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10th Anniversary

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
		Outbreak Effect	Laboratory Response and Lessons Learnt	Ownership, Partnerships and Innovation
		EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL (10:30am – 5:00pm)	EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL (10:30am – 5:00pm)	EXHIBIT AND POSTER HALL (10:30am – 2:30pm)
7:00 am		SATELLITE SESSION (7:00am – 8:00am)	SATELLITE SESSION (7:00am – 8:00am)	SATELLITE SESSION (7:00am – 8:00am)
8:00 am		SATELLITE SESSION (8:00am – 9:00am)	SATELLITE SESSION (8:00am – 9:00am)	SATELLITE SESSION (8:00am – 9:00am)
9:00 am		PLENARY (9:00am – 10:30am) Session Chairs: Amanda McClelland (Resolve to Save Lives) Isatta Wurie (University of Sierra Leone)	PLENARY (9:00am – 10:30am) Session Chairs: Heather Alexander (United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Fatim Cham-Jallow (The Global Fund)	PLENARY (9:00am – 10:30am) Session Chairs: Robert Matiru (UNITAID) Peter Erhenkranz (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
9:30 am	THE SLMTA SYMPOSIUM (9:30 am-1:30pm) Lasting legacy, pandemic pivots, and the reimagined future Co-conveners: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention African Field Epidemiology Network	Speakers: The COVID -19 effect: adding insult to injury John Nkengasong (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) Is COVID-19 compromising Global Health gains: diagnostics are key to recovery Madukhar Pai (McGill University) Fighting outbreaks: a tale from Central Africa Francine Ntoumi (Fondation Congolaise pour la Recherche Medicale)	Speakers: Fighting war and bring the peace: the way towards resilient laboratory systems Pascale Ondo (African Society for Laboratory Medicine) Diagnostics at the forefront Wendy Stevens (University of the Witwatersrand)	Speakers: What about us? Linda-Gail Bekker (Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation) Transforming diagnostics to address health needs Sergio Carmona (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics)
10:30 am		BREAK (10:30am – 11:00am)	BREAK (10:30am – 11:00am)	BREAK (10:30am – 11:00am)
11:00 am		ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS (11:00am – 12:30pm) 1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3	ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS (11:00am – 12:30pm) 1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3	ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS (11:00am – 12:30pm) 1. Oral abstract track #1 2. Oral abstract track #2 3. Oral abstract track #3
12:30 pm		SPECIAL SESSION 1 (12:30pm – 2:00pm) Democratizing pathogen genomics for disease surveillance Co-conveners: Prof. Alan Christoffels (Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) Nicksy Gumede Moeletsi (World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa) Speakers: TBD	SPECIAL SESSION 2 (12:30pm – 2:00pm) Bringing the diagnostics that count into routine testing services Co-conveners: Kenneth Fleming (Lancet Commission on Diagnostics) Iruka Okeke (University of Ibadan) Speakers: TBD	SYMPOSIA (12:30pm – 2:00pm) Symposium 5: Laboratory mapping and optimizing laboratory networks, systems and functions Co-conveners: George Alemnji (Office of the United States Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy) Kameko Nichols (The Nichols Group) Speakers:TBD Symposium 6: All hands on deck to improve Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response Co-conveners: Thomas Nyirenda (European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership) Leonard Peruski (United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Speakers: TBD

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