



DETAILED AGENDA

COVID-19 RESEARCH IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

MONDAY, 29 MARCH 2021

12:00 – 13:00 (BST)

OPENING SESSION

Introductions to partners; review of the funding and research landscape and work on research priorities to date.

Welcome from opening session chair [Prof. Charles Wiysonge](#) | GloPID-R Vice Chair, South Africa

Opening remarks from:

- [Prof. Peter Piot](#) | Outgoing Chair, UKCDR SCOR Board and London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, UK
- [Prof. Charu Kaushic](#) | GloPID-R Chair, CIHR, Canada
- [Dr John Nkengasong](#) | Africa CDC, Ethiopia & COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

Presentations on:

- Development of Regional Research Priorities for Africa by Dr Moses Aloba | African Academy of Sciences, Kenya
- COVID CIRCLE Mapping & Analysis by Dr Alice Norton & Dr Emilia Antonio | UKCDR & GloPID-R, UK

13:00 – 14:30 (BST)

CLINICAL RESEARCH NETWORKS & CLINICAL RESEARCH

Operational issues: What are the barriers and how might they be overcome? How can they become more productive of generalisable and clinically relevant results? How to translate research results into practice? How to better inform stakeholders about research results? How have clinical research networks have pivoted (e.g., Zika networks); research, ethics and access issues; trialling vaccines and therapeutics that can be easily integrated in LMIC settings.

Session introduction by co-chairs:

- Mr Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira | EDCTP, The Netherlands
- Prof. Nick White | Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Thailand & Steering Committee chair, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

Presentations from:

- Dr John Amuasi | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana
- Dr Erni Nelwan | Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- Dr Cintia Cruz | Mahidol Oxford Tropical Research Unit, Argentina
- Prof. Philippe Guerin | Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO), UK & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition
- Dr Phaik Yeong Cheah | Mahidol Oxford Tropical Research Unit, Thailand & Data Sharing Working Group chair, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition
- Dr Estevão Nunes | FioCruz, Brazil

Discussion panel including additional panellists:

- Dr Nathalie Strub-Wourgaft | Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDⁱ), Switzerland & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition
- Prof. Madiha Hashmi | Ziauddin University, Pakistan

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14:30 – 15:50 (BST)

HEALTH SYSTEMS & INDIRECT HEALTH IMPACTS

Health systems and indirect health impacts of public health interventions at system and community levels e.g. including on other infectious diseases (e.g., HIV, TB, malaria); role of CHWs; and vaccine access and hesitancy.

Session introduction by co-chairs:

- Dr Moses Alobo | African Academy of Sciences, Kenya
- Prof. Patricia García | Cayetano Heredia University, Peru & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

Presentations from:

- Prof. Sabina Rashid | BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Prof. Yap Boum II | Epicentre, Cameroon
- Dr Massimo Ghidinelli | PAHO, USA
- Dr Queen Dube | Ministry of Health, Malawi

Panel discussion with co-chairs and presenters.

15:50 – 16:00 (BST)

DAY 1 WRAP UP/CLOSING COMMENTS

Closing remarks and reflections by Dr Caesar Atuire | University of Ghana, Ghana & Ethics Working Group member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2021

12:00 – 12:35 (BST)

OPENING STATEMENTS/REFLECTIONS

Welcome and key messages from Day 1 by session chair:

- [Dr Gail Carson](#) | GloPID-R Secretariat, UK & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

Opening remarks from:

- [Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) | WHO Director General, Switzerland
- [Dr Michael Makanga](#) | EDCTP, The Netherlands

Presentation from:

- [Dr Ana Maria Henao Restrepo](#) | WHO, Switzerland
- [Prof. Patricia García](#) | Cayetano Heredia University, Peru & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

12:40 – 13:55 (BST)

ONE HEALTH

Research on the human-animal interface; surveillance; preparedness.

Session introduction by co-chairs:

- Dr Choong-Min Ryu | Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Republic of Korea
- Prof. Uma Ramakrishnan | National Centre for Biological Sciences, India



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Presentations from:

- Prof. Bassirou Bonfoh | Afrique One-ASPIRE, Côte d'Ivoire
- Prof. Hye Kwon Kim | Chungbuk National University, Republic of Korea
- Dr Jenny Hutchison | World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), France
- Dr Veasna Duong | Institut Pasteur du Cambodge, Cambodia

Panel discussion with co-chairs and presenters.

13:55 – 15:15 (BST)

TRANSMISSION

Diagnostics suitable for remote and underserved populations; monitoring, sequencing capacity; new variants; social and ethical considerations.

Session introduction by co-chairs:

- Prof. Rui Maciel | FAPESP, Brazil
- Prof. Francine Ntoumi | Fondation Congolaise pour la Recherche Médicale, Republic of the Congo & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition

Presentations from:

- Dr Ester Cerdeira Sabino | Institute of Tropical Medicine & University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Prof. Christian Happi | African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID), Nigeria
- Dr Laurence Baril | Institut Pasteur du Cambodge, Cambodia
- Prof. Jorge Kalil | University of São Paulo, Brazil

Panel discussion with co-chairs and presenters.

15:15 – 16:00 (BST)

CLOSING SESSION

The closing session focusses on lessons learnt, persistent research systems gaps, research priorities and actionable next steps.

Session chair:

- Dr Marta Tufet | UKCDR, UK

Presentation of COVID CIRCLE pre-meeting survey results:

- Ms. Sheila Mburu | UKCDR, UK

Panel: Feedback on gaps, barriers, opportunities, next steps & priorities from the four thematic sessions: Clinical Research, Health Systems & Indirect Impact, One Health, and Transmission.

Closing remarks:

- Prof. Charles Wiysonge | Vice Chair GLoPID-R, South Africa
- Prof. Helen Rees | Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa & Steering Committee member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition
- Dr Marta Tufet | UKCDR, UK