

Friday 15th March ICREID afternoon session

1200 – 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Panel Session - A One Health Approach to Research in Infectious Disease Emergencies

This session will explore the research landscape across Africa and the types of actors and/or networks leading a One Health (OH) approach to research in infectious disease (ID) emergencies. Key questions that will be posed to the speakers include:

- What types of OH research activities and (multi-stakeholder) networks are forming across Africa to address ID emergencies, and where are they operating?
- How are resources for OH research being mobilised on-the-ground?
- What are the common challenges and gaps to conducting OH research in emergency situations, and how can they be overcome?
- What is considered 'best practice' in a One Health approach to research? Who is determining and setting the standards?
- How is (One Health) research in emergencies being funded across Africa and what are the opportunities for better coordination of research efforts? Are there examples of multi-stakeholder collaboration?
- How can we enhance OH research capacity and skills, and effectively socialise research outputs?

Chair: Richard Kock – Royal Veterinary College, London & PANDORA consortium

Speakers:

1. Daniel Bausch - Director, UK Public Health Response Support Team
2. Sarah Edwards - Professor of Bioethics, University College London & PANDORA
3. Natalie Mayet - National Institute for Communicable Diseases, Johannesburg
4. Christian Keambou - The One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA) network
5. Philip C. Onyebujoh – Senior Policy and Strategy Advisor, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

1430 - 1500

Refreshments

1500 - 1645

Panel Session - Operationalising Collective Efforts to Tackle (Re-) Emerging Infectious Diseases Across Africa

This closing session will convene leading global-public health agencies and stakeholders to reflect on the conference's key messages, discussions and commit a way forward to operationalising collective efforts to tackle (re-)emerging

infectious diseases. This way forward needs to address and ask the following questions:

- Who is collating evidence (and how) from outbreak response across the continent to build and maintain an operational-focused repository of successes and failures?
- Which agencies are issuing standard operational (and ethical) guidelines, and are efforts made to coordinate guidance?
- How can we embed and monitor 'best practice' in the field for all stakeholders involved in responding to (re-)emerging infectious diseases?
- What is the role of a One Health approach in evidencing 'best practice' in operational research? How do we better integrate work done from different sectors?
- What is the current workforce and resource capacity to respond to outbreaks, and how do different actors and networks work together towards efficient workforce development and response capacity?
- What kind of leadership, or governance structure, is required to harmonise and coordinate existing efforts across Africa?

Chair: Ibrahima Soce Fall – Assistant Director General, Emergency Response

Speakers

1. Stanley Okolo - Director General, West Africa Health Organization
2. Moses Bockarie - Director of International Cooperation Africa & Head of Africa Office, EDCTP
3. David Heymann – Chatham House & PANDORA
4. John Nkengasong - Director Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
5. Francine Ntoumi - Fondation Congolaise pour la recherche medicale & PANDORA

1645 - 1700

Closing Remarks – John Nkengasong

1700 - 1900

Pandora Networking Event

All attendees of the conference are welcome to join the PANDORA consortium for refreshments after the conference.