

Biography: Prof Salim Abdool Karim

Prof Salim S. Abdool Karim, FRS, is a South African clinical infectious disease epidemiologist, widely recognised for scientific contributions to the prevention and treatment of HIV. He is Director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), Durban, and CAPRISA Professor of Global Health at Columbia University, New York.

Dr Abdool Karim is an Adjunct Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard University, Boston, Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Cornell University, New York, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban. Before taking on the role as Chair of the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID-19, he served as President of the South African Medical Research Council. He is also a member of the African Coronavirus Task Force and a Commissioner of the Lancet Commission on COVID-19.

Ranked among the world's most cited scientists by *Web of Science*, Dr Abdool Karim serves on the boards of several journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet Global Health*, *Lancet HIV* and *mBio*. Dr Abdool Karim is the Chair of the UNAIDS Scientific Expert Panel, the WHO HIV Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee, as well as the WHO TB-HIV Task Force. He is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for Global Health at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS).

His many awards include the African Union's Kwame Nkrumah Award (Africa's most prestigious scientific award), the Kuwait Al-Sumait Award, the Canadian Gairdner Global Health Award, and pinnacle awards from the African Academy of Sciences, Academy of Science in South Africa, Royal Society of South Africa, and the South African Medical Research Council. He is a member of the American Academy of Microbiology and the Association of American Physicians, as well as the US National Academy of Medicine.