



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

71ST HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE

PROGRAM 8TH - 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023

**Avani Lesotho
Hotel & Casino**

East Central & Southern Africa Health Community

Fostering Regional Cooperation for Better Health



71st ECSA Health Ministers' Conference



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

**Avani Lesotho Hotel and Casino - Maseru, Lesotho
8th to 9th February 2023
Provisional Programme**

Tuesday, 7 th February 2023 14.00 – 18.00	Registration for the Conference
Day 1: Wednesday, 8 th February 2023	
08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 11.00	Official Opening Ceremony (<i>See Separate Programme</i>)
11.00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11.30 – 13.00	Plenary Session 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report of the 13th BPF and 29th DJCC – DJCC Chairperson ▪ Country and Regional Response to Covid-19: Challenges, Lessons and Opportunities – Dr Vera Manduku, KEMRI ▪ Strengthening Systems for the Prevention, Preparedness, detection of and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases – Dr Letsie Nyane, Director General, Ministry of Health - Lesotho
	Discussion
13:00 – 14:15	LUNCH
14:15 – 16.15	Plenary Session 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consolidating Sustainable Local Solutions for Human Resources for Health – Dr Patrick Kagurusi, Amref - Uganda ▪ African Health Workforce Investment Charter: Principles and Commitments – Dr Ogochukwu Chukwujekwu, WHO-AFRO ▪ Accelerating Interventions and Gender Inclusiveness towards Better Health Outcomes in RMNCAH – Dr Bannet Ndyanabangi, UNFPA ▪ Positioning VAC as a Priority in the ECSA Region – Samantha Ski, URC ▪ Domestic Financing Fundamental for the Realization of Universal Health Coverage in the ECSA Region – Dr Rose Oronje, AFIDEP
	Discussion
16.15 – 16.45	TEA BREAK
16.45 – 17.30	Launch of the Adolescent Nutrition Regional Strategy
	GALA DINNER
	Advocacy for Early Childhood Development in the ECSA Region (AfECN)
	End of Day 1

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Day 2: Thursday, 9 th February 2023	
08.00 – 11.00	Health Ministers Closed Session
11:00 – 11.30	TEA BREAK
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Plenary Session 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative Financing Models for Sustainable, Quality Health Infrastructure – Dr David Cunningham, Kids Operating Room <p>Discussion</p> <p>Presentation and Adoption of Resolutions</p> <p>Closing of the Health Ministers Conference</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
	END OF PROGRAMME

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