

Meet our speakers:



Wakisa Mulwafu, MD, PhD, ENT Surgeon, Blantyre, Malawi, COSECSA Board

Wakisa underwent ENT residency training at the University of Cape Town before returning to Blantyre, Malawi in 2007 where he was the only ENT for the whole country for some years. He has systematically and scientifically built up an ENT service in Malawi, first by writing a national policy document for ENT services, then by instituting clinical officer training in otolaryngology, and by raising funding to build an ENT clinic in Blantyre.

He earned a PhD through Bergen University in Norway. His thesis, “Integration of ear and hearing care into primary health care in Malawi with special reference to task-sharing” is based on 5 studies undertaken in Malawi <https://www.uib.no/en/cih/135699/wakisa-mulwafu-treating-invisible-disability-improving-hearing-malawi>.

He also initiated and spearheaded having ENT specialisation included in COSECSA. This allows many smaller units in countries from Ethiopia in the North, to Mozambique and Zimbabwe in the south, that would not ordinarily have the capacity to offer specialist training, to do so. He was subsequently elected Finance and General Purpose Committee - Chair of COSECSA.

He has 48 publications listed on PUBMED and has 4 articles in the *East and Central African Journal of Surgery*, the official COSECSA journal.