

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA CPHIA2021

COVID-19 IN AFRICA: ONE YEAR LATER
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The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was first reported in December 2019 in China. It has infected over 19 million people and caused more than 700,000 deaths globally. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted endemic disease programmes in Africa, including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, routine immunization, and non-communicable diseases. It has contributed to severe food insecurity, gender-based violence and economic slowdown as well as disruption of Africa's Continental Free Trade Area agreement. **The First International Conference on Public Health in Africa**, organized by Africa CDC, will focus on **COVID-19 in Africa: one year later** and allow a review of lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and opportunities to re-evaluate the new normal in public health practice in Africa.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

Day 1: Exploring the Science of COVID-19

- Track 1:** Epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 in Africa and globally
- Track 2:** Laboratory diagnosis and molecular epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2
- Track 3:** Pathogenesis of SARS-CoV-2
- Track 4:** Clinical management of COVID-19

Day 2: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 and our Response

- Track 5:** Effects of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 on emerging and endemic diseases programmes (HIV, TB, malaria), non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and health systems
- Track 6:** Vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Track 7:** Financing COVID-19 pandemic response
- Track 8:** Socio-economic impact of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19

Day 3: Reflecting on Lessons Learned and Mapping the Way Forward

- Track 9:** A new public health order for Africa in the context of public emergency
- Track 10:** Whole-of-society approach in combatting COVID-19 and other emerging diseases
- Track 11:** Private sector engagement and leadership in mitigating COVID-19 in Africa
- Track 12:** Politics and public health in the era of COVID-19

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 October 2020:** Launch of call for abstracts
- 31 January 2021:** Abstract submission deadline
- 1 February 2021:** Abstract review begins
- 27 February 2021:** Abstract review ends
- Week of 7 March 2021:** Results sent to authors
- 31 March 2021:** Deadline for presenters to register

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CONFERENCE FORMAT



PARTICIPATORY SESSIONS, including roundtable discussions, debates, symposia, 'fishbowl'/panel discussions, and other forms of interaction that encourage active audience participation using a virtual format.



PANEL PRESENTATIONS, using traditional panel presentation sessions, oral and poster abstract presentations and audience discussion and interaction.

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