



10th Anniversary Photobook





Welcome Remarks

Hosts Irene Coker, Head of Operations, and Yahya Touray, Monitoring & Evaluation Manager at AREF, warmly welcome guests as the event commences.



Opening Address

Solomon Soquar, Chair of the Board of Trustees at AREF, delivered his opening address virtually.



A Story of African Researcher Capacity Development (AREF's History)

By Dr. Peter Dukes, Former Director of Programmes, AREF



Keynote Speech 1:

The inaugural keynote speech focused on "Addressing the critical need for health researcher development in Africa," delivered by **Professor Sir Tumani Corrah**, Founder and Co-President of AREF.



Keynote Speech 2:

Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare in Nigeria, addressed the audience with a compelling speech titled "For Africa, By Africa, In Africa – The Need for African-led Research & Researcher Development."



A Talk on Building Capacity and Retaining Health Research Talent in Africa

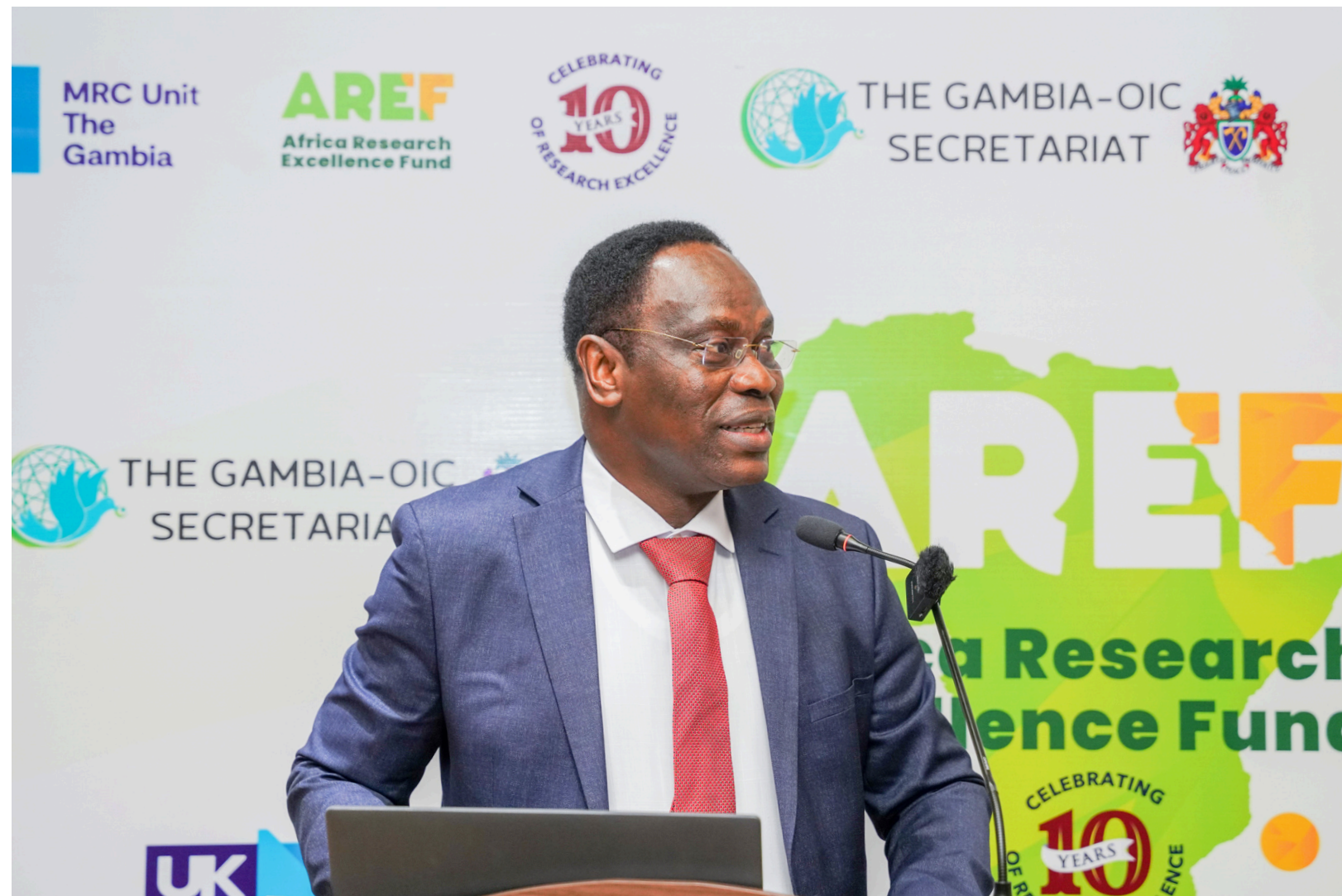
Dr. Rachael Dangarembizi, an AREF Towards Leadership Alumna at the University of Cape Town, shares her insights and experiences in health research across Africa



Malaria: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

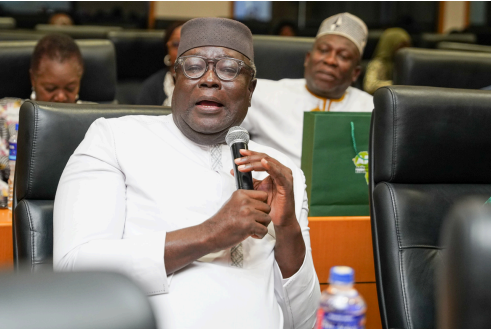
Professor Umberto D'Alessandro, Unit Director, MRC Unit The Gambia at LSHTM highlights the progress made by researchers in the fight against malaria.





Dr. Melchior Aïssi, Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO), along with Director of Public Health and Research (WAHO) **Professor Issiaka Sombie**, highlights the importance of nurturing health researchers to ensure lasting impact.

Panel Discussion and Q&A: Health Research Capacity Development





Closing Remarks

Our CEO, **Professor Akhere Omonkhua**, delivered the closing remarks as the conference concluded.







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