

# Network Update

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars for our upcoming in-person event for July/August 2024 in Atlanta, GA! This year, we will only host our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to give time to complete our strategic planning process and to prepare for our in-person meeting. The AGM will be held in August/September (August 26, September 8, or September 16) as all-virtual. Stay tuned.

## Meet Our Newest Graduate

### Nancin Dadem (Ph.D.)



Nancin Dadem completed her Ph.D. in Health Communication at Ohio University in May 2023. She worked as a research specialist for 12 years exploring critical issues that influence the uptake, adherence, and retention of antiretroviral therapy in Nigeria/Africa south of the Sahara. Her current research centers on the promotion of preventive health behaviors. She explores individual,

relational, and contextual influences on women's health behavior especially where disease prevention is possible and available. Nancin investigates social and behavioral dimensions of health and seeks culturally centered strategies for intervention. Her awards and recognitions include outstanding performance, university-wide research awards, and honorable mentions for excellence in teaching. Nancin received her B.A. from the University of Jos and M.A. degree from Bayero University Kano. Nancin enjoys family time and traveling.

**Congratulations Nancin!**

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## In Brief

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good health.



At our [Annual](#)

[Meeting](#) last year, we spent quite a bit of time talking about how to prepare ourselves for the [Future of Work](#). With the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency lifted and generative AI becoming more commonplace, the Future of Work is [here](#).

*What does this look like for you? What challenges does this present? What opportunities does this present? What jobs will disappear/could disappear? What new opportunities exist?*

We'd love to hear from you! Send us your thoughts at [mta-wainc@gmail.com](mailto:mta-wainc@gmail.com) or through this [webform](#).

Margaret Gitau, President.

## Our 2023 Volunteers

Abigail Ekeigwe  
Amina Naliaka  
Christine Adhiambo  
Clare Muhoro  
Gugulethu Khumalo  
Jelioth Kagendo  
Margaret Gitau  
Margaret Okomo-Adhiambo  
Mercy Okezue  
Pauline Welikhe  
Senorpe Hiablie  
Wangari Wambui

*Many thanks for your support!*

## Welcome New Members

Maureen Wanjira, University of Nairobi.  
Mercy Awuor Nasike Tago, University of Nairobi.

Kendi Josyline, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.

## Members on the Move

**Published:** Mercy Okezue, [new publication](#) in *MDPI Pharmaceuticals Journal* in Special Issue on Polymorphs, Salts, and Cocrystals in Drug Delivery

**Selected:** Jelieth Kagendo, three months internship on vaccine manufacturing with South African Medical Research Council.

**Published:** Jelieth Kagendo, [new publication](#) in *MDPI Vaccines* in Special Issue on Attitudes and Perspectives toward COVID-19 Vaccines

**Graduated:** Nancin Dadem, Ph.D. Health Communication, Ohio University

## About MTAWA

The Mentoring neTwork for African Women in Academia (MTAWA) is an organization that establishes and builds networks for African women in academia in support of their academic and professional growth and success. By convening groups of African women professionals, scholars, and students we provide much needed information, mentoring, and support.

**For more information:**  
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## Get Involved

**Slack Account:** *Get Access to Member Only Content.* We have established an account on Slack with several channels to enhance member engagement. Once we have your contact information, you will receive an invite from Amina Brenda Naliaka to join the group on Slack.

**LinkedIn:** *Follow Us.* Our [LinkedIn](#) page is now actively managed. We welcome everyone to engage, follow, like, comment, etc.

**Send us your news:** [mtawainc@gmail.com](mailto:mtawainc@gmail.com).

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