

# The Law and Evidence on Self-Managed Abortion Virtual Panel Series

## Panel 2: How do restrictions on abortion provision drive self-managed abortion?



### **Dr. Wanjiru Kareithi**

Co-coordinator of Lawyers Network supporting self-managed abortion activism throughout Africa

Wanjiru Kareithi is a human rights advocate and a legal scholar and is currently the Co-coordinator of a network of lawyers working to support SMA activism in Africa. She has a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree from the University of Pretoria in South Africa, a Master of Laws Degree (LLM) in International Law from the University of Bristol in the UK, and a Law degree (LLB) from Kenya. She has worked as a human rights advocate for over twelve years in government and non-governmental organizations. In her advocacy work, she has spearheaded initiatives on women's advancement and gender-based approaches to human rights on platforms such as the African Commission on Peoples and Human Rights in the Women's working group on sexual and reproductive health rights and at the Human Rights Council in Geneva on women's rights issues. In her professional journey, she has worked with partner organizations including in the EAC, ECOWAS, and SADC regions, and garnered expertise while working closely with strategic partners across multiple countries in the diaspora on economic and social-cultural issues that affect women in Africa and around the world.

As a legal scholar, she has written and published work about women, and her doctoral thesis centered on women's rights and specifically on women's social and economic rights as well as their sexual and reproductive rights. She has also written on the challenges of customary practices for women, and the challenges of legal pluralism in Africa and provided perspective on potential responses to create synergies in applying both legal systems.



### **Dr. Suchitra Dalvie**

Coordinator, Asian Safe Abortion Partnership

Dr. Suchitra Dalvie, Coordinator ASAP is a gynaecologist and has been working in the development sector for over two decades. She has a focus on women's sexual and reproductive health in the context of gender and rights with a special interest in safe abortion rights and sex determination.