



Africa Chapter

Pharmacovigilance in Africa: Preparing for Effective Surveillance of COVID-19 Remedies

ISO P Africa Virtual Meeting

3rd September 2020

12:00 -14:00 UTC (GMT)

13:00 – 15:00 UTC+1 West African Time

14:00 – 16:00 UTC+2 Central African Time

15:00 – 17:00 UTC+3 East African Time

Purpose of this meeting

Health systems and economies across the African continent are actively fighting to contain the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic whilst the scientific community is investigating the effect of several remedies including *remdesivir* which received approval for emergency use authorization in several countries. In parallel, multiple candidate vaccines are undergoing clinical trials. Hence the landscape for treatment or prevention of this coronavirus looks more promising now than in the past three months.

This promise of treatments and vaccines means that countries need to get prepared to effectively monitor the safety of those products once approved for use. During this virtual meeting, five *Panelists* will be sharing experience of pharmacovigilance in the COVID-19 era, especially the role of safety practitioners in different sectors within and across the globe in supporting and repurposing existing PV systems to undertake safety surveillance effectively.

Aspects to be considered in the presentations and discussions include: i) the essential role of PV systems to ensure the safe use of new or repurposed medicines and vaccines, ii) Configuring those systems adequately to effectively monitor the safe use of those new medicines and vaccines, iii) Toward this goal, ensure the collaboration and support of all relevant stakeholders from both public sector, private sector, industries and suppliers

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The meeting will be chaired by Dr Helen Byomire Ndagije, President of the ISoP Africa Chapter, Director of Product Safety at the National Drug Authority in Uganda (NDA).

The sessions will be moderated by the other members of the Executive Committee: *Dr Christabel Khaemba, Ms Comfort Ogar and Dr Wangui Mathenge.*

Appointed presenters include:

- *Dr Rebecca Chandler, Vice President of ISoP, Uppsala Monitoring Centre;*
- *Dr Sten Olsson, WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Medicine Safety, Past President of ISoP and Advisor to the ISoP Africa Chapter;*
- *Dr Hudu Mogtari, NEPAD Agency Industrialization, Science, Technology and Innovation;*
- *Dr Helen Byomire Ndagije, Director of Product Safety at the National Drug Authority of Uganda;*
- *Dr Jayesh Manharlal Pandit, Head of Pharmacovigilance for Bayer East Africa, Kenya.*

Those presentations will be followed by a Q&A Session where the Audience will be invited to ask question via the Q&A facility of the Zoom system or may use the chat facility to request Audio/video access.

The Q&A session will be followed by a discussion on setting up Working groups of Volunteers interested getting involved in the activities aimed at meeting the goals of the ISoP Africa Chapter.



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This live virtual ISoP meeting will be operated using the ISoP Zoom facility.

- To connect this virtual meeting, you will be requested to register using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/3H8Nsah5SESG0b8bB01gQ>
- The session will be opened at 11:45 UTC i.e. 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the virtual meeting.
- Once the session will be open, attendees will be able to reach the technical organiser through the *chat* function of the Zoom application
- The Q&A functions of the Zoom application should be reserved to asking questions to the Panelists.
- The technical organiser may be contacted as isoponline1@gmx.com or administration@isoponline.org
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