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Agenda

Webinar

EDCTP COVID-19 Emergency Funding Mechanism: Collaborative clinical research studies in sub-Saharan Africa

18-19 March 2021 | 13:00-17:00 CET

Day 1: Thursday, 18 March 2021

Time	Agenda item	Speakers, Chairs and Panellists
13:00-13:20	Opening session	
13:00-13:10	Welcome and opening remarks	Michael Makanga, EDCTP
13:10-13:20	Overview of EDCTP COVID-19 portfolio	Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, EDCTP
13:20-14:45	Session 1: Surveillance and response strategies	Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Francine Ntoumi, FCRM/PANDORA-ID-NET, Congo• Eleni Aklillu, Karolinska University, Sweden
13:20-13:35	ITAIL-COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2981): Integrated testing approaches and intensive laboratory training as strategy against SARS-COV-2 spread in Brazzaville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathieu Ndounga, FCRM, Congo
13:35-13:50	TRACE (RIA2020EF-2981): Transmission of Covid-19 in crowded Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linda-Gail Bekker, Desmond Tutu Health Foundation, South Africa
13:30-14:05	CSIGN (RIA2020EF-2983): COVID Surveillance Intensification in Ghana Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Marks, LSHTM, United Kingdom
14:05-14:45	Panel discussion: What is being done or should be done to ensure findings from your project(s) are used by governments to strengthen surveillance and response strategies?	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc-Alain Widdowson (AFRICOVER)• Inacio Mandomando (MozCOVID)• Linda-Gail Bekker (TRACE)• Mathieu Ndounga (ITAIL-COVID-19)• Michael Marks (CSIGN)• Annette Erhart (COVADIS)
14:45-15:00	Break	
15:00-16:25	Session 2: Focus on special populations	Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juliet Nabyonga-Orem, WHO-AFRO• Margaret Gyapong, UHAS, Ghana



15:00-15:15	periCOVID-Africa (RIA2020EF-2926): Understanding COVID-19 infections in pregnant women and their babies in Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, The Gambia and Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsty Le Doare, St George's Hospital Medical School, United Kingdom
15:15-15:30	COVAB (RIA2020EF-3008) Investigating COVID-19 infectiousness and antibody evolution in COVID-19 patients in SSA and Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Fox, King's College London, London, United Kingdom
15:30-15:45	COREP: Determining the epidemiological parameters of COVID-19 through sero-surveillance with Dried Plasma Spots and nested household transmission studies in rural Kenya and South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Till Bärnighausen, Heidelberg University Hospital, Germany
15:45-16:25	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are children and pregnant women adequately represented in current COVID-19 research studies? Are there other special populations to consider in the context of COVID-19? 	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsty Le Doare (periCOVID-Africa) Till Bärnighausen (COREP) Julie Fox (COVAB) Dawit Wolday (Profile-Cov) Achille Massougbodji (STREESCO) Jinal Bhiman (RADIATES Consortium)
16:25-16:30	Recap and closing of Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pauline Beattie, EDCTP Tom Nyirenda, EDCTP

Day 2: Friday, 19 March 2021

Time	Agenda item	Speaker(s)
13:00-13:05	Introduction and welcome remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pauline Beattie, EDCTP Tom Nyirenda, EDCTP
13:05-14:30	Session 3: COVID-19 and other major infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Wiysonge, SA MRC/GloPID-R, South Africa Veronique Penlap, University of Yaoundé I/ALERRT, Cameroun
13:05-13:20	HALT_COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2928) - Natural History and Laboratory Tests for COVID-19 in South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayesha Kharsany, CAPRISA, South Africa
13:20-13:35	TREATS-COVID (RIA2020EF-3004) - Understanding the Epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 and the inter-relation of COVID-19 with TB and HIV in Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kwame Shanaube, ZAMBART, Zambia
13:35-13:50	ITAIL-COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2981): Integrated testing approaches and intensive laboratory training as strategy against SARS-COV-2 spread in Brazzaville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathieu Ndounga, FCRM, Congo

13:50-14:30	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>What is the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on other major infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa (e.g., HIV, TB, malaria)?</p> <p>What can be learned from other disease programs and adapted to COVID-19 testing, prevention, and treatment approaches?</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ayesha Kharsany (HALT_COVID-19) • Kwame Shanaube (TREATS-COVID) • Yves Levy (ASCENT) • Andreas Diacon (RE-BCG-CoV-19) • Ahmed El Wahed (Africa SuitcaseLab) • Lisa Hall (AfriDx)
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-16:10	<p>Session 4:</p> <p>New emerging questions (Long COVID, new variants) and knowledge gaps specific to sub-Saharan Africa</p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Grais, Epicentre, France • Gail Carson, ISARIC/GloPID-R, United Kingdom
15:00-15:15	Covid-19 HCW (RIA2020EF-3020): Surveillance among healthcare workers for SARS-Coronavirus-2 infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Nunes, Wit's Health Consortium, South Africa
15:15-15:30	ImmunoCoV (RIA2020EF-3042): Host immune responses to SARS-CoV-2: correlating kinetics with the natural history of infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francis Ndungu, African Research Collaboration for Health, Kenya
15:30-15:45	AIDCO (RIA2020EF-2961): Important data on COVID-19 profile in Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ayola Adegnika, CERMEL, Gabon
15:45-16:25	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>What are the key new emerging questions and knowledge gaps specific to sub-Saharan Africa?</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ayola Adegnika (AIDCO) • Marta Nunes (Covid-19 HCW) • Francis Ndungu (ImmunoCoV) • Christine Stabell Benn (BCG-COVID-RCT) • Nathalie Strub-Wourgaft (Anticov)
16:25-16:35	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leonardo Simao, EDCTP High Representative