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### Biography

Kwanele Asante is the Former Chairperson of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Cancer Prevention and Control, Republic South Africa. She is the Secretary-Treasurer Elect of the African Organisation of Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC). Asante taught and was the Unit Head of the Health Law module at the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. She has received several awards for her African cancer equity activism, including the Harvard Global Health Catalyst – 2016 African Ambassador Award.

Her research interests include – Pharmaceutical Patents and Access to Medicines, Meaningful Patient Involvement in Public Health Research & Public Health Policy Decisions, Cancer Research Advocacy, End of Life Choices - including the Right to Die, Children's Right to Health, Addressing the Social and Commercial Determinants of Health, Closing Global Cancer Disparities, Closing Global Pain Disparities, Developing Human Rights Based Approaches to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Prevention Control, Mental Health Rights, Reproductive and Sexual Health Rights, and the intersections between Global Health, Competition Law, Trade and Human Rights.

Asante has a B.A. Liberal Arts (Psychology-Sociology major) degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, USA. LLB and MSc Medicine: Bioethics and Health Law degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. And a short course certificate in Law and Lifestyle: A Human Rights Approach to Non-Communicable Diseases, Global Health Law Groningen Research Centre, Netherlands.