



Lifebox Expands Global Leadership with Four New Members of its Global Governance Council

March 20, 2025 – [Lifebox](#), the global safe surgery and anesthesia nonprofit, is excited to announce the election of Judy Khanyola, Kate Harrington, Mohan Sancheti, and Tola Sunmonu-Balogun to its [Global Governance Council](#) (GGC). The four new members of Lifebox’s highest governing body bring a wealth of experience in nursing leadership, governance, medical technology innovation, and public health strategy.

Judy Khanyola is a registered community health nurse-midwife. She is the current Vice President of AFREhealth and previously served as the inaugural Chair of the Center for Nursing and Midwifery at the [University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda](#). Judy has extensive experience in nursing and midwifery in low-resource settings and has spearheaded nursing and midwifery education reforms focusing on pre-service and clinical education. *“Nurses are at the frontline of patient care, ensuring safety and dignity in every clinical encounter,”* said Khanyola. *“I look forward to enhancing the nursing perspective of Lifebox’s work in strengthening surgical safety and health system.”*

Kate Harrington is a practising lawyer with over 20 years of experience in international development. She served as the first General Counsel/Director of the United Nations Development Programme. She also served as Chief Counsel of the corporate and institutional division of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London and as a transactional lawyer at the International Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C. Kate’s expertise is in institutional governance – in particular, ensuring that organisations empower the right people and enable them to make good decisions. *“I’m delighted to join Lifebox and help to strengthen its governance infrastructure as the organisation continues to expand its measurable and sustainable impact on surgical and anaesthesia safety,”* said Harrington.

Mohan Sancheti brings over 25 years of experience in medical device manufacturing and operational leadership. As Senior Vice President of Operations at PROCEPT BioRobotics, he has driven advancements in medical technology, optimizing surgical tools and systems to improve patient outcomes. His supply chain management and engineering expertise will be crucial in supporting Lifebox's commitment to expanding access to high-quality, affordable surgical equipment in low-resource settings. *“Innovation in medical technology has the potential to transform global surgical care,”* said Sancheti. *“I am eager to contribute to Lifebox's efforts to ensure that essential surgical tools reach the facilities that need them most.”*

Tola Sunmonu-Balogun is an Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company, where she leads Nigeria's healthcare initiatives, focusing on women's health. She has played a key role in strengthening healthcare delivery systems and collaborating with public and private stakeholders to enhance access to primary care, workforce

development, and maternal health services. Her deep understanding of public health challenges and solutions will be invaluable as Lifebox continues its work in low-resource settings. *"Access to safe surgical care is fundamental to building resilient health systems,"* said Sunmonu-Balogun. *"I am honored to support Lifebox in its mission and look forward to contributing to impactful solutions that enhance patient safety."*

Dr. Alexander Hannenberg, Interim Chair of the Lifebox Global Governance Council, emphasized the strategic significance of these appointments, stating: *"Bringing together leaders with expertise in health system strengthening, medical technology, governance, and nursing aligns perfectly with Lifebox's work. We look forward to their contributions in driving forward our strategic goals."*

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About Lifebox:

Lifebox is a global nonprofit dedicated to saving lives by improving the safety of surgery and anesthesia globally. Through tools, training, and partnerships, Lifebox addresses the critical gaps in surgical systems to make surgery and anesthesia safer worldwide. Co-founded by Dr. Atul Gawande in 2011, Lifebox has worked in 116 countries and trained more than 13,000 healthcare providers to make 248 million surgeries safer. To learn more about Lifebox, visit lifebox.org

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