AFRICA'S LEADERSHIP IN COVID-19 VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND ACCESS
Virtual Conference

Wednesday 24 June  |  2:00 PM EAT
Thursday 25 June  |  1:00 PM EAT
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2:00 - 2:45 PM
SESSION I
Opening
Introduction
2:00 - 2:05 PM
Welcome Remarks
2:05 - 2:10 PM
State of Pandemic Globally
2:10 - 2:25 PM
Opening Remarks
2:25 - 2:30 PM
The Need for Africa’s Leadership in
COVID-19 Vaccines and Development
2:30 - 2:45 PM
MODERATOR
HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil
Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission,
Ethiopia
HE Moussa Faki Mahamat
Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus
Director-General, World Health Organisation, Geneva
HE President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa
Chairperson, African Union and President, Republic of South Africa
Dr John Nkengasong
Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention,
Ethiopia

SESSION II
COVID-19 Vaccines
Development and
Clinical Trials
Introduction to Session II
2:50 - 2:55 PM
Needs and Requirements of Candidate
Vaccines Clinical Trials in Africa
2:55 - 3:05 PM
Candidate Vaccines Development from
US National Institute of Health
3:05 - 3:15 PM
CO-MODERATORS
Prof Samba Ousmane Sow
Director General, Center for the Development of Vaccines in Mali,
Ministry of Health, Mali
Prof Lynn Morris
Interim Director, National Institute for Communicable Diseases,
Republic of South Africa
Prof Salim Abdool Karim
Chair of the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee for
COVID-19, Republic of South Africa
Dr Barney Graham
Deputy Director, Vaccine Research Center and Chief, Viral
Pathogenesis Laboratory and Translational Science Core, USA
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| 2:50 - 4:00 PM | COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Clinical Trials | Prof Pontiano Kaleebu  
Director Medical Research Council/Uganda Virus Research Institute and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Uganda Research Unit, Uganda  
Prof Nissaf Bouaif Ben Alaya  
Director General, National Observatory of New and Emerging Diseases, Tunisia  
Prof Amadou Sall  
Director, Institut Pasteur de Dakar, Senegal  
Prof Senait Fisseha  
Chief Advisor to the Director-General of the World Health Organisation  
Director of International Programs, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, USA |
| 3:15 - 3:25 PM | Manufacturing of COVID-19 Vaccines  
3:25 - 3:35 PM | Dr Richard Hatchett  
Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, Norway  
HE Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor  
Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission, Ethiopia  
Dr Xiao-Ping Dong  
Director, Center for Global Public Health, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, China |
| 3:35 - 3:45 PM | Human Research, Science and Technology: AU Perspectives  
3:45 - 4:00 PM |  |
| 3:45 - 4:00 PM | COVID-19 Vaccines Trials in China  
3:45 - 4:00 PM |  |
| 3:45 - 4:00 PM | Moderated Discussion and Q&A  
3:45 - 4:00 PM |  |
| 4:00 - 4:05 PM | TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SESSION III |  |
| 4:05 - 5:05 PM | SESSION III  
Access and Equity of Potential COVID-19 Vaccines |  |
| 4:15 - 4:20 PM | Vaccines Manufacturing in Africa  
4:10 - 4:15 PM |  |
| 4:15 - 4:20 PM | Gender and Access to COVID-19 Vaccines  
4:15 - 4:20 PM |  |
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| **4:05 - 5:05 PM** | **SESSION III** | Access and Equity of Potential COVID-19 Vaccines | Prof Daniel Bausch  
Director, UK Public Health Rapid Support Team, UK |
| | Reflections of Vaccines Trials in Africa: Lessons from Ebola | 4:20 - 4:25 PM |  
Moderated Discussion and Q&A  
4:25 - 5:05 PM |
| **5:05 - 5:10 PM** | TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION I |  |  |
| **5:10 - 6:10 PM** | **SPECIAL SESSION I** | COVID-19 Vaccines Ministerial Panel: South Africa, Zambia, Egypt, Morocco, Togo, Mali, Cameroon, Gabon, Kenya, Ethiopia | CO-MODERATORS  
Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti  
World Health Organisation Regional Director for Africa, Republic of Congo  
Prof Stanley Okolo  
Director General, West African Health Organisation, Burkina-Faso |
| | Introduction to Special Session I | 5:10 - 5:20 PM |  
Moderated Roundtable Discussion  
5:20 - 6:10 PM |
| **6:10 - 6:15 PM** | TECHNICAL TRANSITION (5 min) |  |  |
| **6:15 - 6:25 PM** | Review and summary of first day of conference |  |  |
| **6:25 PM** | END OF DAY 1 PROGRAMME |  |  |
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## Day 2

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Role of the Private Sector in COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Access | **Introduction to Special Session II**  
1:00 - 1:05 PM  
Needs for Private Sector Engagement  
1:05 - 1:10 PM  
Advocacy for Potential COVID-19 Vaccines in Resource Limited Settings  
1:10 - 1:15 PM  
Role of Gavi in Ensuring Access to a COVID-19 Vaccine  
1:15 - 1:20 PM  
Afreximbank’s Innovative Financing for Vaccines Development in Africa  
1:20 - 1:25 PM  
Financing Options for Potential COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa  
1:25 - 1:30 PM  
Innovations to Enable Development and Access to COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa  
1:30 - 1:35 PM  
Roundtable Discussion and Q&A  
1:35 - 2:00 PM |
| 2:00 - 2:05 PM | Technical Transition to Session IV | **Speakers**  
**CO-Moderators**  
- Dr Acha Leke  
  Chairman, Africa, McKinsey & Company, Republic of South Africa  
- Mr Cheikh Oumar Seydi  
  Director Africa, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Republic of South Africa  
- Dr Vera Songwe  
  UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia  
- Dr Timothy Mastro  
  Chief Science Officer, FHI360, USA  
- Dr Seth Berkley  
  Chief Executive Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Geneva  
- Dr Benedict Oramah  
  President African Export – Import Bank (Afreximbank), Egypt  
- Dr Olusoji Adeyi  
  Senior Advisor for Human Development and Former Director of Health at the World Bank, USA  
- Mr Strive Masiyiwa  
  Executive Chairman and Founder of Econet Group, Zimbabwe |
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### CO-MODERATORS

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<td>Prof Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum</td>
<td>Director General, National Institute for Biomedical Research, Democratic Republic of Congo</td>
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<td>Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu</td>
<td>Director General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Nigeria</td>
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### USING PAST EXPERIENCE TO INFORM THINKING TO POTENTIAL COVID-19 VACCINES

#### Introduction to Session IV
2:05 - 2:10 PM

**Prof Helen Rees**
Executive Director, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa

### ROLE OF AFRICAN VACCINES REGULATORY FORUM IN COVID-19 VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

#### Community Engagement Strategies for COVID-19 Vaccines Clinical Trials
2:20 - 2:25 PM

**Prof William Ampofo**
Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Ghana

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR COVID-19 VACCINES CLINICAL TRIALS

#### Good Participatory Practice Guidelines for Trials of Emerging (and Re-Emerging) Pathogens
2:25 - 2:30 PM

**Dr Githinji Gitahi**
Chief Executive Officer, African Medical Research Foundation, Kenya

### AFRICA MEDICINE AGENCY AND VACCINE REGULATION IN AFRICA

#### Exiting Regulatory Processes Within the AU to Facilitate Vaccine Uptake
2:35 - 2:40 PM

**Prof Linda-Gail Bekker**
Deputy Director, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa

### MODERATED DISCUSSION AND Q&A

2:40 - 3:05 PM

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**SPEAKERS**

**Dr Margaret Agama-Anyetei**
Head of Division, Health Nutrition and Population, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia

**Mr Amine Idriss Adoum**
Director, Directorate of Programme Delivery and Coordination, The African Union Development Agency (AU-NEPAD)
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### SESSION V

**COVID-19 Vaccines: Anthropological, Sociological Perspectives**

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| 3:10 - 3:15 PM | Introduction to Session V                         | **Prof Francine Ntoumi**

**Director, Institut Pasteur Maroc, Morocco**  
**Chair and Executive Director of the Congolese Foundation for Medical Research, Republic of Congo**

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| 3:15 - 3:25 PM | Anthropological Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Access | **Prof Heidi J. Larson**

**Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK**

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| 3:25 - 3:35 PM | African Behavioural Insights to Inform COVID-19 Vaccines Adoption | **Dr Hana Rohan**

**Assistant Professor in Social Sciences, UK Public Health Rapid Support Team, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK**

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| 3:35 - 3:45 PM | COVID-19 Vaccines Trials in Africa: Perspectives from African Academy of Science | **Prof Tom Kariuki**

**Director of Programmes, The African Academy of Science, Kenya**

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### Tech Transition to Special Session III

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## Special Session III

**Communication and Civil Society**

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Consultant in Global Public Health, Public Health England, UK          |
| 4:20 - 4:25 PM | Role of Risk Communication in Vaccines Acceptance | 4:20 - 4:25 PM                                                           | Dr Alex Coutinho  
Consultant, Public Health, Uganda                                          |
| 4:25 - 4:30 PM | Current Vaccines Manufacturing Capacity in Africa | 4:25 - 4:30 PM                                                           | Ms Ebba Kalondo  
Spokesperson to the Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia      |
| 4:30 - 4:35 PM | Media perspective                   | 4:30 - 4:35 PM                                                           | Dr Simon Agwale  
Chief Executive Officer of Innovative Biotech, Nigeria                    |
| 4:35 - 4:40 PM | Media perspective                   | 4:35 - 4:40 PM                                                           | Mrs Anne Soy  
Deputy Africa Editor & Senior Correspondent, BBC                          |
| 4:40 - 4:45 PM | Religious perspective               | 4:40 - 4:45 PM                                                           | Mr Samuel Gebre  
Journalist, Bloomberg News                                                 |
| 4:45 - 4:50 PM | Religious perspective               | 4:45 - 4:50 PM                                                           | Sheikh Abdullatif Abdulkarim                                             |
Diocese of Lusaka                                                          |
| 4:55 - 5:15 PM | Roundtable Discussion and Q&A       | 4:55 - 5:15 PM                                                           | Rev Wainaina  
Provost of All Saints Cathedral                                              |

**Technical Transition to Session VI**

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**SESSION VI**

**Closing**

5:20 - 5:25 PM

*What is Needed for Equitable Access to COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa?*

Ms Winnie Byanyima
Executive Director, The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Geneva

Dr John Nkengasong
Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Ethiopia

5:25 - 5:35 PM

*Summary and Way Forward*

5:35 - 5:40 PM

*Closing Remarks*

5:40 - 5:50 PM

*Reading of the Communique*

6:00 - 7:00 PM

*Press Conference*

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END OF DAY 2 PROGRAMME