

## IUHPE Regional Vice Presidents

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Dr. Masamine Jimba was a physician for two years and subsequently studied public health in Tokyo and Boston. He received his master's degree from The National Institute of Public Health in Japan in 1989 and Ph.D from Hamamatsu University School of Medicine in Japan in 1995.

Dr. Jimba's research interests cover health promotion, global health, human security, and other broad public health issues in the world. He has published more than 200 articles and more than 10 book chapters. He is currently interested in positive deviance approach and slow research. While big data have gained more attention in global health, such an approach and research will show us a way to know hidden truth in real life and support specific actions in the field.

Dr. Jimba teaches primary health care, health promotion, human security in several graduate schools. He is also teaching advocacy these days. Although giving lectures in the schools are to some extent important, he likes to teach and learn each other with farmers, shop keepers, students and other people in a living university.

Dr. Jimba has rich experience in the field of global health. From 1994 to 1996, he worked as a WHO Health Coordinator for the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Then, from 1996 to 2001, he worked in rural Nepal as a team leader of the School and Community Health Project by the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Japan Medical Association. After coming back to Japan in 2002, he started to work in the university and has been working on health projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He is also the President of the Japanese Society of Health Education and Promotion, the President of the Asia-Pacific Consortium for Public Health.

**Dominique Kondji- Kondji**



### **Davison Munodawafa**

Prof Munodawafa retired from the World Health Organization (WHO) in April 2017 after serving for 12 years at senior managerial level. He served the World Health Organization as Regional Adviser for Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health in the Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) based in New Delhi, India from June 2005 to February 2010. He later served in the Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) in Brazzaville (Congo) as Programme Manager, Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health (HPD) including Gender, Equity and Human Rights from March 2010 to April 2017. Prof Munodawafa taught Health Promotion at the University of Akron, Ohio (USA) from 1990 to 1997. He was Executive Director for Guidance, Counseling and Youth Development Centre for Africa (Lilongwe, Malawi), when he led the establishment of the UNESCO-funded Centre for Ministers of Education in Africa.

Prof Munodawafa holds a doctorate in Health Promotion from the University of Arkansas, USA. He is a recipient of academic and research fellowships, awards and citation of honor from WHO, Rockefeller Foundation, Jacobs Foundation (Zurich), University of Akron, USA and Pennsylvania State University (USA). Prof Munodawafa has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals and serves as reviewer for global health promotion issues. He led the WHO African Region's Social Mobilization / Community engagement response against the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Prof Munodawafa is now the Director of Dynamic Public Health Consultants (Pvt) Ltd based in Harare, Zimbabwe.

### **Lourdes E. Soto**



### **Sione Tu'itahi**

Sione Tu'itahi is the Executive Director of the Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand Runanga Whakapiki Ake I Te Hauora o Aotearoa. An educator, author and health promotion professional, his areas of interest in health promotion include determinants of health, human rights, community development, public policy, and workforce development.

Sione is the current Vice President (2016-2019) of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) for the South West Pacific Region, and a member of the Global Executive Board of IUHPE. IUHPE is an umbrella organisation for health promotion professionals and institutions throughout the world.

Sione joined the Forum in 2005 after six years as Pacific Manager at the Auckland Regional Public Health Service. He has also taught at a

number of tertiary educational institutions. For more than ten years he led the building of Pacific capacity at Massey University. A former journalist and broadcaster, Sione is the author of a number of books, academic papers, and children's stories. As a voluntary community worker, he is a member of several national advisory groups in the education, health and community sectors.