

Dr. Catharina BOEHME
Chief Executive Officer
FIND

As CEO of FIND, Dr. Boehme is overseeing the operations of the organization, with the assistance of the Leadership Team and supporting staff.

In her previous roles at FIND, as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Head of the TB programme, Catharina was responsible for clinical evaluation of new tools for diagnosis for TB, malaria and neglected diseases. She also oversaw FIND's downstream activities which focused on laboratory strengthening, in-country validation and implementation. Catharina managed the R&D projects for several new point of care technologies and molecular diagnostic approaches requiring close interaction with the diagnostics industry, academia and WHO.

Catharina has an extensive background in clinical evaluation and has managed over 30 early-stage trials, 5 late-phase large-scale trials, including for 5 diagnostic tools recently endorsed by WHO. She played a key role in FIND's Xpert MTB/RIF feasibility, evaluation and implementation studies in 12 high-burden countries, with a focus on identifying ways to adapt the device for use in low-resource settings.

Prior to joining FIND in 2005, she worked as programme coordinator for the Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases in Munich, Germany and established a TB research unit at Mbeya Medical Research Program in Tanzania.

Catharina holds a Doctor of Medicine degree in Internal Medicine (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany) and diplomas in Public Health (Charite, Berlin, Germany) and in Management & Leadership (University of Heidelberg, Germany).