

12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
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Day 1: Tuesday March 28, 2023 continued COVID-19 Epidemiology and Response in Africa, Other Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases. Session 2 Parallel Tracks 1 – 2 <i>Each slot comprises of 20 minutes presentation and 10 min discussions</i>		
13:30 - 16:00	Track 1 Chair: A2 Prof Caroline L. Trotter Rapporteur: B2 Dr Brenda Kwambana, MLW	Track 2 Chair: A3 Dr Michael Ofori Rapporteur: B3 Dr Joseph Okeibunor
13:30 – 14:00	Employing a Community Based Response Initiative to Address COVID-19 and Other Public health emergencies in Africa: Dr Thierno Balde, EPR, WHO/AFRO	COVID-19 therapeutics and Case Management: Dr. Jeremy Nel, Wits University
14:00 - 14:30	Recent Outbreaks of Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Africa - Dr. Ticha Johnson & Dr Jason M. Mwenda/WHO	Co-morbidities and post COVID-19 in Africa – Dr. Jambo Kondwani, Malawi / Dr. Christian Owoo, University of Ghana Medical School
14:30 - 15:00	International Guidance on Public Health Emergencies of International Concern – Dr. Jayne Tusiime, WHO.	Perceptions and barriers to community participation in the clinical research on COVID-19 – Dr. Effua Usuf, MRC Unit, LSHTM, The Gambia
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Discussions</i>	<i>Discussions</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:30	Panel Discussion 1: Chair: A4 Was COVID-19 epidemiology different in Africa: Demographics, Surveillance, Genetics? Prof. Cheryl Cohen, NICD, SA Prof. Helen Rees, Chair, RITAG Dr. Peter Quashie, WACCBIP, Ghana Prof. Pontiano Kaleebu, UVRI, Uganda Dr Benjamin Dahl, US CDC	
17:30 - 18:30	Session 3: Poster presentations Day 1 COVID-19 Epidemiology and Response in Africa, Other Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases. Chair A5 Dr. Mike Ofori, Rapporteur: B5 Joseph Okeibunor/WHO	Chair A4 Dr Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO Dr Nqobile Ndlovu Chief Executive Office ASLM
18:30	END Of DAY 1	

TIME	Day 2 Wednesday March 29, 2023: ACTIVITY		RESPONSIBLE
08:30 - 09:00	Day 1 Summary Report COVID-19 Epidemiology and Response in Africa, Other Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases		Rapporteurs B1 – B5
Session 4 Plenary 2: COVID-19 Vaccines, Access and Deployment Chair A6 Prof. Keith Klugman, BMGF Rapporteur: B6 : Messeret Shebeshi & Gilson Paluku <i>Each slot comprises of 20 minutes presentation and 10 min discussion</i>			
09:00 – 09:30	Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines		Prof Katherine O'BRIEN, /WHO HQ
09:15–09:30	COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment Dynamics in Africa		Dr. Phionah Atuhebwe,WHO/AFRO
09:30 –10:00	Access and Vaccine Inequity in Africa		Director-General, Africa CDC
10:00 –10:30	Understanding Immunity to SARS-CoV-2 infections in Africa		Prof. Shabir A. Madhi, Wits University, SA
10:30 –11:00	<i>Discussions</i>		Chair Prof. Keith Klugman
11:00 –11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30 –13:00	Session 5. COVID-19 Vaccines, Access and Deployment Parallel Tracks 3 and 4 <i>Each 30 minutes slot comprises 15 minutes presentation and 15 minutes discussion</i>		
	Track 3 Chair A7 Prof. Francisca Mutapi/TIBA/Chair, SSC Rapporteur: B7: Inacio Mandomando & Sergio Masora	Track 4 Chair A8 Dr. Nanthalile Mugala/PATH Rapporteur: B8: Bridget Farham & Abbie Barry	Chair A7: Prof. Francisca Mutapi , TIBA /Chair, SSC Chair A8: Dr. Nanthalile Mugala/PATH
11:00 –11:30	Experience of implementing vaccine safety surveillance for COVID-19 vaccines- Dr. Amavi Edinam/WHO	Social Behavior Change (SBC) Strategies for Routine Childhood and Adult Immunization- Charles Nelson Kakaire, /UNICEF	
11:30 –12:00	Vaccine Potency and quality Monitoring in Africa- PATH/JSI?	COVID-19 Vaccines uptake: Hesitancy, Risk Communication and Social Media Misinformation – Prof. Heidi J. Larson, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	

<p>12:00 –12:30</p>	<p>COVID-19 Vaccination of High-Risk Populations and Humanitarian Settings – Dr. Alice Wimmer, IOM/WHO</p>	<p>Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic – Prof. Amos Petu, WHO & Ms Nathalie Vande Maele, WHO</p>	
<p>12:20 –13:00</p>	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Chair: A9 Prof Benjamin Kagina, SA Rapporteur: B9 Dr Sidy Ndiaye & Dr Fred Osei Sarpong Role of NITAGs in COVID-19 vaccine use decisions and vaccination in Africa Prof Helen Rees, Prof. Nelson K. Sewankambo, Dr. Diakite Abdoul Aziz, Prof. Macpherson Mallewa, Dr. Assane Diouf</p>		<p>NITAG chairs Uganda, Mali, Malawi, Sénégal.</p>
<p>13:00 –14:00</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>		

Day 3: Thursday March 30, 2023		
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
08:30 – 09:00	Day 2 Summary Report on COVID-19 Vaccines, Access and Deployment	Rapporteurs B7 – 13
<p align="center">Session 8 Plenary 3. Seroepidemiological Surveys, Vaccine Effectiveness & Manufacturing Chair A14: UK Health Security Agency & Dr. Ifedayo Adetifa, Director General, NCDC Rapporteur: B14: Elise Sarah Farley & Latif Ndeketa</p>		
09:00 – 09:20	COVID-19 Seroepidemiological Studies in Africa	Dr. Elise Farley & Hannah Lewis/ WHO AFRO
09:20 – 09:40	Overview of Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccines	Dr. Michelle Groome, NICD, SA/Dr Jason Mwenda/WHO
09:40 – 10:00	Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa	Dr. Nicaise Ndembi Africa CDC/ARD/WHO
10:00 – 10:30	Discussions	Chair: A14 UK HSE & NCDC
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:0 – 13:00	<p>Session 9 Parallel Tracks 5 and 6 COVID-19 Serosurveys, Vaccine Effectiveness & Manufacturing <i>Each slot is 15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes discussion</i></p>	
	<p>Track 5 Chair A15: Dr. Ros Hollingsworth BMGF Rapporteur B15 Dr. Hannah Lewis Sarpong</p>	<p>Track 6 Chair A16: Dr Jane Chuma, World Bank Rapporteur B16 Dr Fred Osei</p>
11:00 – 11:20	Co-ordination of the vaccine effectiveness studies in Africa - Dr. Anthony Nardone, EPICONCEPT & Dr Jason M. Mwenda/WHO	Advocacy for Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa-Dr. Simon Agwale, African Vaccine Manufacturing Initiative
11:20 – 11:40	COVID-19 Serosurvey and Vaccine Effectiveness Evaluation in Ghana – Nicholas Amoako, KHRC, Ghana	Vaccine Regulation in African Region/AVAREF – Dr Lydia Tuitai, Consultant/UCN
11:40 – 12:00	COVID-19 Serosurvey – Dr. Eunice Kagucia, KEMRI Wellcome Trust, Kenya	Manufacturing of Laboratory Diagnostics and Vaccines- Dr Amadou Moustapha NDOYE Institute Pasteur Dakar, Senegal

12:00 – 12:20	Vaccine Effectiveness – Dr Saidou Balam, Mali	Updates on Vaccine Manufacturing – Dr Michael Lusiola, Kenya	
12:20 – 12:40	COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Against SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Symptomatic Illness while Omicron Variant was Dominant in Zambia – Dr. John Simwanza, Zambia	COVID-19 Data Innovation and Modelling-Dr. Sheetal Silal, South Africa	
12:40 – 13:00	Discussions	Discussions	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK		
14:00 -16:00	Day 3: Thursday March 30, 2023 continued Session 10 Plenary 4 Health Systems Strengthening Chair A17: Dr Folake Olayinka, USAID Rapporteur B17: Zandile Zibwowa & Hillary Kipchumb Kipruto		RESPONSIBLE
14:00-15:00	Lessons Learned from Managing Surge Demand for Workforce during COVID-19: Implications for Investing in Strengthening the Workforce for Future Emergencies (three countries)		Dr James ASAMANI Team Lead, HWF/WHO
15:00-16:00	Strengthening Regulatory Systems for Health – Policy and Practice from the COVID-19 Pandemic (four countries)		Dr Philippe DOO-KINGUE, Technical Officer Access to Medicines and Health Products/WHO
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30 – 17:30	Panel Discussion 4: Chair: A18: Dr Hilary KIPRUTO Rapporteur: B19: Zandile Zibwowa & Phillipe Doo-Kingue Lessons from COVID-19: Looking Forward to Improving Systems for Mortality Reporting AFRO/HIS; Kenya; Malawi; Democratic Republic of the Congo		Dr Hilary KIPRUTO, Technical Officer /WHO (countries/ experts)
17:30 – 18:30	Session 11. Poster Presentations Day 3 COVID-19 Serosurveys, Vaccine Effectiveness & Manufacturing Chair: A20 Dr Simon Agwale Rapporteur: B20 Elise Farley COVID-19 Vaccination Lessons, Health Systems Strengthening Chair A21 Dr Rabia Johnson Rapporteur B21: Zandile Zibwowa		Countries, National Institutions, Partners
18:30	END OF DAY 3		

Day 4: Friday March 31, 2023:		
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
08:00 – 08:30	Day 3 Summary Report Sero-epidemiological Surveys, Vaccine Effectiveness, Manufacturing / Health Systems Strengthening	Rapporteurs B15 – B21
Session 9 Plenary 4: Towards Resilient Health Systems in the WHO African Region Chair: A22 Dr Benjamin A. Dahl, US CDC/Dr Folake Olayinka, USAID Rapporteur: B22: Zandile Zibwowa & Hillary Kipchumb Kipruto		
08:30 – 09:00	Integrating COVID-19 vaccination into immunization service delivery and primary health care	Dr Ann Lindstrand/ IVB, WHO HQ
09:00 – 09:30	Empowering decision-makers to respond more effectively to epidemics/pandemic using evidence-based strategies	Dr Amanda McClelland, Senior Vice President Prevent Epidemics, Resolve to Save Lives, USA
09:30-09:45	Lessons learnt in enhancing community engagement resilience to strengthen primary health care and health systems in the African Region.	Dr Asiya Ismail ODUGLEH-KOLEV, WHO
09:45 – 10:00	Epidemiological modelling to guide public health emergencies decision making in sub-Saharan Africa	Prof Juliet Pulliam, Director, Centre of Excellence in Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis SACEMA, SA
10:00 – 10:30	Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and evidence available that can inform future response to public health emergencies in Africa: Partners and Country dialogue	Dr Benjamin Dahl, US CDC
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Session 10. Plenary 5: Towards Resilient Health Systems in Africa: Chair: A23 Dr. Anarfi Asamoah-Baah, Ghana Rapporteur: B23 Dr Doris Kirigia, WHO	
11:00 – 11:15	Broadening Partnerships, Effective Co-ordination and Resource Mobilization	Dr Pamela Drameh-Avognon, WHO
11:15 – 11:30	Capacity Strengthening for Resilient Health Systems in Africa	Dr Heena Brahmhatt, Global Health Security / USAID
11:30-12:00	Financing for Impact in Low and Low Middle Income Countries (LMICs)	Prof Jeffrey Sachs Professor of Economics, Columbia University, USA

12 :00-13 :00	Discussions	
13:00 - 13:30	Best Poster Announcements, Conference Evaluation	Chair, Poster sessions
13:30 - 14 :00	WHO CCs/ Research & Academic Institutions/ Partners Dialogue on COVID-19 pandemic research and innovation in Africa	Dr Lindiwe Makubalo, ARD, WHO/AFRO
14 :00 to 14 :30	Closing Ceremony	
15:30 - 15:00	Adoption of the Conference Recommendations	Dr Benido Impouma, Director, UCN/WHO
15:00 - 15:30	Closing Remarks	Dr Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director, WHO/AFRO Ministry of Health, South Africa
15:30	LUNCH & DEPARTURE	