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**IHI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NNEKA MOBISSON-ETUK
NAMED A 2014 YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER BY WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**

Mobisson-Etuk joins class of more than 200 bold, brave, entrepreneurial leaders committed to making the world a better place

Cambridge, MA – April 2, 2014 – [The Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI), a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide, is honored to announce that Executive Director Dr. Nneka Mobisson-Etuk has been named to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) [Young Global Leaders](#) (YGL) class of 2014, thanks to her committed energy and knowledge in addressing some of the most critical issues facing humankind today.

Currently, Dr. Mobisson-Etuk is leading IHI's on the ground partnerships in Africa to reduce maternal, infant, and under-five mortality. This work, anchored by quality improvement processes, is underway in Ghana, in Malawi, and is in the planning stages in Ethiopia. Dr. Mobisson-Etuk also oversees IHI's ongoing engagement with teams in South Africa to increase the numbers of HIV-positive individuals receiving life-saving medications and to reduce mother to child transmission of HIV. IHI has expanded this work to a number of countries in East and Southern Africa through its leadership of a USAID-WHO initiative to improve survival of HIV-exposed infants. More recently Dr. Mobisson-Etuk has led IHI's work to support the development of the national healthcare quality strategy with the Federal Ministry of Health in Nigeria.

"Nneka is a guiding force in community health and population health management, addressing the pressing health needs of some of the world's poorest communities," said Pierre Barker Senior VP at IHI. "We're privileged to have one of our leaders recognized in such a way and congratulate Nneka on her inspiring work."

YGLs are proposed through a qualified nomination process and assessed according to rigorous selection criteria to create a diverse and globally representative body. The 213 individuals selected for the 2014 class are all under the age of 40 and have achieved their success young; they've demonstrated a commitment to serving society at large; they have a recognized record of extraordinary achievement, substantial leadership experience, and there's a clear indication that this will continue for the rest of their career; and each has an impeccable public record and good standing in their community.

David Aikman, Managing Director and Head of the New Champions at the WEF, added: "Young Global Leaders are not just exceptional people in their own right: they are leaders that already have a track record in improving the state of the world. We welcome the Class of 2014 into our community and look forward to collectively engaging them to deliver change of genuine global significance."

Prior to her time with IHI, Dr. Mobisson-Etuk worked with the World Bank, developing the health care strategy for Africa and investing in private health care in other resource-poor countries. She was VP of Community Health and Population Health Management at the Connecticut Hospital Association, where she built broad-based constituencies to address health disparities, provided leadership to hospitals in the area of population health management, and devised statewide health initiatives to better address community health and reduce costs. She has completed her pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, earned a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from MIT, an MPH from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, and an MD and MBA from Yale University.

About The Institute for Healthcare Improvement

IHI is a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide. For more than 25 years, we have partnered with an ever-growing community of visionaries, leaders, and front-line practitioners around the globe to spark bold, inventive ways to improve the health of individuals and populations. Together, we build the will for change, seek out innovative models of care, and spread proven best practices. When it comes to raising the quality of health for all, IHI sees boundless possibilities and while we see the walls in front of us, we will not rest until we reach the other side. Learn more at ihi.org.

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