



## Plenary Speaker Bios

### **Chakaya JEREMIAH Muhwa, MD, MSc (Kenya)**

#### ***HIV and TB***

Chakaya Jeremiah Muhwa is Chief Research Officer at the Centre for Respiratory Diseases Research, Chair of the DOTS Expansion Working Group and Vice Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board. Based at the Centre for Respiratory Diseases Research, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Dr. Jeremiah is working on a lung health research agenda and is providing technical support to the TB Control Programme and the Kenya Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. Dr. Jeremiah received his medical degree at the University of Nairobi in 1985 then went to work with the Kenyan Ministry of Health as a Medical Officer. Most of his work was in two rural hospitals in Eastern and Nyanza provinces of Kenya. In 1992 he received an MSc in Internal Medicine at the University of Nairobi. After he joined the Kenya Medical Research Institute to pursue a career in respiratory medicine research, he became very involved in TB care and control. In 1995 he received postgraduate training in lung medicine at the University of London and in fiber optic bronchoscopy at Kyorin University in Tokyo. In 2002 he developed the TB treatment project in Nairobi and became the Director of the TB Control Programme for the Ministry of Health from 2003-2006. Dr. Jeremiah has had several papers published in peer review journals. His immediate future plans include contributing to improved lung health care in Kenya and globally, with special emphasis on TB, asthma, and other chronic lung diseases through persistence and intensification of current personal efforts.