



African Conference on Emerging Infectious Disease And Biosecurity

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2nd Call for Abstracts

3rd African Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity
“Pandemic Preparedness in Africa. Biosecurity and Infrastructure in the wake of the Ebola outbreak”
Accra, Ghana
August 16-18, 2017.

Global Emerging Pathogen Treatment Consortium (GET) in partnership with West African Task Force for Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease Outbreaks (WATER), African Gong (AG) and Mothergold (MG) are organizing the **3rd African conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity** in Accra Ghana from 16th to 18 August 2017. The conference will be hosted by the NOGUCHI Memorial Institute for Medical Research at the University of Ghana, Legon and the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research, KCCR, Kumasi Ghana. It is an academic and policy based meeting that will address response mechanism to biological threats and increasing incidences of Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) from a Continental perspective.

This is the second call for abstracts for a poster presentation or a 10 minute oral presentation under any of the following themes.

The 5 Thematic areas and parallel sessions are as follows:

- (1) **Emerging Infectious Diseases as an accelerating phenomenon and the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak, with the following sub themes:**
 - a. Survivors and survivor welfare
 - b. One Health
 - c. Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR).
 - d. Clinical trials (update)
 - e. Plasma and a Plasmapheris agenda for West Africa (update)
 - f. Infectious disease burden and trends across Africa (Lassa, MERS, Yellow Fever, Pandemic Influenza) (update)
 - g. Sustainable infectious diseases, preventive measures and community engagement
- (2) **Biosecurity and Biobanking infrastructure, with the following sub-themes:**
 - a. AID Biobank part of a Biosecurity Plan: the Ebola lesson
 - b. Ethical/Regulatory Issues specifically for Africa
 - c. The Legal and ethical framework developed by H3Africa in collaboration with B3Africa, BCNet and other networks working in Africa
 - d. Ethical and legal guidelines in relation to biosecurity

- e. Biobanking Networks (H3Africa, etc.) and societies (ISBER, ESBB, BBMRI, etc.).
- f. Minimum characteristics to establish a Biobanking for EID (Emerging Infectious Disease) specimens in Africa

Biobanking Training Sessions:

- a. Problems of Handling and Processing AID Biospecimen in BSL3 and BSL4 Infrastructure in Africa
- b. IATA regulation for Shipping Class A Biospecimen

(3) Science Communication and the Public Learning and Understanding of Science (PLUS), with the following sub-themes:

- a. Strategies for implementing the **Lagos Call to Action on Science Communication and PLUS** in Africa
- b. Harnessing the digital revolution and digital platforms to advance Science Communication and PLUS in Africa
- c. Capacity-building for Science Communication and PLUS in Africa

(4) The need for a Vaccine strategy for the Ebola belt of Africa, with the following sub themes:

- a. Ebola vaccine - progress and prospects
- b. Role of African governments and indigenous vaccine manufacturers in vaccine R&D
- c. Challenges and prospects of vaccine R&D for emerging infectious diseases, e.g. Lassa fever virus

(5) The Cultural, Anthropological, Social and Economic Impact of Emerging Infectious Diseases (CASE), with the following sub themes:

- a. African cultural practices and management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs)
- b. Community engagement and the fight against emerging infectious diseases
- c. Determinants and impact of EIDs in Africa
- d. Ethics and the management of EIDs in Africa
- e. Contextualising policy approaches and intervention strategies to fit local responses to EIDs
- f. Capacity building for public health emergencies in Africa

A 200-300 word electronic abstract must be received by GET latest by **June 15, 2017**. Please submit your abstract to admin@getafrica.org specify platform or poster presentation preference. You will be notified of the fate of your submission by the 30th of June.

Important Dates:

- Abstract submission due: June 15, 2017
- Abstract acceptance notifications: June 30, 2017
- Draft extended abstract (3-5 pages) due: July 15, 2017

NOTE: Although authors are requested to indicate their preference for oral or poster presentations, it may not be possible to accommodate all the requests. GET can provide an invitation letter to assist with visa applications for international authors once abstracts have been accepted.

Conference registration fees:

\$150 (African Delegates -Normal Registration),

\$300 (Non-African Delegates -Normal Registration)

The conference registration fee is free for students with accepted abstract.

Other delegates with accepted abstract will also have a 50% reduction in registration fee.