

Profile of Dr. Francis Gervase Omaswa (Republic of Uganda)

Position

Executive Director of African Center for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST)

Date of Birth

Born in Uganda on September 5, 1943

Education

1969 MBChB, University of East Africa, Makerere Medical School, Uganda
1974 Master of Medicine in Surgery, Makerere University, Uganda

Career

1970–1974 District Medical Officer/ Ministry of Health, Uganda
1974–1979 Registrar/Senior Registrar, Cardiothoracic Surgery, National Health Service, United Kingdom
1979–1982 Head, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Kenyatta National Hospital, University of Nairobi, Kenya
1983–1986 Coordinator, Project on “Cost Effective Rural Surgery” and Director, Community Health Program/ Medical Superintendent, Ngora Hospital, Uganda
1987–1992 Director, Uganda Heart Institute, Associate Professor of Surgery, Makerere University, Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda
1992–1999 Chief Surgeon & Head, Quality Assurance Program, Ministry of Health, Uganda
1999–2005 Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health, Uganda
2005–2008 Special Adviser to the Director General of the World Health Organization/ founding Executive Director, Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWAA)
2008–Present Executive Director and founder, African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST)
2009–2017 Chancellor, Busitema University, Uganda



Major Awards and Honors

2005 Honorary Fellow, College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA)
2006 Distinguished Service Award, Ministry of Health, Uganda
2011 Fellow New York Academy of Medicine
2012 Uganda Golden Jubilee Independence Medal
2013 Pauline Muhoho Leadership Award, IntraHealth
2014 Elected to the National Academy of Science (USA)
2016 Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland)

2016 Fellow Uganda National Academy of Science
2016 Certificate of Recognition, WHO (for significant contribution to
GHWA and health workforce)