



Root Causes of Low Coverage and Under-Immunisation in sub-Saharan Africa

SYMPOSIUM

Date: 30 - 31 July 2018

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY ONE: 30 JULY 2018

09:00 – 10:00 Registration with tea/coffee

Session One

Opening Session and Setting the Scene

Facilitator: to be confirmed (tbc)

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**
Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) & Uganda National Academy of Sciences (UNAS)

10:15 – 10:30 **Purpose of the Workshop and the Consensus Study**
Prof Shabir Madhi (South Africa) & Prof Harriet Mayanja-Kizza (Uganda), Co-Chairs (*confirmed*)

10:30 – 11:00 **Keynote Address: Country Ownership of Immunisation in Southern Africa**
Ms Precious Matsoso, Director-General: Department of Health (South Africa) *tbc*

11:00 – 11:30 Interactive Question and Answer Session

11:30 – 12:00 BREAK

12:00 – 12:30 **Keynote Address: Vaccine Strategies, Policies and Access to Immunisation in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Dr Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director: World Health Organisation AFRO Region (*confirmed*)

12:30 – 13:00 Interactive Question and Answer Session

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

Session Two

Challenges to Vaccine Delivery and Immunisation Coverage

Facilitator: tbc

Presentations (20 minutes per speaker)

14:00 – 14:20 **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

Dr Mariame Sylla, Chief for Health and Nutrition: UNICEF (*confirmed*)

14:20 – 14:40 **Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (RITAG)**

Prof Helen Rees, Chair: RITAG (*confirmed*)

14:40 – 15:00 **Poverty and Inequity (including rural vs urban disparities and displaced communities)**

Mr Thulani Matsebula, Senior Health Economist: World Bank (South Africa) (*confirmed*)

15:00 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 15:50 HEALTH BREAK

15:50 – 16:10 **Socio-Cultural Aspects**

Dr Joan Awunyo Akaba, Executive Director: Future Generations International (*confirmed*)

16:10 – 16:30 **Civil Society Organisation**

Dr Clarisse Loe Loumou, Founder: Alternative Santé (Cameroon) *tbc*

16:30 – 16:50 **Immunisation Implementation Research**

Prof Charles Wiysonge, Director: Cochrane South Africa (*confirmed*)

16:50 – 17:20 **Discussion**

17:20 – 17:30 WRAP-UP & CLOSURE FOR DAY ONE

DAY TWO: 31 JULY 2018

09:00 – 09:30 Arrival tea/coffee

Session Three

Roundtable Discussion: Effective Interventions and Opportunities

Facilitator: tbc

09:30 – 10:30 **Key effective interventions**

1. Health Information Systems

Dr Vincent Shaw, Executive Director: Health Information Systems Program (Namibia & South Africa) *(confirmed)*

2. Business Engagement

Mr Neren Rau, Director for External Affairs, Public Policy & Communications: Merck Sharp and Dohme *(confirmed)*

3. African Vaccine Production

Dr Morena Makhoana, Chief Executive Officer: Biovac Institute (South Africa) *tbc*

10:30 – 11:00 **Discussion**

11:00 – 11:30 HEALTH BREAK

Session Four

TBC

Facilitator: tbc

11:30 – 11:50 **Role of the Pharmaceutical Industry**

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11:50 – 12:10 **Role of the Media and Communications**

Ms Mia Malan, Executive Director: Mail and Guardian's Bhekisisa (South Africa) *(confirmed)*

12:10 – 13:00 **Overarching Facilitated Discussion & Wrap-up**

13:00 – 13:10 **Closing Remarks**

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13:10 - LUNCH & DEPARTURE