

Prof Fred N. Were (<http://profiles.uonbi.ac.ke/fredrickwere/>) has been appointed a member of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) with effect from November 2013 to November 2016. SAGE is the principal advisory group on Vaccines and immunization. It advises WHO on global overall policies and strategies, ranging from vaccines and technology, research and development, to delivery of immunizations and its linkages with health and other interventions. SAGE is concerned not only with childhood vaccines and immunizations but with all vaccine preventable diseases.

He is also a member of the WHO/AFRO Regional Measles and Rubella Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for a term of 3-years with effect from April 2013. This group is the technical advisory body on the effective implementation towards measles mortality reduction since 2005. Measles TAG members are charged with addressing key technical and strategic issues related to achieving regional measles elimination target by 2020.

These appointments are based on Prof Fred Were's extensive experience in the field of public health in the region and globally. Prof Fred Were is a Professor and Neonatologist in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Nairobi. He has been involved in multiple national and international initiatives to promote newborn survival. He is the current president of East African Paediatric Association.