

## **Re-starting Malaria R&D in the Face of COVID-19**

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**Tuesday, November 17, 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

COVID-19 has put a halt to much of the health research happening worldwide. It is vital that malaria R&D clinical trials are re-started as soon as possible to ensure that we do not lose valuable time bringing much-needed innovations to market. This session will share perspective from research programmes and funders on how COVID-19 has affected their operations and their planning for re-starting R&D in a safe and effective manner. Holding this symposium will allow stakeholders to share their learnings about re-starting R&D in the face of COVID-19.

### **SETTING THE STAGE ON MALARIA IN AFRICA AND DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW TOOLS TO FIGHT MALARIA AND RE-STARTING R&D AND CLINICAL TRIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**Co-Chair: Abdourahmane Diallo**

*CEO, The RBM Partnership to End Malaria, Geneva, Switzerland*

### **ADDRESSING THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN CONDUCTING CLINICAL TRIALS**

**Co-Chair: Berhnards Ogutu**

*Chief Research Officer, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and Senior Clinical Trialist, Malaria Clinical Trials Alliance of the INDEPTH-Network, Nairobi, Kenya*

### **DISCUSSION OF WHITE PAPER ON INNOVATION AND OVERALL VIEWS ON INNOVATION AND ACCESS ON THE CONTINENT**

**Catherine Kyobutuni**

*Executive Director, African Population and Health Research Centre, Nairobi, Kenya*

### **HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED NOVARTIS R&D TIMELINES AND INITIAL LEARNINGS FROM RE-STARTING TRIALS**

**Caroline Boulton**

*Global Programme Head, Malaria, Novartis, Basel, Switzerland*

### **HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED THEIR R&D PARTNERSHIPS, HOW THEY HAVE BEEN DOING SCENARIO PLANNING AND HOW FUNDING STREAMS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED**

**David Reddy**

*CEO, Medicines for Malaria Venture, Geneva, Switzerland*

### **HOW EDCTP IS HANDLING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON R&D AS A FUNDER**

**Michael Makanga**

*CEO, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership, The Hague, Netherlands*

### **INFORMING R&D PRIORITIES THROUGH AFRICAN-WIDE DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**Lacina Kon**

*Director General, Smart Africa, Kigali, Rwanda*