

**1.8** Billion  
Young  
People  
*for Change*

*Global Forum for Adolescents '23*

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to Promote Adolescent  
Health and Well-being**

**What's Happening?**  
*Speaker: Professor David Ross*



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# About the Speaker

## Professor David Ross

David grew up in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the UK. He is a clinically-trained epidemiologist doing research and training on adolescent health and well-being and is a “Professor Extraordinary” in Epidemiology and Public Health in the Institute for Life Course Health Research of Stellenbosch University.

From 2015-2020, he led the World Health Organization (WHO)’s work on adolescent health research and guideline development. Prior to that, he had spent 32 years on the academic staff of the LSHTM, during which he was based in Africa (Ethiopia, Sudan, Ghana and Tanzania) for ten years.

David currently lives in Germany. He is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Adolescent Health and is a consultant to the Child Health Initiative of the FIA Foundation, seconded to the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) to work on technical underpinnings for the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign and the Agenda for Action for Adolescents. He is also a consultant to WHO to advise on the Y-Check Adolescent Health and Well-being Check-Ups Research Programme in Ghana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.