Responses to Healthcare Challenges in Africa: Looking for Solutions to Reduce the Impact of High-burden Diseases

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Africa has a fast-growing youth population. Improvements in health outcomes have been recognized in the last decade, yet challenges still exist. Best practice sharing, collaborative healthcare solution development and training have proven to successfully minimize resource waste and work duplication, especially when a substantial proportion of external resources is accountable for the total health expenditures. In this exciting and interactive symposium, our faculty will present, with examples, how interventions and collaboration with local and regional public health organizations, can reduce the impact of infectious and emerging non-communicable diseases in Africa.

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DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES: EBOLA IN THE DRC AND MALARIA IN MOZAMBIQUE
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MALARIA ELIMINATION IN AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES
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SICKLE CELL DISEASE: WHAT CAN AFRICA CONTRIBUTE
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NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: INTEGRATION OF HIV AND NCDS SERVICES IN AFRICA
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TDR: Strengthening Implementation Research Capacity to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage

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TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, manages a postgraduate training scheme as part of efforts to strengthen implementation research capacity. TDR provides full academic scholarships in collaboration with several universities in low- and middle-income countries that train students to obtain Masters degrees focused on implementation research in malaria, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases. Three alumni from this TDR-supported scheme will present their work on implementation research.

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TDR: STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH CAPACITY TO ACCELERATE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE
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IMPLEMENTING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF LYMPHATIC FILARIAISIS IN NORTHERN GHANA
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ASSESSING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF SCREENING OF DIABETES MELLITUS AMONG TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS IN SELECTED DISTRICTS OF NEPAL
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HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE OF ZIKA IN PREGNANT WOMEN IN GUATEMALA?
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