

WIPO Re:Search Africa Regional Event

October 28, 2021; 2:30 pm CET (8:30 am ET, 5:30 am PT)

Agenda



Time	Speakers	Topic
2:30 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
	Mr. Edward Kwakwa, Assistant Director General, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Ms. Jennifer Dent, President and CEO, BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH) <i>Confirmed</i>	
2:45 pm	African Leaders: Investing in Research, Innovation, and Global Collaborations; the Important Role of WIPO Re:Search Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Dent, President and CEO, BVGH <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC; Nigeria) <i>Confirmed</i>	Catalyzing African-led R&D, engaging and partnering with industry, and increasing investment in Nigeria's scientific community
	Dr. Michael Makanga, Executive Director, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (South Africa) <i>Confirmed</i>	Bolstering innovation and clinical research capacity in sub-Saharan Africa
	Prof. Kabir Bala, Vice Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU; Nigeria) <i>Confirmed</i>	Advancing ABU's vision of scientific excellence through partnering and accelerating innovation
	Dr. Nhlanhla Msomi, President, AfricaBio (Africa) <i>Confirmed</i>	Stimulating the development of Africa's biotechnology sector
3:30 pm	African Innovators: Advancing R&D through WIPO Re:Search Partnerships Moderator: Dr. Cathy Manner, Senior Director, Programs, BVGH <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Prof. Lawal Bilbis, Vice Chancellor, Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto (Nigeria) <i>Confirmed</i>	Developing new antimalarial drugs with novel mechanisms of action to outpace emerging resistance
	Prof. Fabrice Boyom, Head, Antimicrobial & Biocontrol Agents Unit, University of Yaoundé I (Cameroon) <i>Confirmed</i>	Accelerating antiparasitic drug discovery through industry collaborations
	Prof. Peter Cheuka, Lecturer and Researcher, Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, University of Zambia (Zambia) <i>Confirmed</i>	Discovering new treatments for parasitic diseases from natural products
	Prof. Alexander Odaibo, Head, Parasitology Research Unit, University of Ibadan (Nigeria) <i>Confirmed</i>	Leveraging Nigeria's indigenous plants to fight schistosomiasis
4:30 pm	African Researchers: Sharing Knowledge and Building Skills through WIPO Re:Search Capacity Development Programs Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Dent, President and CEO, BVGH <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Prof. Fidelis Cho-Ngwa, Full Professor of Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Drug Discovery, University of Buea (Cameroon) <i>Confirmed</i>	Partnering with industry to advance research and build laboratory capacity
	Dr. Edmund Ekuadzi, Senior Lecturer, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Pharmacognosy;	Unleashing the medicinal power of Ghanaian plants to treat parasitic diseases

	Head, Central Laboratory; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana) <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Dr. Deus Ishengoma , Principal Research Scientist, National Institute for Medical Research (Tanzania) <i>Confirmed</i>	Building the capacity for molecular surveillance to support malaria elimination in Tanzania
	Ms. Altayework Tedla , Head, Distance Learning Program, WIPO Academy <i>Confirmed</i>	Fostering African scientist inventors through IP management training
5:10 pm	<i>Global Pharmaceutical Companies: Fostering Innovation, Building Capacity, and Mobilizing IP to Address Priority Health Needs in Africa</i> Moderator: Ms. Sharon Reiche , Senior Corporate Counsel, Pfizer Inc. <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Dr. Chris Reddick , Vice President, Head of R&D Health Equity, Takeda Pharmaceuticals <i>Confirmed</i>	Advancing research and building capacity in Africa
	Ms. Christine Funk , Head, MSD ¹ Fellowship Program <i>Confirmed</i>	Sharing insights, inspiration, and knowledge with African researchers
	Mr. Dirk Gillé , Vice President R&D Capacity Development Leader, Global Public Health, Johnson & Johnson <i>Confirmed</i>	Building capacity and advancing research through public private partnerships
5:40 pm	<i>International Stakeholders: Driving Health and Economic Development in Africa through Public-Private Partnerships</i> Moderator: Ms. Loretta Asiedu , Senior Counsellor, Division for Africa, Regional and National Development Sector, WIPO <i>Confirmed</i>	
	Ms. Phyllis Arthur , Vice President, Infectious Diseases and Diagnostics Policy, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) <i>Confirmed</i>	Driving equity in science innovation and access globally
	Mr. Patrick Kilbride , Senior Vice President, Global Innovation Policy Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce <i>Confirmed</i>	WIPO Re:Search as a valuable partner in catalyzing innovation, health, and economic development in Africa
	Dr. Ekua Nuama Bentil , Education Specialist, Education Global Practice (Sub-Saharan Africa), Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project (ACE), World Bank <i>Confirmed</i>	Importance of public-private partnerships in augmenting World Bank investments in Africa
6:20 pm	<i>Closing Remarks: The Next 10 Years of WIPO Re:Search</i>	
	Ms. Amy Dietterich , Director, Global Challenges Division, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, WIPO <i>Confirmed</i>	

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