

Dear MSc PHSCiP students,

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Dr Kolude Olufunmilola - WHO

Topic: Public Health in Practice (Africa- region)

Friday 10 April 2026

Time: 1pm-3pm



Dr. Olufunmilola Olawunmi Kolude is a seasoned public health physician with over **23 years of experience** working with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** across Nigeria and multiple African countries. She currently serves as the **Zonal Coordinator for the WHO South-South Zone of Nigeria**, where she oversees public health operations across six states, provides technical leadership to more than 180 staff, and supports a population of over **37 million people**.

A Fellow of the West African College of Physicians, Dr. Kolude holds an **MPH from the University of Ibadan**, a medical degree from **Olabisi Onabanjo University**, and multiple professional certifications in epidemiology, leadership, field management, immunization, and disease surveillance.

Throughout her career, she has played a pivotal role in major public health milestones, including the **eradication of polio in Nigeria and the African region**, strengthening disease surveillance systems, and leading outbreak responses for mpox, yellow fever, measles,

Lassa fever, Ebola, and COVID-19. She has supported international public health missions in **Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Lesotho, and Zimbabwe**, contributing to surveillance strengthening, outbreak simulations, immunization activities, and health systems reviews.

Dr. Kolude's leadership emphasizes data-driven decision-making, accountability, health system integration, and the strengthening of primary health care. She is recognized for her ability to build strong partnerships with governments and global health actors, promote ethical and gender-sensitive practices, and mentor public health professionals across multiple levels of the health system.

Her work continues to shape public health practice in Africa, with a focus on disease prevention, health systems strengthening, and building resilient communities.