



3rd

African Conference on Emerging Infectious Disease And Biosecurity

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Call for Abstracts

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“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.

1. General Objective of the Conference:

To accelerate regional and continental political and public awareness of biological threats and align with international efforts such as the Biological Weapons Convention, United Nations, 1540 Security Council Resolutions, (IHR and PVS) and the One Health Paradigm that addresses such threats. Provide the impetus for adaptation of policies and practices that will minimize the evolution of EID and the spillover of zoonotic diseases from animals to human populations.

2. Focused Objectives:

- 1) Share experiences, best practices, and challenges in addressing Zoonotic Disease in both the animal and human sectors.
- 2) Identify regional and international opportunities for collaboration in support of zoonotic disease prevention and control.
- 3) Identify activity going on the Continent and use information shared to develop milestones for achieving an African Agenda
- 4) Fast track a harmonized African Strategy to receive full political backing in addressing the plethora of samples not thoroughly inventoried.

- 5) Opportunity to present the latest breaking research activity and Collaborations from Ebola and other deadly EIDs.
- 6) Debate evolving vaccine and immunological therapeutic modalities.
- 7) Shape the development of Science Communication and PLUS Policy and Practice and position its critical role in the prevention, containment and management of EID's in Africa.
- 8) Strengthen both human and institutional capacities in Science Communication and PLUS in Africa

The conference will focus on Six (6) thematic areas. Abstracts on these and related topics are being solicited from academic, industrial and governmental organizations at the local, national, regional and continental level. Abstracts of 200-300 words are being sought for both oral and poster presentations under the following thematic areas:

There will be 6 streams at the 3rd meeting in Accra:

- 1. Era of Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)**
- 2. Biosecurity**
- 3. Biobanking,**
- 4. Public Learning and Understanding of Science (PLUS),**
- 5. Vaccine and Immunological Strategy**
- 6. Junior Faculty. Mentoring the next generation of African Scientists on EID.**

Embedded in all these 6 streams are the key tenants of Science Communication and Community Engagement that were a major challenge during this outbreak.

A 200-300 word electronic abstract must be received by GET latest by May **30, 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: May 30, 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)

Conference registration fee is free for students with accepted abstract.

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