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 Mdhlu, Chief Research Operation Officer (CROO) in the office of the SAMRC President & Dr Nicaise Ndemi, 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 Ernoult, 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