

# PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS

## Session 1

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**Håkon Angell Bolkan** is an Associate Professor in Global Health at NTNU and consultant general and abdominal surgeon at St. Olavs Hospital. He is the founder and chairperson of CapaCare, a non-governmental organization providing advanced surgical training to clinical officers and medical doctors nationwide in Sierra Leone since 2011 and Liberia since 2021. His research interest has been scalable solutions to increase access to quality surgical care in low-income countries.

**Alemnesh T. Reta** is Implementation manager in Lærdal Global Health, has more than 30 years of progressive experience in maternal, newborn and child health spanning from clinical care, academic staff to program management. She has extensive experience in program management and leadership, providing technical guidance in the development, management and evaluation of maternal and newborn health programs. In August 2016, she joined Laerdal global health. Alemnesh is a Nurse, a Midwife, and Public Health specialist by Education. She has worked at Jhpiego Ethiopia office as deputy project director for the USAID funded Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP). She is also former president of Ethiopian Midwives Association



**Herman Lonnee** is trained as anesthesiologist and has his position at St. Olavs Hospital. He has a long working experience from low- and middle income countries. The last year he has worked at Mercy James Centre for Pediatric Surgery and Intensive Care in Blantyre, Malawi.

**David Ljungman** is an associate professor of surgery at Sahlgrenska Academy and consultant colorectal surgeon at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden. Although his PhD was in clinical and experimental aspects on pancreatic cancer he has done important work in global surgery data capture methods. He was Paul Farmer Global Surgery Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School 2016-2018 and Bengt Ihre Research Fellow 2018-2020.





**Dr. Knut Haakon Stensæth** is an Associate Professor at NTNU and consultant Interventional Radiologist at St Olavs Hospital, Trondheim, Norway. He has promoted Interventional Radiology in low-income countries and is currently doing research in Uganda on saving mothers bleeding after birth. His PhD was on clinical imaging of heart infections (myocarditis), and he is currently heading 'Research and Teaching' within Dept of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at St Olavs Hospital.

**Juul Bakker** is a medical doctor in Global Health and Tropical Medicine. She is currently a PhD candidate at NTNU while also serving as the Country Director for CapaCare in Liberia. Her research centers on the implementation of surgical training in Liberia, evaluating the impact of a decade-long postgraduate program and conducting a surgical training needs analysis among healthcare professionals. By integrating research with her work for CapaCare, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing quality surgical care in low-income countries through capacity-building of local health professionals, she strives to ensure that the findings are not only relevant but also directly applicable to the implementation of surgical training in Liberia



## Moderator of panel debate:



**Guri Charlotte Wiggen** is an independent journalist and writer with broad experience from the Global South. She writes articles in several genres, often related to the UN's sustainability goals, often stories from a gender perspective, such as health, child marriage, women's rights, labor opportunities and gender equality. She has a free-lance consulting assignments in the Ivory Coast for West Africa's largest competence network for women. She has reported from Mali for the past ten years about security, international political and development issues. Editorial board member of the Africa site [www.afrika.no](http://www.afrika.no) (Norwegian Council for Africa) and she is widely used as a presenter and moderator. Holds a master's degree in Global Development Studies and additional Gender studies