



Bringing the Diagnostics That Count Into Routine Testing Services

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Summary

Diagnostics are critical to health system functioning and technological developments in diagnostic testing do not always translate to better diagnostic access for patients and their health care providers. This session will discuss roadblocks to diagnostic uptake and access and how they can be overcome. The session will include an in-depth focus on national policies for diagnostics, including essential drug lists, workforce considerations and supply chain issues for diagnostics. The session plans to view these topics through global and national lenses, with a focus on diagnostic policy in African settings.

Session Programme

Presenter & Affiliation	Title
Kenneth Fleming (Lancet Commission on Diagnostics) Iruka Okeke (University of Ibadan)	Welcome, introduction and opening remarks
Linda Oskam (CEO of Datos)	Challenges facing countries in disease prioritization and national essential diagnostics lists
Lee Schroeder (Associate Professor, Pathology, Director of Point of Care Testing and Associate Director, Chemical Pathology at the University of Michigan)	An evidence-based template for developing an essential diagnostics package (from the Lancet Commission on Diagnostics)
Prashant Yadav	Supply chain issues in diagnostics

<p>(Affiliate Professor of Technology and Operations Management at INSEAD as well as a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Global Development and a Lecturer at Harvard Medical School)</p>	
<p>Raiva Simbi (Deputy Minister at Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe)</p>	<p>The experience of Zimbabwe in bringing in essential diagnostics</p>
<p>Kenneth Fleming (Lancet Commission on Diagnostics)</p> <p>Iruka Okeke (University of Ibadan)</p>	<p>Summary and closing remarks</p>