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Dr. Chockalingam currently serves as the Secretary General of the World Hypertension League. He was previously the founding Director of the Office of Global Health at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) between 2010 and 2013. Dr. Chockalingam received his undergraduate degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from the University of Madras, India (1970); a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India (1978); and a Doctor of Philosophy in Cardiac Physiology and Pharmacology from Memorial University of Newfoundland (1982).

Dr. Chockalingam's experience encompasses a unique combination of global health research, policy, training, and administration in addition to international leadership within the global health community. He is a co-author of the Institute of Medicine's March 2010 report, *"Promoting Cardiovascular Health in the Developing World: A Critical Challenge to Achieve Global Health"*, which lays out a vision for curbing and ultimately preventing cardiovascular disease in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). This was one of the key resource documents for the United Nations' High Level Meeting on Non-communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control, held in New York, September 2011. He also participated in the developments of UN Resolution 66 on NCD Prevention and Control (2011).

Prior to joining the NHLBI in April 2010, Dr. Chockalingam was Director of Continuing Public Health Education at the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, where he was also Professor and Director of Global Health. He has also served as Associate Director of the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health in the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Senior Policy Advisor at the Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Health Canada.

Dr. Chockalingam is passionate about global health research, particularly on NCD prevention and control in LMICs. He has established research collaborations in China, India, Germany, Malaysia, Kenya, and Argentina. His multidisciplinary research interests go beyond cardiovascular health in to household air pollution, mental health as well as congruency of health, agriculture and economics. Dr. Chockalingam has published over 160 papers and 11 book chapters, served as an editorial board member and reviewer for numerous journals and was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Hypertension Control* (1994-1999) and associate editor of *CVD Prevention* (1992-1988). He has been a reviewer for research granting agencies, such as the Canadian Institute of Health Research, the NIH/NHLBI, and the European Commission. He has organized several national and international conferences in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Chockalingam is a fellow of the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. He has also received many prestigious awards, including the Canadian Deputy Minister of Health's Recognition Award (1997), the Canadian Cardiovascular Society's Harold Segal Award of Merit (1998), the Canadian Institute of Health Research President's Recognition Award (2005), the Blood Pressure Canada's George Fodor Award (2007), the Canadian Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage's Medal of Honor (2007), and the Simon Dack Award from the Mount Sinai Medical Center (2013).

Dr. Chockalingam climbed and reached the glaciers covered summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, also known as *Roof of Africa* (5,895 m), in Tanzania in November, 2002.