



# CCIS

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## GLOBAL HEALTH ACTION GROUP

# Overview

- Global Health Action Group Background
- Session 1: Decolonization
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- Group brainstorming: New ideas and topics
- Summary and Next Steps

# Global Health Action Group Background

## Three topics generated during 2022 Global Health Action Group:

- Decolonizing implementation science
- Knowledge dissemination strategy for implementation science public goods in global health context/Capacity Building
- Develop infographics related to implementation science concepts and tools for navigating local/project priorities

## Two topics discussed during 2023 Global Health Action Group

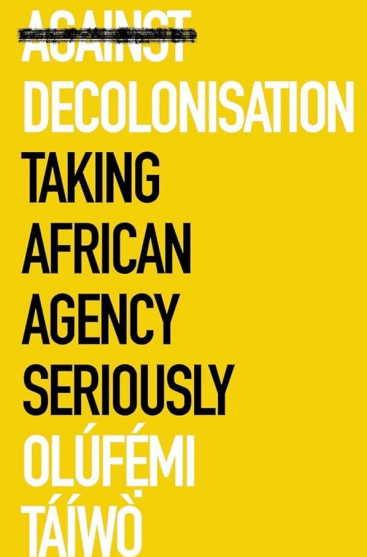
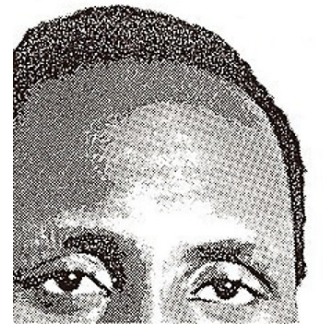
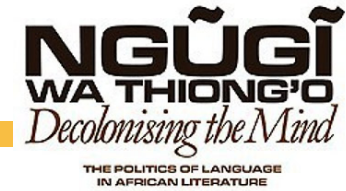
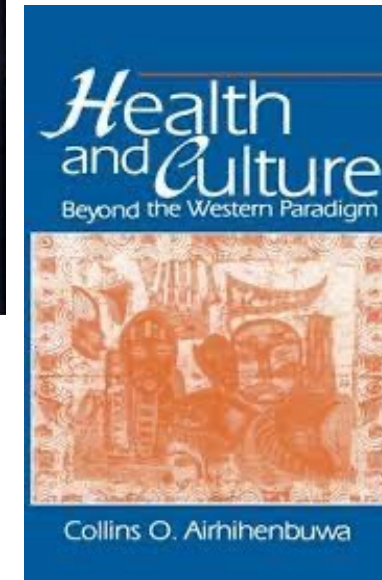
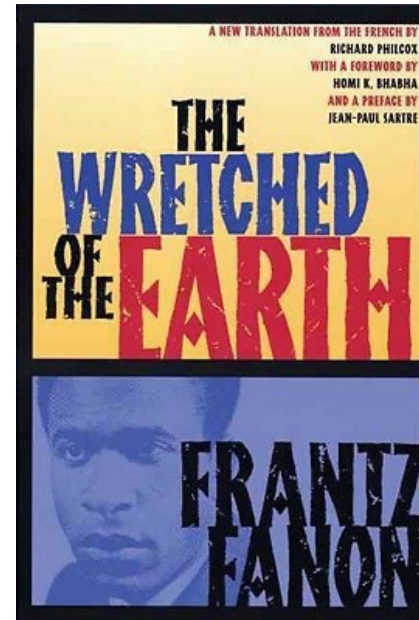
- Decolonization
- Capacity Building

# Session 1 - Decolonization Background

Franz Fanon's work *Wretched of the Earth* (1963), is one of the seminal books that provides a comprehensive outline for the decolonization process.

Decolonization is noted to include micro and macro forms. Micro aspects focus on mind, body, language (e.g. Ngugi Wa Thiongo, *Decolonizing of the Mind*; Taiwo, *Against Decolonization*)

Macro forms involve structural and institutional change (Airhihenbua's *Health beyond the Western Paradigm*). Both are interconnected.



## Session 1 - Is it time to decolonize implementation science?

**Brainstorm your thoughts, ideas, examples, tools, process, or stories to these questions:**

1. What does it mean to decolonize implementation science for cancer control?
2. Who decides how to decolonize implementation science for cancer control?
3. Why decolonize implementation implementation science?
4. Where do we begin with decolonization with implementation science for cancer control globally?
5. When does it end (if there is an ending) with decolonization?

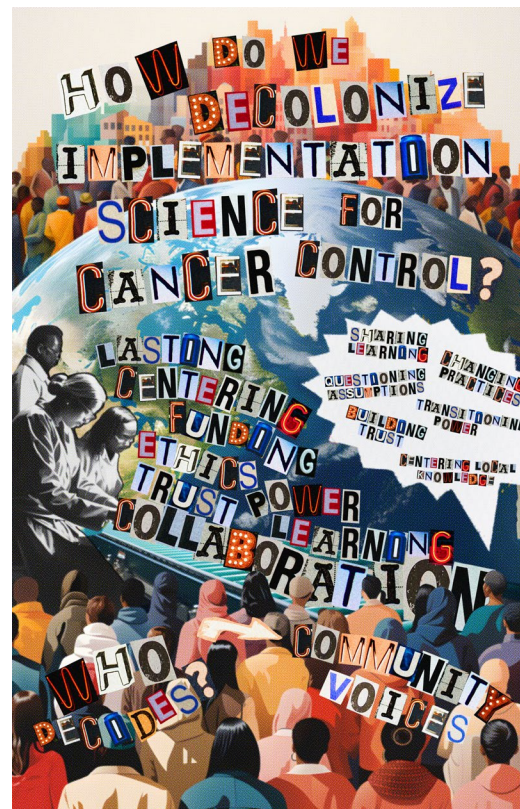
# Brainstorming Findings/Discussions

- **What is decolonization?**
  - Trust, Learning, Power, Questioning, Centering, Funding, Lasting.
- **Who decides?**
  - Voices unknown, Voices from the community, Voices impacting, Voices deciding, Voices funding, Voices sustaining.
- **Why decolonize?**
  - Ongoing journey, ethically moral, fostering long term collaborations, sustainability.
- **Examples**
  - Authorship, meetings held in-countries, Training and Funding grants requiring partnerships

# Discussion 1 Public Good: A community affair

## Collage as an implementation science research tool:

- A versatile art form that accommodates multiple texts and visuals as inquiry. It values multiple distinctive understandings and deliberately incorporates nondominant modes of knowing, such as visual arts.
- Words and poetry as collage
  - To center the voices, lived experiences, and perspectives of different stakeholder groups
- Next steps
  - Aortic meeting
  - Crowdsourcing activities



Who decides how to decolonize implementation science for cancer control and how do we do it? This digital collage aims to clarify the critical necessity of a community-centric approach in the process of decolonizing implementation science for cancer control.  
 Bianca Kipp, & Juliet Iwelunmor, 2023.



### A community affair

Many of us can narrate at least one  
 A story  
 Can speak the name of another  
 A survivor  
 Or utter the memory of two or three  
 Those who've lost their battles

*Cancer has touched everyone*

We've dreamed of heart-shaped herbs  
 To reunite us with our loved ones on ancestral planes

The word itself lands heavy with fear  
 News of shiny carcinogens in our candy, plastics, and exhaust fumes  
 Linger,  
 seems like the risk of living

*This threat belongs to us all.*  
 And if it is, ours . . .

Why, then, are the few chosen to speak?  
 Privileged to sanction and constrain language.  
 What business do power imbalances have with healing?

Why is the medical field often a mechanism for invisibility?

*This threat belongs to us all -*

Dismantle, Disrupt:  
 whose voice matters,  
 whose voice is heard,  
 who has a seat at the table, who can sustain it.

Decolonize who's considered, policy maker, implementor, investigator, and ally

So, let us conduct the empirical and spiritual work of unlearning for the Public Good

Because decolonization is a community affair,

And so is healing.

Samantha Major, 2023.

## Session 2 - Capacity Building Background

- Non-academic community is already doing implementation science
- To advance Implementation Science, we need to:
  - Engage in meaningful collaborations – between academic and non-academic partners
  - Conduct research together
  - Find common language
- Call to action:
  - Community-level
  - Researchers
  - Funders



## Session 2 - Capacity building: The role of non-academic communities

**Brainstorm and share thoughts, ideas, and examples of successes regarding the following overarching themes for capacity building:**

1. Defining existing needs for academic and non-academic partners to work together when conducting implementation research
2. Developing meaningful collaborations between academic and community partners - finding a common language, conducting research together and identifying dissemination needs
3. Identifying parameters of a Call to Action at multiple levels: community; academic/researcher; funder level

## Discussion 2 - Public Good: Commentary

A commentary entitled:

*Is there a role for the non-academic community as co-creators in implementation research? We believe there must be!*

# Group Brainstorming - Findings/Discussion

- **Defining existing needs**
  - Incentives for non-academic partners
  - Data documentation/Translation of science to practice
  - Training and capacity building
  - Funding and Sustainability
- **Fostering meaningful collaborations**
  - Co-creation/communication tools
  - Advocates as bridges
  - Goalkeepers versus gate keepers
- **Leading a call to action**
  - Funding for non-researchers
  - Reimagining community engagement
  - Sustainability and funding

## Next Steps - Discussions/Public Goods

- **Partnerships with communities**
  - Decolonizing the field: community-based/ organizational perspectives
  - Strategies for fostering community engagement
- **Capacity building with non-academic researchers**
- **Adaptation of tools**
  - Other languages
  - Simplifying tools



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