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James N. Kiarie is coordinator for the Human Reproductive Team, in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research at the World Health Organization (WHO). In this role, he is involved with setting international policies and facilitating sustainable programs to improve sexual and reproductive health, particularly for women and adolescents. Prior to joining WHO, he was an Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital. He was Co-Principal Investigator on an R01 entitled, HIV and Pregnancy Intention (NIH Award Number R01HD058363), a project focused on understanding the interplay of reproductive health goals and risk of HIV infection, critical in settings where society places great value on having children. Dr. Kiarie has been an advocate for reproductive health services throughout east Africa and a leading champion of education, training, and mentoring the next generation of health professionals; from 2008, he has led the University of Nairobi's Capacity Building HIV Fellowship Program, as a Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) site under the PEPFAR program. The MEPI program has now evolved into the African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth), a new interprofessional platform for east, southern, and west Africa.