



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

Virtual Conference

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Wednesday 24 June | 2:00 PM EAT

Thursday 25 June | 1:00 PM EAT

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24 JUNE 2020

SCHEDULE (EAT)	SESSION	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
2:00 - 2:45 PM	<b>SESSION I</b> Opening	<b>Introduction</b> 2:00 - 2:05 PM	<b>MODERATOR</b>  <b>HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil</b> Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>Welcome Remarks</b> 2:05 - 2:10 PM	<b>HE Moussa Faki Mahamat</b> Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>State of Pandemic Globally</b> 2:10 - 2:25 PM	<b>Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus</b> Director-General, World Health Organisation, Geneva
		<b>Opening Remarks</b> 2:25 - 2:30 PM	<b>HE President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa</b> Chairperson, African Union and President, Republic of South Africa
		<b>The Need for Africa's Leadership in COVID-19 Vaccines and Development</b> 2:30 - 2:45 PM	<b>Dr John Nkengasong</b> Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Ethiopia
2:45 - 2:50 PM	TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SESSION II		
2:50 - 4:00 PM	<b>SESSION II</b> COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Clinical Trials	<b>Introduction to Session II</b> 2:50 - 2:55 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  <b>Prof Samba Ousmane Sow</b> Director General, Center for the Development of Vaccines in Mali, Ministry of Health, Mali
		<b>Needs and Requirements of Candidate Vaccines Clinical Trials in Africa</b> 2:55 - 3:05 PM	<b>Prof Lynn Morris</b> Interim Director, National Institute for Communicable Diseases, Republic of South Africa
		<b>Candidate Vaccines Development from US National Institute of Health</b> 3:05 - 3:15 PM	<b>Prof Salim Abdool Karim</b> Chair of the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee for COVID-19, Republic of South Africa  <b>Dr Barney Graham</b> Deputy Director, Vaccine Research Center and Chief, Viral Pathogenesis Laboratory and Translational Science Core, USA

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2:50 - 4:00 PM	<b>SESSION II</b> COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Clinical Trials	Manufacturing of COVID-19 Vaccines 3:15 - 3:25 PM	Dr Richard Hatchett Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, Norway
		Human Research, Science and Technology: AU Perspectives 3:25 - 3:35 PM	HE Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		COVID-19 Vaccines Trials in China 3:35 - 3:45 PM	Dr Xiao-Ping Dong Director, Center for Global Public Health, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, China
		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	<b>SESSION III</b> Access and Equity of Potential COVID-19 Vaccines	Introduction to Session III 4:05 - 4:10 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  Prof Pontiano Kaleebu Director Medical Research Council/Uganda Virus Research Institute and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Uganda Research Unit, Uganda
		Vaccines Manufacturing in Africa 4:10 - 4:15 PM	Prof Nissaf Bouafif Ben Alaya Director General, National Observatory of New and Emerging Diseases, Tunisia
		Gender and Access to COVID-19 Vaccines 4:15 - 4:20 PM	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

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4:05 - 5:05 PM	<b>SESSION III</b> Access and Equity of Potential COVID-19 Vaccines	Reflections of Vaccines Trials in Africa: Lessons from Ebola 4:20 - 4:25 PM <hr/> Moderated Discussion and Q&A 4:25 - 5:05 PM	Prof Daniel Bausch Director, UK Public Health Rapid Support Team, UK
5:05 - 5:10 PM	TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION I		
5:10 - 6:10 PM	<b>SPECIAL SESSION I</b> COVID-19 Vaccines Ministerial Panel: South Africa, Zambia, Egypt, Morocco, Togo, Mali, Cameroon, Gabon, Kenya, Ethiopia	Introduction to Special Session I 5:10 - 5:20 PM <hr/> Moderated Roundtable Discussion 5:20 - 6:10 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti World Health Organisation Regional Director for Africa, Republic of Congo <hr/> Prof Stanley Okolo Director General, West African Health Organisation, Burkina-Faso <hr/> All Ministers of Health
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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SCHEDULE (EAT)	SESSION	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
1:00 - 2:00 PM	<b>SPECIAL SESSION II</b> Role of the Private Sector in COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Access	<p><b>Introduction to Special Session II</b> 1:00 - 1:05 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Needs for Private Sector Engagement</b> 1:05 - 1:10 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Advocacy for Potential COVID-19 Vaccines in Resource Limited Settings</b> 1:10 - 1:15 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Role of Gavi in Ensuring Access to a COVID-19 Vaccine</b> 1:15 - 1:20 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Afreximbank's Innovative Financing for Vaccines Development in Africa</b> 1:20 - 1:25 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Financing Options for Potential COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa</b> 1:25 - 1:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Innovations to Enable Development and Access to COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa</b> 1:30 - 1:35 PM</p> <hr/> <p><b>Roundtable Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> 1:35 - 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>CO-MODERATORS</b></p> <p><b>Dr Acha Leke</b> Chairman, Africa, McKinsey &amp; Company, Republic of South Africa</p> <hr/> <p><b>Mr Cheikh Oumar Seydi</b> Director Africa, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Republic of South Africa</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dr Vera Songwe</b> UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dr Timothy Mastro</b> Chief Science Officer, FHI360, USA</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dr Seth Berkley</b> Chief Executive Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Geneva</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dr Benedict Oramah</b> President African Export – Import Bank (Afreximbank), Egypt</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dr Olusoji Adeyi</b> Senior Advisor for Human Development and Former Director of Health at the World Bank, USA</p> <hr/> <p><b>Mr Strive Masiyiwa</b> Executive Chairman and Founder of Econet Group, Zimbabwe</p>
2:00 - 2:05 PM	<b>TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SESSION IV</b>		

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SCHEDULE (EAT)	SESSION	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
2:05 - 3:05 PM	<b>SESSION IV</b> <b>COVID-19 Vaccines: Regulatory, Ethical and Community Engagement</b>	<b>Introduction to Session IV</b> 2:05 - 2:10 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  <b>Prof Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum</b> Director General, National Institute for Biomedical Research, Democratic Republic of Congo
		<b>Using Past Experience to Inform Thinking to Potential COVID-19 Vaccines</b> 2:10 - 2:15 PM	<b>Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu</b> Director General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Nigeria
		<b>Role of African Vaccines Regulatory Forum in COVID-19 Vaccine Development</b> 2:15 - 2:20 PM	<b>Prof Helen Rees</b> Executive Director, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa
		<b>Community Engagement Strategies for COVID-19 Vaccines Clinical Trials</b> 2:20 - 2:25 PM	<b>Prof William Ampofo</b> Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Ghana
		<b>Good Participatory Practice Guidelines for Trials of Emerging (and Re-Emerging) Pathogens</b> 2:25 - 2:30 PM	<b>Dr Githinji Gitahi</b> Chief Executive Officer, African Medical Research Foundation, Kenya
		<b>Africa Medicine Agency and Vaccine Regulation in Africa</b> 2:30 - 2:35 PM	<b>Prof Linda-Gail Bekker</b> Deputy Director, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa
		<b>Exiting Regulatory Processes Within the AU to Facilitate Vaccine Uptake</b> 2:35 - 2:40 PM	<b>Dr Margaret Agama-Anyetei</b> Head of Division, Health Nutrition and Population, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>Moderated Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> 2:40 - 3:05 PM	<b>Mr Amine Idriss Adoum</b> Director, Directorate of Programme Delivery and Coordination, The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
3:05 - 3:10 PM	TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SESSION V		

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3:10 - 4:10 PM	<b>SESSION V</b> <b>COVID-19 Vaccines: Anthropological, Sociological Perspectives</b>	<b>Introduction to Session V</b> 3:10 - 3:15 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  <b>Prof Abderrahmane Maaroufi</b> Director, Institut Pasteur Maroc, Morocco
		<b>Anthropological Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines Development and Access</b> 3:15 - 3:25 PM	<b>Prof Francine Ntoumi</b> Chair and Executive Director of the Congolese Foundation for Medical Research, Republic of Congo
		<b>African Behavioural Insights to Inform COVID-19 Vaccines Adoption</b> 3:25 - 3:35 PM	<b>Prof Heidi J. Larson</b> Director, The Vaccine Confidence Project, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK
		<b>COVID-19 Vaccines Trials in Africa: Perspectives from African Academy of Science</b> 3:35 - 3:45 PM	<b>Dr Hana Rohan</b> Assistant Professor in Social Sciences, UK Public Health Rapid Support Team, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
		<b>Moderated Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> 3:45 - 4:10 PM	<b>Prof Tom Kariuki</b> Director of Programmes, The African Academy of Science, Kenya
4:10 - 4:15 PM	TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION III		

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4:15 - 5:15 PM	<b>SPECIAL SESSION III</b> Communication and Civil Society	<b>Introduction to Special Session III</b> 4:15 - 4:20 PM	<b>CO-MODERATORS</b>  <b>Dr Ebere Okereke</b> Consultant in Global Public Health, Public Health England, UK <hr/> <b>Dr Alex Coutinho</b> Consultant, Public Health, Uganda
		<b>Role of Risk Communication in Vaccines Acceptance</b> 4:20 - 4:25 PM	<b>Ms Ebba Kalondo</b> Spokesperson to the Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>Current Vaccines Manufacturing Capacity in Africa</b> 4:25 - 4:30 PM	<b>Dr Simon Agwale</b> Chief Executive Officer of Innovative Biotech, Nigeria
		<b>Media perspective</b> 4:30 - 4:35 PM	<b>Mrs Anne Soy</b> Deputy Africa Editor & Senior Correspondent, BBC
		<b>Media perspective</b> 4:35 - 4:40 PM	<b>Mr Samuel Gebre</b> Journalist, Bloomberg News
		<b>Religious perspective</b> 4:40 - 4:45 PM	<b>Sheikh Abdullatif Abdulkarim</b>
		<b>Religious perspective</b> 4:45 - 4:50 PM	<b>Bishop David Njovu</b> Diocese of Lusaka
		<b>Testimonial on Surviving COVID-19</b> 4:50 - 4:55 PM	<b>Rev Wainaina</b> Provost of All Saints Cathedral
		<b>Roundtable Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> 4:55 - 5:15 PM	
5:15 - 5:20 PM	TECHNICAL TRANSITION TO SESSION VI		



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5:20 - 7:00 PM	<b>SESSION VI</b> Closing	<b>What is Needed for Equitable Access to COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa?</b> 5:20 - 5:25 PM	<b>Ms Winnie Byanyima</b> Executive Director, The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Geneva
		<b>Summary and Way Forward</b> 5:25 - 5:35 PM	<b>Dr John Nkengasong</b> Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Ethiopia
		<b>Closing Remarks</b> 5:35 - 5:40 PM	<b>HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil</b> Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>Reading of the Communique</b> 5:40 - 5:50 PM	<b>HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil</b> Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
		<b>Press Conference</b> 6:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil</b> Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission, Ethiopia  <b>Dr John Nkengasong</b> Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Ethiopia
<b>END OF DAY 2 PROGRAMME</b>			



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