

Moji Makanjuola, MFR — Executive Director, International Society of Media in Public Health (ISMPH)



Chief Moji Makanjuola, MFR, is a veteran Nigerian journalist, broadcaster, and cinematographer who has spent over four decades advancing health journalism and public health advocacy in Nigeria and across the continent. She currently serves as Executive Director of the International Society of Media in Public Health (ISMPH), a non-governmental organization devoted to mainstreaming the media as a tool for accelerating healthcare information and service delivery, and as Chief Executive Officer of Bronz and Onyx International Limited, an integrated marketing and strategic communications firm.

Chief Makanjuola built her career at the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), where she rose from her earliest posting as an announcer in Ilorin to become Head of the Presentation and Reportorial Units, Head of the Health and Environmental Desk, and Manager of News at NTA Network News Headquarters in Abuja. She later became NTA's pioneer Head of the Health and Gender Desk before her retirement, after which she continued producing content for the network, including the long-running talk show Bridges and the health affairs program Health Reports, which she anchored across NTA's national and international network for over a decade. She was a pioneer member and Knight Fellow of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, USA.

Throughout her career, she has served as a media consultant and moderator to numerous United Nations agencies, including UNESCO, UNIDO, UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, and UNAIDS, as well as to the African Development Bank, USAID-funded programmes, and several arms of the Nigerian federal government. She has led communications and visibility strategies for major public health initiatives spanning polio eradication, severe acute malnutrition, immunization, maternal and child health, family planning, cancer awareness, and health financing and security, and has produced numerous documentaries on these themes for agencies including WHO, NPHCDA, NIMR, and the Federal Ministry of Health.

A committed advocate for women, gender equity, and reproductive health, she is a one-time President of the Nigerian Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ) and a recognized Champion for Family Planning and Female Condom advocacy. She has trained over a thousand journalists and communications officers on specialized health reporting and has played a central advisory role on national health policy bodies, including the Presidential High-Level Advisory Council on Support to Women and Girls and the Presidential Taskforce on Polio Eradication.

In recognition of her decades of service, Chief Makanjuola was conferred with the national honour of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR) by President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan in September 2014, alongside more than sixty other professional awards and honours. She is the author of Health Journalism: A Journey with Moji Makanjuola, launched in 2012.

Chief Makanjuola holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Media Studies from American Heritage University, an Advanced Diploma in Journalism from Bayero University, Kano, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism from the International Institute of Journalism, Abuja. She is fluent in English, Yoruba, and Hausa, and also speaks French and Russian.