



SNR. DR. DAVID OMONDI OKEYO

Conference Director & Keynote Speaker

BIOGRAPHY

Snr. Dr. David Omondi Okeyo is a Pan Africa Leadership Excellence Award Winner in the of “advancing nutrition governance, strengthening professional standards, and championing public health systems across Africa through visionary leadership and institutional excellence (April 2026).

He has received other Awards, including “Nutrition Captain and Leadership Award 2026”, in the category of “Collaboration and Commitment to Emory University Kenya Health Workforce Project 2012–2017”, and “*Emerging Scientists in Africa, 2016*”. Technically, he is an advanced public health nutrition research scientist and **Conference Director of the 6th International Nutrition and Dietetics Scientific Conference**. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the **Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI)**.

He holds a **PhD and MSc in Community Nutrition and Development from Maseno University** and a **Post-Doctoral MSc in Public Health from the International Health Sciences University, Kampala**. He has over **20 years of experience in public health and nutrition research**, with expertise in community nutrition, nutrition policy, maternal and child nutrition,

malnutrition, health systems, monitoring and evaluation, and nutrition-sensitive interventions. He is currently a postgraduate external examiner for the College of Medicine, University of Malawi and has examined over 30 students in Nutrition and Public Health. He has authored **over 50 peer-reviewed scientific publications** and serves as **Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Nutrition and Dietetics**, an academic journal indexed by African Journals Online (AJOL). His work focuses on generating and translating scientific evidence into effective nutrition practice, policy, professional training, and improved health outcomes.

He has contributed to national and regional research, policy, curriculum development, and scientific initiatives, collaborating with academic institutions, government agencies, and health organizations across Africa and beyond. His scholarly interests emphasize strengthening the evidence base for complex nutrition interventions and advancing innovative approaches to emerging nutrition and public health challenges.

He has held various government and regional appointments. His recent appointments were in the membership of the Secretariat for “**THE INTER-SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORMS**” spearheaded by Ministry of Health, within Health Act 2017, July 2022, membership of the Infant and Young Child Committee within the “Breast Milk Substitutes (Regulation and Control), Act, 2012, June July 2022 and Chief of Party to spearhead the implementation of Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute Resource Mobilization Hub in the name “KNDI ATRI Programmes”, February 2022. Currently, he serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI), which regulates training, practice, and research among nutritionists and dietitians. He previously served as Head of the Department of Nutrition and Health at Maseno University and has led programming, monitoring, and evaluation consultancies. He has previous experience with East, Central, and Southern Africa Health Community programmes as a consultant, disseminating model nutrition curricula for Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda, where he had the opportunity to interact with NCDs, Food Security, and Nutrition programmes.

As Conference Director, he has consistently provided **scientific direction and coordination of the International Nutrition and Dietetics Scientific Conference series** since 2018, and this year he still spearheads the JNDI conference themed “**Excellence in Nutrition Practice: Science, Innovation and Impact**,” bringing together researchers, academics, practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders to advance scientific knowledge and innovation in nutrition and dietetics in Kenya.