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## Agenda

### Webinar

## EDCTP COVID-19 Emergency Funding Mechanism: Collaborative clinical research studies in sub-Saharan Africa

18-19 March 2021 | 13:00-17:00 CET

Day 1: Thursday, 18 March 2021

Time	Agenda item	Speakers, Chairs and Panellists
<b>13:00-13:20</b>	<b>Opening session</b>	
13:00-13:10	Welcome and opening remarks	Michael Makanga, EDCTP
13:10-13:20	Overview of EDCTP COVID-19 portfolio	Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, EDCTP
<b>13:20-14:45</b>	<b>Session 1: Surveillance and response strategies</b>	<b>Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Francine Ntoumi, FCRM/PANDORA-ID-NET, Congo</li><li>• Eleni Aklillu, Karolinska University, Sweden</li></ul>
13:20-13:35	ITAIL-COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2981): Integrated testing approaches and intensive laboratory training as strategy against SARS-COV-2 spread in Brazzaville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathieu Ndounga, FCRM, Congo</li></ul>
13:35-13:50	TRACE (RIA2020EF-2981): Transmission of Covid-19 in crowded Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda-Gail Bekker, Desmond Tutu Health Foundation, South Africa</li></ul>
13:30-14:05	CSIGN (RIA2020EF-2983): COVID Surveillance Intensification in Ghana Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Marks, LSHTM, United Kingdom</li></ul>
14:05-14:45	<b>Panel discussion:</b> What is being done or should be done to ensure findings from your project(s) are used by governments to strengthen surveillance and response strategies?	<b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sonia Enosse (AFRICOVER)</li><li>• Inacio Mandomando (MozCOVID)</li><li>• Linda-Gail Bekker (TRACE)</li><li>• Mathieu Ndounga (ITAIL-COVID-19)</li><li>• Michael Marks (CSIGN)</li><li>• Annette Erhart (COVADIS)</li></ul>
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>15:00-16:25</b>	<b>Session 2: Focus on special populations</b>	<b>Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Juliet Nabyonga-Orem, WHO-AFRO</li><li>• Margaret Gyapong, UHAS, Ghana</li></ul>



15:00-15:15	periCOVID-Africa (RIA2020EF-2926): Understanding COVID-19 infections in pregnant women and their babies in Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, The Gambia and Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kirsty Le Doare, St George's Hospital Medical School, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
15:15-15:30	COVAB (RIA2020EF-3008) Investigating COVID-19 infectiousness and antibody evolution in COVID-19 patients in SSA and Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Fox, King's College London, London, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	COREP: Determining the epidemiological parameters of COVID-19 through sero-surveillance with Dried Plasma Spots and nested household transmission studies in rural Kenya and South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Till Bärnighausen, Heidelberg University Hospital, Germany</li> </ul>
15:45-16:25	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are children and pregnant women adequately represented in current COVID-19 research studies?</li> <li>Are there other special populations to consider in the context of COVID-19?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kirsty Le Doare (periCOVID-Africa)</li> <li>Till Bärnighausen (COREP)</li> <li>Julie Fox (COVAB)</li> <li>Dawit Wolday (Profile-Cov)</li> <li>Achille Massougbodji (STREESCO)</li> <li>Jinal Bhiman (RADIATES Consortium)</li> </ul>
16:25-16:30	<b>Recap and closing of Day 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pauline Beattie, EDCTP</li> <li>Tom Nyirenda, EDCTP</li> </ul>

## Day 2: Friday, 19 March 2021

Time	Agenda item	Speaker(s)
13:00-13:05	<b>Introduction and welcome remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pauline Beattie, EDCTP</li> <li>Tom Nyirenda, EDCTP</li> </ul>
13:05-14:30	<b>Session 3: COVID-19 and other major infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<p><b>Co-Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charles Wiysonge, SA MRC/GloPID-R, South Africa</li> <li>Veronique Penlap, Uni Yaoundé I/ALERRT, Cameroun</li> </ul>
13:05-13:20	HALT_COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2928) - Natural History and Laboratory Tests for COVID-19 in South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aida Sivo, CAPRISA, South Africa</li> </ul>
13:20-13:35	TREATS-COVID (RIA2020EF-3004) - Understanding the Epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 and the inter-relation of COVID-19 with TB and HIV in Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kwame Shanaube, ZAMBART, Zambia</li> </ul>
13:35-13:50	ITAIL-COVID-19 (RIA2020EF-2981): Integrated testing approaches and intensive laboratory training as strategy against SARS-COV-2 spread in Brazzaville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armel Landry Batchi-Bouyou, FCRM, Congo</li> </ul>

13:50-14:30	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p>What is the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on other major infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa (e.g., HIV, TB, malaria, NIDs)?</p> <p>What can be learned from other disease programs and adapted to COVID-19 testing, prevention, and treatment approaches?</p>	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aida Sivro (HALT_COVID-19)</li> <li>• Kwame Shanaube (TREATS-COVID)</li> <li>• Armel Landry Batchi-Bouyou (ITAIL-COVID-19)</li> <li>• Yves Levy (ASCENT)</li> <li>• Nathalie Strub-Wourgaft (Anticov)</li> <li>• Ahmed El Wahed (Africa SuitcaseLab)</li> <li>• Lisa Hall (AfriDx)</li> </ul>
<b>14:30-14:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>14:45-16:10</b>	<p><b>Session 4:</b></p> <p><b>New emerging questions (Long COVID, new variants) and knowledge gaps specific to sub-Saharan Africa</b></p>	<p><b>Co-Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca Grais, Epicentre, France</li> <li>• Gail Carson, ISARIC/GloPID-R, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
14:45-15:00	Covid-19 HCW (RIA2020EF-3020): Surveillance among healthcare workers for SARS-Coronavirus-2 infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marta Nunes, Wit's Health Consortium, South Africa</li> </ul>
15:00-15:15	ImmunoCoV (RIA2020EF-3042): Host immune responses to SARS-CoV-2: correlating kinetics with the natural history of infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Francis Ndungu, African Research Collaboration for Health, Kenya</li> </ul>
15:15-15:30	AIDCO (RIA2020EF-2961): Important data on COVID-19 profile in Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayola Adegnika, CERMEI, Gabon</li> </ul>
15:30-16:10	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p>What are the key new emerging questions and knowledge gaps specific to sub-Saharan Africa?</p>	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayola Adegnika (AIDCO)</li> <li>• Marta Nunes (Covid-19 HCW)</li> <li>• Francis Ndungu (ImmunoCoV)</li> <li>• Christine Stabell Benn (BCG-COVID-RCT)</li> </ul>
<b>16:10-16:20</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leonardo Simao, EDCTP High Representative</li> </ul>