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Dr. Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija is a member of the Africa Union's African Vaccine Delivery Alliance, a Global Advisory Board Member for WomenLift Health and Chief Strategist for CONVINCE Africa. She is the former Chief Humanitarian Coordinator (CHC) at the helm of the Nigerian Emergency Coordination Centre, she was a high-level interlocutor between state and non-state actors at governmental and intergovernmental levels. Previously, she served with the United Nations. She has also advised on achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post 2015 development agenda in the areas of health, education and life-skills in Africa (Rwanda, Kenya and Malawi to name but a few), the Caribbean and the Pacific where her input was integral to MDG achievement in certain quarters. A graduate of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London) with a Master of Science Degree in International Development and Public Health, Dr. Alakija is also a published researcher. She has collaborated as lead researcher with the World Health Organisation in the design, coordination and implementation of national health and behavioural surveys across nations.

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