



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

DAY

WEDNESDAY
24 JUNE 2020

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

DAY

WEDNESDAY
24 JUNE 2020

SCHEDULE (EAT)	SESSION	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
2:50 - 4:00 PM	SESSION II 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	SESSION III Access and Equity of Potential COVID-19 Vaccines	Introduction to Session III 4:05 - 4:10 PM	CO-MODERATORS 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

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY
24 JUNE 2020

SCHEDULE (EAT)	SESSION	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
4:05 - 5:05 PM	SESSION III 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	SPECIAL SESSION I 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	CO-MODERATORS 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		

DAY 2

THURSDAY
25 JUNE 2020

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

DAY 2

THURSDAY
25 JUNE 2020

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

DAY 2

THURSDAY
25 JUNE 2020

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

DAY 2

THURSDAY
25 JUNE 2020

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

DAY 2

THURSDAY
25 JUNE 2020

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



www.au.int

