



Republic
of Rwanda



Dr. Richard Mihigo

Candidate for the position of
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Rwanda-nominated candidate brings 30+ years of experience in strengthening national health systems and enhancing disease prevention and control programmes, both at national, regional and international levels, having notably served at WHO AFRO for 18 years across multiple senior level positions and currently at GAVI as Global Lead & Senior Director COVID-19 vaccine Delivery, Coordination, and Integration.



Vision



A region that puts health at the center of the broader development agenda and SDGs, and that has attained the national health ambitions of its Member States, therefore enabling people in the Africa Region to lead healthy lives.



Mission



Strengthen national capacities to deliver superior public health and healthcare services for all people in the Africa Region and provide an action-oriented support to Member States that is both evidence-informed and driven by country needs.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Accelerate access to Universal Healthcare Coverage

Through strong, resilient and country-tailored Primary Health Care ensuring equitable access to quality services and financial protection



Enhance country capacities for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to public health threats

By strengthening surveillance, accelerating regional manufacturing, increasing health workforce and stockpiling



Take decisive steps to reduce the burden of major diseases

By doubling down on the fight against Communicable Diseases and catalyzing efforts to mitigate Non-Communicable Diseases and tackling child health and maternal mortality



Proactively tackle key social, economic and environmental determinants for health, including climate change

By collaborating across sectors, providing evidence to align inter-ministerial efforts, and building resilient systems



Lead an effective and well-resourced WHO/AFRO secretariat

That is responsive and accountable to Member States' needs across WHO levels and well-positioned in international dialogues.

ENABLERS



Accountability & strong partnerships
including sectors beyond health



Advanced digital health and data-driven approaches & systematic impact measurement



Scalable & proven innovations
adapted to local contexts