a US\$800,000 grant to support frontline health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has shaped the Kenyan health care system under Government appointment and nomination to key public service positions – such as Presidential Appointee to the National Economic and Social Council, Finance Committee Chair of the National Health Insurance Fund, First Deputy Governor of the Kenya Red Cross Society, and Vice-Chair of the Kenya Consumer Protection Advisory Committee, her catalytic interventions earning her the Moran of the Order of Burning Spear (MBS) and Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) Awards, presented by two Presidents of the Republic of Kenya.

On a global scale, Dr. Kitulu has served as a Communication and Advocacy Panel Member at the World Medical Association (WMA) and as Global Advisory Board member at Tech Care for All, influencing digital health and advocating for medical ethics and professional independence of physicians globally. A graduate of Strathmore University, Dr. Kitulu holds an MBA in Healthcare Management and a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of Nairobi.

Select Awards & Recognitions:

- Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear by the President of the Republic of Kenya
- Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) of Kenya by the President of the Republic of Kenya
- Distinguished Service Award from the Kenya Medical Association (KMA)
- Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kenya Association of Family Physicians (KAPS)
- Fellow of the Commonwealth Medical Association (FCMA)