



**EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
HEALTH COMMUNITY (ECSA-HC)**

13TH BEST PRACTICES FORUM AND 29TH DIRECTORS JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Theme: Stronger Health Systems Post Covid-19 for the Attainment of Universal
Health Coverage in the ECSA Region**

PROGRAM

**Avani Lesotho
Hotel & Casino**

East Central & Southern Africa Health Community

Fostering Regional Cooperation for Better Health



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Venue: Avani Lesotho Hotel and Casino - Maseru, Lesotho
5th to 7th February 2023



Provisional Programme for 13th Best Practices Forum

Saturday, 4th February 2023		
Pre-Conference Meetings		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting on the ECSA College of Laboratory Medicine ▪ SATBHSS Project Research Dissemination Workshop 		
Saturday, 4th February 2023 14.00 – 18.00	Registration for the Main Conference	
Day 1: Sunday, 5th February 2023		
07.00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 09:45	Opening Session (See Separate Programme)	
09:45 – 10:20	TEA BREAK	
10:20-11:20	Plenary Session 1: Country and Regional Response to Covid-19: Challenges, Lessons and Opportunities Chair: Zimbabwe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation – Dr Vera Manduku, KEMRI • Community Engagement for COVID-19 Response and Health; lessons from Uganda – Dr D. Okello, ACHEST Discussions	
11.20 – 12.20	Plenary Session 2: Strengthening Systems for the Prevention, Preparedness, detection of and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation – Dr Letsie Nyane, Ministry of Health, Lesotho • Towards ending the neglect of NTDs through strengthened and integrated systems for disease elimination and eradication – Simon Bland, Global Institute for Disease Elimination • Quality Infrastructure for the Prevention of Hospital-acquired Surgical Infections – Gareth Wood, Kids Operating Room Discussions	
12:20 – 13:30	Plenary Session 3: Consolidating Sustainable Local Solutions for Human Resources for Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ African Health Workforce Investment Charter: Principles and Commitments – Dr Ogochukwu Chukwujekwu, WHO-AFRO Panel Discussion (Moderated by Dr Patrick Kagurusi, Amref Health Africa - Uganda) Panelists: Prof Godfrey Muguti (COSECSA) ; Dr Glory Msibi (ECSACON) ; Prof Annetee Nakimuli (ECSACOG) ; Dr David Pole Pole (CANECISA) ; Ms Diana Mukami (Amref Health Africa) ; Dr Elizabeth Cote (Operation Smile Inc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions 	
13:30– 14:30	LUNCH	
14:30 – 17.00	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
	Parallel Session 1: Country and Regional Response to Covid-19: Challenges, Lessons and Opportunities Chair: Malawi Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community assets for prepare, prevent and 	Parallel Session 2: Strengthening Systems for the Prevention, Preparedness, detection of and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases Chair: Lesotho Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening pandemic preparedness and response:
		Parallel Session 3: Consolidating Sustainable Local Solutions for Human Resources for Health Chair: Mauritius Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation

	<p>protect: Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic - Rene Loewenson, TARSC/EQUINET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping and using evidence to promote equitable access to essential health products through progress in local production capacities in selected ESA countries - Rangarirai Machemedze, SEATINI/EQUINET <p>Discussion and Recommendations</p>	<p>Experiences and lessons on cross-border surveillance and response in Eastern and Southern Africa - Dr Martin Matu, ECSA-HC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of Sequencing in Managing Epidemics - Prof. Moses Joloba, Supra-National TB Reference Laboratory, Uganda • Using the Mobile Outreach and Occupational Health Approach to Access Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners in Remote Workstations for Tuberculosis and Silicosis screening in Zimbabwe - Dingani Moyo, Zimbabwe • Relationship between tuberculosis DOT support strategies and treatment failure among new pulmonary bacteriologically confirmed patients in Lilongwe urban - Lawrence Kachule, R4H Malawi <p>Discussion and Recommendations</p>	<p>(VCAT) for health workers in improving Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) services in Eastern Uganda - Simon Peter Kayondo, AOGU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Activities at the Regional Dermatology Training Centre, Tanzania - Prof. Daud Mavura, RDTC • The EU-Africa PerMed: Building Links Between Europe and Africa, and integrating Africa for successful implementation of Personalised Medicine (PM) in the global context - Godfrey Sama, COSECESA <p>Discussion and Recommendations</p>
<p>End of Day 1</p>			



Day 2: Monday, 6 th February 2023			
08:30 – 09:45	<p>Plenary Session 4: Accelerating Interventions and Gender Inclusiveness towards Better Health Outcomes in RMNCAH Chair: Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation – Dr Bannet Ndyabangi, UNFPA • Using the Results of Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS) to Catalyze National Efforts to End Violence Against Children – Dr Samantha Ski, URC • Innovative Solution to Advance Respectful Maternity Care Through Birth Companionship in Tanzania – Sunday Dominic, Thamini Uhai -Tanzania <p>Discussion</p>		
09:45 – 11:00	<p>Plenary Session 5: Innovative Approaches Towards Sustainable Financing of Healthcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic Financing Fundamental for the Realization of Universal Health Coverage in the ECSA Region – Dr Rose Oronje, AFIDEP ▪ Opportunities for self-determined health financing through progressive taxation in East and Southern Africa – Dr Rene Loewenson, TARSC/EQUINET ▪ The African Leadership Meeting: Investing in Health – Dr Takondwa Mwase, AUDA – NEPAD <p>Discussion</p>		
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	TEA BREAK		
	End of Day 2		



29th Directors' Joint Consultative Committee Meeting

Programme for the Director's Joint Consultative Committee (DJCC) Meeting

Day 3: Tuesday, 7 th February 2023	
08:30 - 09:00	Plenary Session 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of Regional Adolescent Nutrition Strategy – Nutrition International
09:00 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and Discussion of the BPF Recommendations – ECSA Secretariat
10:30 -10:45	Closing of the Best Practices Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by the Director General• Remarks and Closing by the DJCC Chairperson
10:45 -11:15	TEA BREAK
11:15 - 13:00	Closed Session of the DJCC
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 16:00	Closed Session of the DJCC (Cont'd)
	END OF BPF & DJCC PROGRAMME
18:30	DINNER HOSTED BY KIDS OPERATING ROOM

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