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Maimuna Mendy completed higher degree studies (Ph.D) in Virology at the University of London in 1994.

In addition to her background in molecular virology and infectious disease and cancer, she has over 30 years' experience on hepatitis research working at the Medical Research Council laboratories, Fajara, The Gambia (now known as the MRC@Ishtm). Focusing on HBV molecular studies, assembling and managing longitudinal cohorts in Africa, managing biological resources and coordinating the biobank activities for several scientific projects.

Dr Maimuna Mendy worked for the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) from 2010-17 as Head, Laboratory Services and Biobank Group and in 2017-18 as a Senior Visiting Scientist.

Dr Mendy successfully led the centralization of the IARC biobank which has brought together the Agencies sample collections from individual studies on one platform and is managed centrally by a common database. In 2012, she founded and co-ordinated the Biobank Cohort Building Network (BCNet) for low-middle-income countries, now consisting of 36 institutional laboratories in 24 LMICs.

Prior to her retirement from IARC, Dr Mendy 's memberships to international organizations include, Vice President for AORTIC (2015-17), Member of the European based Biobanking Biomolecular Research Infrastructure (BBMRI-ERIC) Assembly and Scientific Committee (2013-17), councillor for European Middle Eastern and African Society for Biobanking Biomolecular (ESBB) (2017-).