



I am a microbiologist with more than 35 years' experience in teaching and research into infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and other bacterial infections. During my career, I had opportunities at different times to work in reputable institutions in Nigeria (my country), Bangladesh, Gambia, Gabon and currently Liberia, resulting in many scientific publications in reputable peer-review journals. I have also mentored several junior colleagues many of whom are now established scientists. Over the years, I have contributed significantly to international development efforts through my participation as an Expert or a Constituent member of development/funding agencies such as "The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)", "The African Research Excellence Fund (AREF)", and "The Central Africa Network on Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria (CANTAM)". Currently, I am the Chairperson of the EDCTP Alumni Working Group on TB. For nine years (2010-2019), I headed both the Microbiology and Tuberculosis Laboratories at the "Centre de Recherches Medicales de Lambarene (CERMEL)", Lambarene, Gabon (www.cermel.org); which supported the Gabon's National TB Control Programme, and the supervision of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) testing and monitoring at the famous Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambarene, Gabon. Currently, I am in Liberia working with Health Focus GmbH, the German Development Corporation (GIZ) and the Liberian Ministry of Health (MOH) to implement Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) surveillance and Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) programmes in the Southeast of the country. With respect to EDCTP Fora, I am fortunate to have attended all to date, starting with the maiden one in Rome in 2004.