



Conference Theme: **“Making Me Visible”**

**August 24**

**Conference Program (tentative)**

**9:00 am**

Opening session  
Greetings by Conference Chair

**Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura**  
Chair, International Committee on MCH Handbook  
Only to be announced at the conference  
Special Guest from Japan  
**Prof. Adalsteinn ( Steini) Brown**  
Dean, DLSPH, University of Toronto  
**Prof. Peter Singer**  
Special Advisor to the DG, World Health Organization  
**Dr. Karline Wilson-Mitchell**  
Director Midwifery Program X-University  
**Dr. Anne Banerji**  
Faculty Lead, Indigenous & Refugee Health, St. Michael’s Hospital, U of T  
**Dr. Shawna Novak**  
Executive Director, CISEPO  
**TBD, JICA**

**9:30 am**

Keynote Speech 1

**Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura**  
Chair, International Committee on MCH Handbook

**9:45 am**

Keynote Speech 2

**Prof. Miriam Were**  
Hideyo Noguchi Prize Awardee in Public Health, 2022 Nobel Prize Nominee

**10:00 am**

Keynote Speech 3

**Dr. Anneke Kesler**  
Chair, 12th International Conference on MCH Handbook (Amsterdam)

**10:15 am**

Global experiences on the MCH Handbook

**WHO (Home-Based Record Guideline)**  
Asia: Indonesia (JICA)  
Middle East: Palestine (UNRWA)  
Africa: Ghana (JICA)  
Europe: Netherlands (Jessica Jansen)  
North America: CISEPO, Canada (Dr. Shawna Novak)  
South America: Peru (Lourdes Herrera)

**12:30 pm**

Online scientific poster session

Conference Team/Dr. Agafya, Calvin et al.

**MCH Handbook is a home-based health record and information tool** which supports women throughout their pregnancy, delivery, and the postnatal period, along with the first few years of their children's lives. The MCH Handbook strives to empower parents by strengthening communication between them and health professionals and encouraging them to be actively involved in decision-making and management of their family's health.

**The primary objectives of this conference are to:**

1. Advocate for social cohesion through equitable holistic maternal care around the globe
2. Promote the implementation of the MCH Handbook as a global standard tool
3. Support the needs of underprivileged families, including refugees, migrants, and ethnic minorities



**Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura, MD, Ph.D.**

*Professor Emeritus of Osaka University, President of Friends of WHO Japan, National College of Nursing senior fellow professor of at National Center for Global Health & Medicine in JAPAN*

**Keynote Speakers:**



**Prof. Miriam Khamadi Were, MD, MPH, Ph.D.**

*Chair of Kenya's National AIDS Control Council (NACC) and the Board of AMREF (Africa Medical and Research Foundation), Member of the Board of Global Health Workforce Alliance, and Chancellor of Moi University*



**Dr. Shafi Bhuiyan Ph.D., MBA, MPH, MBBS, FRSPH**

*Asst. Professor, Clinical Public Health and Social & Behavioural Health Sciences Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, CANADA*



**Dr. Anneke Kesler, MD**

*Medical Doctor from the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, specialized in Public Health & Society and Infant Mental Health*

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**Conference Program**

**9:00 am**

Opening Session for Day 2  
(Review of Day 1)  
(Orientation on International  
Symposium on MCH Handbook)

**Prof. Agustin Kusumayati**  
**Dr. Chandavone Phoxay**  
International Committee on MCH  
Handbook

**9:10 am**

**International Symposium on  
MCH Handbook**  
(Break-out Rooms)

**Break-out Rooms:**  
1. How to **expand** the MCH  
Handbook?  
(TBD Nigeria, Bangladesh)  
2. How to **sustain** the MCH  
Handbook?  
(TBD, Bhutan)  
3. How to **evaluate** the MCH  
Handbook?  
(Indonesia, Dr Mutia Narila, TBD  
Thailand)

**Plenary: Drs. Calvin, Anneke Kesler  
et al.**  
Presentation of workshop

**11:00 am**

Good practices on MCH  
Handbook

**Topics:**  
1. Digital MCH Handbook  
(Dr. Sugishita, Japan)  
2. Post-Covid-19 and MCH Handbook  
(Dr. Sarawut, Thailand)  
3. Handbook for Minorities: LBW  
Babies  
(Ms. Akemi BANDO)  
**Facilitators:** Dr. Matthieu Kamwa et  
al.

**12:00 pm**

Toronto Declaration 2022:  
Making Me Visible

MCH Handbook International  
Committee Chair and Chairperson of  
the 13th Conference

**12:30 pm**

Closing Session

Conference Team/Chair

“The main focus of my career is refining global health to improve health system performance and the equity of the health system in local and global contexts.

MCH handbook saves the lives of women and children around the globe by bringing health care to the most vulnerable population. MCH handbook is a tool for equity, diversity, and inclusion in global health to strengthen the health system by empowering women, children, and families.”

**Dr. Shafi Bhuiyan MBBA, MBA, MPH, Ph.D.**

*Chair, 13th International Conference on MCH Handbook (Toronto)*



**Dr. Shawna Novak, MD, MA, MPH**

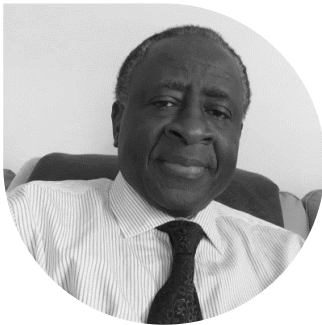
*Executive Director of the Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO)*

### **Our Team:**



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*Senior Advisor in Global Health with the World Health Organization; Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Health, York University*



**Dr. Karline Wilson-Mitchell RM, RN, DrNP, MSc, BSN, FACNM**

*Director Midwifery Program X-University. Doctor of Nursing Practice focused on Respectful Maternity Care, Global Health from Frontier Nursing University*

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