

## Pierre M'Pelé (MD, MPH, PhD)

Mercy Ships Ambassador for Africa & Africa Bureau Director



**Nationality:** Congolese (Congo Brazzaville)

**Expertise:** Epidemiology and Public Health, Infectious diseases and Tropical Medicine.

Pierre MPELE became a Physician in 1982. He obtained post doctorate degrees from the University of Paris (Epidemiology, Infectious diseases and Tropical Medicine, Nutrition and Public Health).

In Congo, while Director of the National AIDS Control Programme from 1987 to 1998, Dr. M'PELE was simultaneously Director of the National Laboratory of Public Health, head of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Center of the Teaching Hospital of Brazzaville and Special Advisor in charge of Health, Social Protection and Science to the Presidency of the Republic of Congo.

Dr. M'PELE worked as an international consultant for UNDP, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, IPPF, US Government USAID, WHO, UNICEF and lecturer at the Institute of Social and Economic Studies at Pantheon-Sorbonne University. He led several training activities in the field of Public Health on both national and international levels.

In 1995, Dr. M'PELE was elected President of the African Society against AIDS - a position he held until 2005.

From 2000 to 2004, Dr. M'PELE led the UNAIDS Inter-country Technical Support Team for West and Central Africa (25 countries) based in Abidjan (Ivory Coast), and UNAIDS Country Director for Nigeria (2004 to 2007).

In April 2007, Dr. M'PELE joined the World Health Organization as a Country Representative in Equatorial Guinea (2007 - 2010), Togo (2010 - 2013), Ethiopia (2013 – 2015) and Republic of Benin (2015-2016).

Dr Pierre M'PELE is appointed by the Mercy Ships International Board in May 14, 2016 as Africa Ambassador for Mercy Ships, with the responsibility of cultivating relationships across the Africa Continent and from 1st of July 2017 he is in charge of Africa Bureau.

Dr M'PELE is the author and co-author of numerous books and published more than 100 scholarly and scientific articles. He has received several scientific awards such as the 1988 Noury Lemarrié Award from the French Society of Exotic Pathology "the best young researcher of the year".

Pierre M'PELE is Commander of the French Legion of honor, **France** (1996), Knight of the Senegalese National Order of the Lion, **Senegal** (1998), Knight of the National Order of **Burkina Faso** (2000), Commander in the National order of Merit of **Benin** (2016).

Dr M'PELE received the Public Health Medal of Honor and Knight of the Congolese order of merit of the **Republic of Congo** (1989) and the Medal of Health development Hero of **Ethiopia** (2015).

Dr Pierre M'PELE has just published in February 2019 his first autobiography: *From The Beginning To The Near-End Of The AIDS Epidemic In Africa* published by Editions, Maia, Paris, France.