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AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY MEDICINE

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Responding to outbreaks  
through resilient laboratory systems:  
Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic

**Program**  
at a Glance

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	Monday 15 November 2021	Tuesday 16 November 2021	Wednesday 17 November 2021	Thursday 18 November 2021
		<b>Outbreak Effect</b>	<b>Laboratory Response and Lessons Learnt</b>	<b>Ownership, Partnerships and Innovation</b>
		<b>EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL</b> (10:30am – 5:00pm)	<b>EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL</b> (10:30am – 5:00pm)	<b>EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL</b> (10:30am – 2:30pm)
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8:00 am		<b>SATELLITE SESSION</b> (8:00am – 9:00am)	<b>SATELLITE SESSION</b> (8:00am – 9:00am)	<b>SATELLITE SESSION</b> (8:00am – 9:00am)
9:00 am		<b>PLENARY</b> (9:00am – 10:30am)  Session Chairs: <b>Amanda McClelland</b> (Resolve to Save Lives) <b>Isatta Wurie</b> (University of Sierra Leone)  Speakers: <b>The COVID-19 effect: adding insult to injury</b> <b>John Nkengasong</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention)  <b>Is COVID-19 compromising Global Health gains: diagnostics are key to recovery</b> <b>Madukhar Pai</b> (McGill University)  <b>Fighting outbreaks: a tale from Central Africa</b> <b>Francine Ntoumi</b> (Fondation Congolaise pour la Recherche Médicale)	<b>PLENARY</b> (9:00am – 10:30am)  Session Chairs: <b>Heather Alexander</b> (United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) <b>Fatim Cham-Jallow</b> (The Global Fund)  Speakers: <b>Fighting war and bring the peace: the way towards resilient laboratory systems</b> <b>Pascale Ondoa</b> (African Society for Laboratory Medicine)  <b>Diagnostics at the forefront</b> <b>Wendy Stevens</b> (University of the Witwatersrand)  <b>Access and equity to combat health threats: the ACT-A initiative</b> <b>Peter Sands</b> (The Global Fund)	<b>PLENARY</b> (9:00am – 10:30am)  Session Chairs: <b>TBD</b> <b>Peter Erhenkranz</b> (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)  Speakers: <b>What about us?</b> <b>Linda-Gall Bekker</b> (Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation)  <b>Transforming diagnostics to address health needs</b> <b>Sergio Carmona</b> (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics)  <b>Manufacturing in vitro diagnostics in Africa: making the dream a reality</b> <b>Amadou Sall</b> (Institut Pasteur de Dakar)
9:30 am	<b>THE SLMTA SYMPOSIUM</b> (9:30 am-1:30pm)  <b>Lasting legacy, pandemic pivots, and the reimagined future</b>  Co-conveners: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention African Field Epidemiology Network			
10:30 am		<b>BREAK</b> (10:30am – 11:00am)	<b>BREAK</b> (10:30am – 11:00am)	<b>BREAK</b> (10:30am – 11:00am)
11:00 am		<b>ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS</b> (11:00am – 12:30pm)  1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3	<b>ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS</b> (11:00am – 12:30pm)  1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3	<b>ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS</b> (11:00am – 12:30pm)  1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3
12:30 pm		<b>SPECIAL SESSION 1</b> (12:30pm – 2:00pm)  <b>Democratizing pathogen genomics for disease surveillance</b>  Co-conveners: <b>Prof. Alan Christoffels</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) <b>Nicksy Gumede Moeletsi</b> (World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa)  Speakers: TBD	<b>SPECIAL SESSION 2</b> (12:30pm – 2:00pm)  <b>Bringing the diagnostics that count into routine testing services</b>  Co-conveners: <b>Kenneth Fleming</b> (Lancet Commission on Diagnostics) <b>Iruka Okeke</b> (University of Ibadan)  Speakers: TBD	<b>SYMPOSIA</b> (12:30pm – 2:00pm)  <b>Symposium 5: Laboratory mapping and optimizing laboratory networks, systems and functions</b>  Co-conveners: <b>George Alemnji</b> (Office of the United States Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy) <b>Kameko Nichols</b> (The Nichols Group) Speakers:TBD  <b>Symposium 6: All hands on deck to improve Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response</b>  Co-conveners: <b>Thomas Nyirenda</b> (European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership) <b>Leonard Peruski</b> (United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Speakers: TBD

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2:00 pm	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> (2:00pm – 4:00pm)	<b>BREAK</b> (2:00pm – 2:30pm)	<b>BREAK</b> (2:00pm – 2:30pm)	<b>BREAK</b> (2:00pm – 2:30pm)
2:30 pm	<p><b>Welcome and Conference Objectives</b></p> <p><b>Isatta Wurie</b> (University of Sierra Leone, Conference co-chair) <b>Yenew Kebede</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Conference co-chair)</p> <p><b>Strategic Partner Remarks</b></p> <p><b>ASLM 10th Anniversary Retrospective</b></p> <p><b>Nqobile Ndlovu</b> (African Society for Laboratory Medicine, Chief Executive Officer) <b>Alash'le Abimiku</b> (African Society for Laboratory Medicine, Board Chair; Institute for Human Virology, Nigeria, Professor) <b>John Nkengasong</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Director)</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Tom Frieden</b> (Resolve to Save Lives, Chief Executive Officer)</p> <p><b>Opening of the Conference</b></p> <p><b>Honorable Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin</b> (Minister of Health, Ethiopia)</p> <p>Sponsored by: TBD</p>	<p><b>SYMPOSIA</b> (2:30pm – 4:00pm)</p> <p><b>Symposium 1: Antimicrobial resistance: the other pandemic</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Yewande Halimi</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) <b>Mirfin Mpundu</b> (reACT Africa)</p> <p>Speakers: TBD</p> <p><b>Symposium 2: The thousand faces of biosafety in laboratory medicine</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Talkmore Maruta</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; African Society for Laboratory Medicine) <b>Maureen Ellis</b> (International Federation of Biosafety Associations)</p> <p>Speakers: TBD</p>	<p><b>SYMPOSIA</b> (2:30pm – 4:00pm)</p> <p><b>Symposium 3: Bringing laboratory quality to the next level</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Patrick Mateta</b> (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute) <b>Fausta Moshia</b> (World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa)</p> <p>Speakers: TBD</p> <p><b>Symposium 4: Digital technology and diagnostic revolution</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Karen Heichman</b> (Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation) <b>Lois Olajide</b> (Nigeria Center for Disease Control)</p> <p>Speakers: TBD</p>	<p><b>CLOSING SESSION AND AWARDS</b> (2:30pm – 4:00pm)</p> <p><b>Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Yenew Kebede</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Conference co-chair)</p> <p><b>Rapporteur Summaries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead rapporteur #1</li> <li>• Lead rapporteur #2</li> <li>• Lead rapporteur #3</li> </ul> <p><b>Awards Presentation</b></p> <p>Address by Lifetime Achievement Award Winner</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks and Call For Action</b></p> <p><b>Nqobile Ndlovu</b> (African Society for Laboratory Medicine, Chief Executive Officer)</p> <p><b>Closing of the Conference</b></p> <p><b>Isatta Wurie</b> (University of Sierra Leone, Conference co-chair)</p>
4:00 pm		<p><b>ROUND TABLES</b> (4:00pm – 5:30pm)</p> <p><b>Round table 1: The added value of the One Health approach in epidemic response: lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemics</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Arshnee Moodley</b> (International Livestock Research Institute) <b>Serge Nzietchueng</b> (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization)</p> <p><b>Round table 2: Systems approach and coordination in outbreak response: can we do better?</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Marguerite Massinga Loembe</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; African Society for Laboratory Medicine) <b>Christina Mwangi</b> (United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Uganda Country Office)</p>	<p><b>ROUND TABLES</b> (4:00pm – 5:30pm)</p> <p><b>Round table 3: Are Health data informing public health action?</b></p> <p>Co-Conveners: <b>Mohammed Abdulaziz</b> (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) <b>Abhdouramane Sow</b> (West African Health Organization)</p> <p><b>Round table 4: Workforce development in “the new normal”: are we doing it right?</b></p> <p>Co-conveners: <b>Anafi Mataka</b> (African Society for Laboratory Medicine) <b>Tim Trevan</b> (Chrome Biorisk Management LLC)</p>	
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