



Lessons for the Future: What East African experts learned from fighting the Ebola Epidemic in West Africa

Conference programme

DAY 1

12:00 – 14:00	Registration & lunch
Session 1 14:00 – 15:30	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr Segenet Kelemu</i> Director General icipe (Host) • <i>Ms Jesca Eriyo (tbc)</i> Director General Finance & Administration, East African Community • <i>Dr Jackson Amone</i> Chair of Head of Delegation of Partner States • <i>N.N.</i> Representative Ministry of Health Kenya Principles of Effective Ebola Response: Evidence from Experiences in West Africa <i>Dr Monica Musenero Masanza</i> WHO Field Coordinator, Bombali, Sierra Leone
15:30 – 16:00	Break
Session 2 16:00 – 17:00	Delving into the topic: First sharing of ideas Participants share their experiences in 12 small groups
Session 3 17:00 – 18:00	Introduction of the working group themes for day 2 Presentation: Setting up a database for rapidly deployable experts – Experiences from Germany <i>Julia Gering</i> , Head of GIZ's Epidemic Preparedness Team
18:00– 18:30	Group photo

DAY 2

Session 4 08:30 – 10:00	Working groups: Exchange and lessons learned for future outbreaks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Being ready at short notice (establishing a pool of rapidly deployable experts)</i> 2. <i>Taking informed decisions (effective communication to mitigate risks and crises)</i> 3. <i>Working together (interdisciplinary teams working across silos and implementing the One Health approach)</i> 4. <i>Organising effective logistics (what, when, where, how?)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Break
Session 5 10:30 – 12:00	Working groups (continued)



12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
Session 6 13:30 – 14:30	Working groups formulate recommendations 'What needs to be done to improve epidemic preparedness?'
Session 7 14:30 – 15:30	Which other themes need to be discussed for an effective regional epidemic preparedness? Agreeing on four topics for further working group discussions
15:30 – 16:00	Break
Session 8 16:00 – 17:30	Working group discussions Which lessons have we learnt on how to respond to future epidemics?
Session 9 17:30 – 18:30	Summary of day 2
18:30 – 19:00	Closing

DAY 3

Session 10 08:30 – 09:00	Review of day 2
Session 11 09:00 – 10:30	Continued: Working group discussions
10:30 – 11:00	Break
Session 12 11:00 – 12:00	Working groups formulate recommendations 'What needs to be done at the different levels to improve epidemic preparedness?'
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
Session 13 13:30 – 15:00	Plenary session: Results, recommendations and the way forward
15:00 – 15:30	Break
Session 14 15:30 – 16:00	Award ceremony
Session 15 16:00 – 16:45	Plenary session: What has been achieved
16:45 – 17:00	Formal closing