

TIME	Day 1: Tuesday March 28, 2023 ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE Conference Coordinators: Dr. Jason M. Mwenda & Prof. William Ampofo		
07:00-08:00	Registration of Participants	Secretariat		
08:30 - 08:45	Administrative Announcements & Security Briefing	WHO		
	Official Opening Ceremony			
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome Remarks Introduction of Agenda, Objectives and Expected Outcomes	Dr Owen Kaluwa, WR, WHO/South Africa Dr Benido Impouma, Director, UCN/WHO		
09:00 – 09:20	Recorded Messages – Heads of State & Agencies Remarks by Africa CDC Remarks by WHO AFRO	Director-General, Africa CDC Dr Matshidiso Moeti Regional Director, WHO/AFRO		
09:20 - 09:30	Official Opening	Dr Mathume Joseph Phaahla, MP Minister of Health Republic of South Africa		
09:30 - 10:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break			
Chair A1: Prof. H	Session 1: Plenary 1: COVID-19 Epidemiology and Response in Africa, Other Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases. Chair A1: Prof. Helen Rees Rapporteur B1: Joseph Okeibunor & Jayne Tusiime each slot comprises of 30 minutes presentation with all discussions at end of the session			
10:00 - 10:30	COVID-19 Pandemic, Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases Impact on the Health Systems in Africa	Dr. Abdou Salam Gueye, Director, EPR/WHO/AFRO		
10:30 - 11:00	Using Genomic Surveillance to Detect Disease Outbreaks before they become Public Emergencies/Threats	Prof. Tulio de Oliviera, KRISP, South Africa /		
11:00 - 11:30	COVID-19 and HIV: what does this mean for future pandemics in Africa	Dr. Alex Sigal, AHRI, South Africa		
11:30 - 12:00	Understanding the Epidemiology of COVID-19 excess Mortality in Africa	Dr. Chodziwadziwa Kabudula, Wits University, South Africa		
12:00 – 12:30	Discussions	Chair A1 Prof. Helen Rees		



12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

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13:30 - 16:00	Track 1 Chair: A2 ProfCaroline 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 therapeuatics and Case Management: Dr. Jeremy Nel, Wits University	Chair A1: Prof Caroline L. Trotter, University of Cambridge, UK Chair A2: Dr. Michael Ofori, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research
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	(NMIMR), Ghana
15:30 - 16:00	Discussions	Discussions	
16:00 -16:30	Coffe	e 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		Chair A4 Dr Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO Dr Nqobile Ndlovu Chief Executive Office ASLM
17:30 - 18:30	Session 3: Poster presentations Day 1 COVID-19 Epidemiology and Response in Africa, Other Emerging and Remerging Diseases. Chair A5 Dr. Mike Ofori, Rapporteur: B5 Joseph Okeibunor/WHO		Poster Presentations Countries / Partners
18:30		END Of DAY 1	



TIME	Day 2 Wednesday March 29, 2023: ACTIVITY		RESPONSIBLE
08:30 - 09:00	COVID-19 Epidemiology and F	nmary Report Response in Africa, Other Emerging erging Diseases	Rapporteurs B1 – B5
	Plenary 2: COVID-19 Va	Session 4 accines, Access and Deployment oporteur: B6: Messeret Shebeshi & C ation and 10 min discussion	Gilson Paluku
09:00 – 09:30	Overview of COVID-19 Vaccine	es ·	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	Discussions		Chair Prof. Keith Klugman
11:00 -11:30	Coffee Break		
	Session 5. COVID-19 Vaccines, Access and Deployment Parallel Tracks 3 and 4 Each 30 minutes slot comprises 15 minutes presentation and 15 minutes discussion		
11:30 -13:00	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
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	, TIBA /Chair, SSC Chair A8: Dr. Nanthalile Mugala/PATH
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	



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13:00 -14:00	LUNCH BREAK		
12:20 -13:00	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		NITAG chairs Uganda,Mali,Malawi, Sénégal.
12:00 –12:30	COVID-19 Vaccination of High- Risk Populations and Humanitarian Settings – Dr. Alice Wimmer, IOM/WHO	Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic – Prof. Amos Petu, WHO& Ms Nathalie Vande Maele, WHO	



14:00 – 16:00	Track 3 Chair A10: Dr. Phionah Atuhebwe Rapporteur: B10: Prof. Amos Petu Each 20 minutes slot comprises 10	ccines, Access and Deployment Track 4 Chair A11: Dr. Ado Bwaka Rapporteur: B11: Dr Kafui Senya O minutes presentation with 10 minutes Gussion	
14:00 – 14:20	Overcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Barriers - Tanzania	Integration of COVID-19 Vaccination into primary health care-Rwanda	
14:20 - 14:40	COVID-19 Vaccine Hesistancy Challenges-Cameroon	Reaching COVID-19 Vaccination global Targets-Mauritius	Country
14:40 - 15:00	Strategies used to attain COVID- 19 Vaccination Targets - Seychelles	Responding to COVID-19 and Sustaining Essential Health Services - Cote D'Ivoire	Experiences
15:00 - 15:20	COVID-19 Disruption of Immunization Services - Burkina Faso	COVID-19 vaccination innovative approaches- Nigeria	
15:20 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK		
16:00 - 17:00	Panel Discussion 3 Chair A12: Dr Peter Piot, Mr. Ernest Massiah, World Bank Rapporteur: B12: Bridget Farham & Abbie Barry COVID-19 Vaccines & Vaccination: Lessons Learned that can Inform the Future of Public Health Emergencies in Africa East African Community Health Commission, WAHO, SADC, BMGF, JSI, US CDC		Partners
17:00 - 18:00	Session 7. Posters Presentations Day 2 COVID-19 Vaccines, Access and Deployment Chair: A13. Dr Nassor Mohamed, Rapporteur: B13 Dr. Inacio Mandomando		Countries, National Institutions, Partners
18:00		END Of DAY 2	



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		
	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				
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	Session 9 Parallel Tracks 5 and 6 COVID-19 Serosurveys, Vaccine Effectiveness & Manufacturing Each slot is 15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes discussion				
	Track 5 Chair A15: Dr. Ros Hollingsworth BM Rapporteur B15 Dr. Hannah Lewis Sarpong	Track 6 GF Chair A16: Dr Jane Chuma, World Bank Rapporteur B16 Dr Fred Osei			
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			





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12:00 – 12:20 Vaccine Balam,	e Effectiveness – Dr Saidou Mali	Updates on Vaccine Manufacturing – Dr Michael Lusiola, Kenya	
Against Sympto Variant	19 Vaccine Effectiveness SARS-CoV-2 Infection and omatic Illness while Omicron was Dominant in Zambia – n Simwanza, Zambia	COVID-19 Data Innovation and Modelling-Dr. Sheetal Silal, South Africa	
12:40 – 13:00 Discuss	ions	Discussions	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	BREAK	
14:00 -16:00	Day 3: Thursday Marc Session 10 Health Systems Chair A17: Dr Folake Olayin Rapporteur B17: Zandile Zib	Plenary 4 s Strengthening	RESPONSIBLE
COVID-	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
_	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	
	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)
CI	hair: A20 Dr Simon Agwale	Presentations Day 3 Effectiveness & Manufacturing Rapporteur: B20 Elise Farley , Health Systems Strenthening	Countries, National Institutions, Partners
		apporteur B21: Zandile Zibwowa	



	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, USAII Rapporteur: B22: Zandile Zibwowa & Hillary Kipchumb Kipruto	D
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 Afric Chair: A23 Dr. Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Ghana Rapporteur: B23	a: 3 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 Brahmbhatt, 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



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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	