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Dr. Makanga is a clinician-scientist with 26 years of professional experience of working on health and poverty-related infectious diseases in Africa. This includes 22 years of work experience on medical product development and clinical regulatory activities. He holds a Medical Degree from Makerere University, Uganda, and has been in various clinical and research positions before and after undertaking a Master's Degree at the University of Liverpool, and a PhD Clinical Pharmacology at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Before joining EDCTP, Dr Makanga was first in clinical practice and academia, and later clinical research and research management. He joined EDCTP in 2004 and has served in different progressive management positions prior to his current appointment. During the last 15 years at EDCTP, he has built up significant experience in global health, research for health capacity development, quality assurance, project management and evaluation, health and research management as well as diplomacy and engagement with policy makers, health and regulatory authorities in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. Moreover, he has served in various scientific and policy advisory boards for international product development, philanthropic organisations, World Bank and pharmaceutical companies involved in developing medicinal products for poverty related and neglected diseases.