



FAIR, EQUITABLE AND TIMELY ALLOCATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES IN AFRICA

A Series of Community Engagement and Experience Sharing Workshops

Workshop 1 - 14 April 2021, 12.00-3.00 PM (CAT)
(Simultaneous translations available in English, French and Portuguese)

Joint programme co-ordinators: Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy & Prof Safia Mahomed

12.00-12.20 – Opening Session

Chair: **Prof. Hubert Gijzen**, UNESCO Regional Director for Southern Africa

- **Dr. John Nkengasong**, Director Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African Union Commission
- **Mr Edouard Firmin Matoko**, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Africa Priority
- **Prof. Glenda Gray**, President, South Africa Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
- **Dr. Patrick Aboagye**, Director General of the Ghana Health Service

12.20-12.50 – Session 1 – Key Ethical Principles highlighted by UNESCO and Africa CDC frameworks

Chair: **Mr Hugue Charnie Ngandeu Ngatta**, UNESCO Nairobi Office

1. Video presentation, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, **Ms. Gabriella Ramos**
2. *UNESCO's Call for Global Vaccines Equity and Solidarity*, **Prof. Herve Chneiweiss**, Chairperson, UNESCO International Bioethics Committee
3. *Africa CDC Framework for Fair, Equitable and Timely Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa*, **Dr Mongezi Mdhluli**, Chief Research Operation Officer (CROO) in the office of the SAMRC President & **Dr Nicaise Ndembi**, Senior Science advisor, Africa CDC

12.50 -13.30 – Session 2 – Public Good, Solidarity & Building Capacity

Chairs: **Dr Phionah Atuhebwe**, Regional New Vaccines Introduction Medical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Africa & **Ms Glaudina Loots**, National Bioethics Committee, South Africa

1. *Vaccine access - Intellectual Property vs Public Good*, **Dr. Marlise Richter**, Senior Researcher, Health Justice Initiative, South Africa
2. *COVAX Facility and Global Solidarity*, **Dr Ann Lindstrand**, Unit Head of WHO's Essential Programme on Immunization (EPI) in the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals (IVB) at WHO's Headquarters.
3. *Ethical and Technical Considerations in Setting up and manufacturing vaccines in Africa*, **Dr. Morena Makhoana**, CEO, Biovac, South Africa

13.30-13.45 – Discussion

13.45-14.25 – Session 3 – Ethical Principles and Realities of Vaccine Roll-out in Africa

Chairs: **Dr. Osahon Enabulele**, Coordinator, Coalition of African National Medical Associations (CANMA) and **Dr. Lwando Maki**, National Bioethics Committee, South Africa

1. *Prioritisation and Vaccine selection*, **Dr. Nathalie Ernout**, Head of Advocacy, Medecins Sans Frontiere (MSF)
2. *Community Engagement and addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in Africa*, **Mx Tian Johnson**, Head, Africa Alliance
3. *Ethical Considerations for Covid-19 vaccine research in Africa*, **Prof Joseph Mfutso Bengo**, Chairperson, National Bioethics Committee, Malawi

14.25-14.40 – Discussion

14.40-15.00 – Take-home Messages, Closure and Vote of Thanks

Chair: **Dr Gail Andrews**, National Bioethics Committee, South Africa

Take home messages, **Prof. Safia Mahomed**, National Bioethics Committee, South Africa & **Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy**, UNESCO Regional Office of Southern Africa

Closure and vote of thanks, **Prof. Ames Dhai**, Chairperson, National Bioethics Committee, South Africa