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**November 11, 13, 14, 2021
Accra, Ghana**



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Theme

**Beyond COVID-19 – Harnessing Emerging Scientific Innovations
for Multi-sector Advancement in Africa**

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Conference Program

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

Session 1 – November 11, 2021

Moderator: Prof. Joachim Kapalanga

Western University, Canada

09.30 - 09:35

Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Emilio Ovuga

International Institute of Medicine and Science

09:40 – 10:20

Keynote Address

Prof. Paul B. Adjei

Dean, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Pandemic social work: Unsettling and re-engaging the politics of care

10:20 – 11:00

Keynote Address

Dr. Sabina Appiah-Boateng

University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Motherhood Dolour and COVID-19:

Narratives of Women in Agogo Traditional Area, Ghana

11:00 – 11:40

Keynote Address

Dr. Priscilla Boakye

Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Ryerson University, Canada

Rethinking the Moral Ecology of Hospitals in Ghana

in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic

11:45 – 12:15

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

Moderator: Prof. Joachim Kapalanga

Panelists: Prof. Emilio Ovuga, Prof. Paul B. Adjei, Dr. Sabina Appiah-Boateng; Dr. Priscilla Boakye

13:30 – 13:50

Demeke Geremew Debebe

Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

Convalescent plasma therapy for COVID-19: Old tricks to tackle new challenges in Ethiopia

13:50 – 14:10

Dr. Daniel Buyinza

Faculty of Science, Kabale University, Uganda

Liquid Detergent, a Kabale University Intervention in the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 Pandemic in Kigezi Sub Region- Western Uganda

Session 2 - November 13, 2021

Moderator: Prof. Sam Lanfranco

York University, Canada

09.30 - 09:35

Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Joachim Kapalanga

09:40 – 10:20

Keynote Address

Dr. Francis Adyanga Akena

Dean, Faculty of Education, Kabale University, Uganda

**Post COVID-19 Education Reform
& the Implications for Indigenous Knowledge in Africa**

10:20 – 10:40

Nalule Hadijah, Dr. Johnson Ocan, and Dr. Akena Francis Adyanga

Kabale University, Uganda

**Examining the Influence of COVID-19 Pandemic on Female Students Education
in Selected Secondary Schools in Kisoro Municipality, Uganda**

10:40 – 11:00

Dr Stephen Ochaya, Dr. Reginald Austin, and Dr Daniel Komakech

Gulu University, Uganda and Uppsal Academic Hospital, Sweden

Smart Multiplexed Vaccine: Multiplexed targeting of high conserved genes

11:00 – 11:15

Abel Mavura

Sciences Po University, Paris, France

**Beyond Covid 19: Harnessing Emerging Scientific Innovations for Multisector Advancement -
Food Security, Food Sovereignty, Agro based Research and Climate Change**

11:15 – 11:55

Keynote Address

Dr. Isaac Darko

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, Burman University

**COVID-19 Pandemic and Teacher Education Reforms:
A Glimpse into The Experiences of Practicum Students**

11:55 – 12:25

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Moderator: Prof. Sam Lanfranco

Panelists: Prof. Jachim Kapalanga; Dr. Francis Adyanga Akena; Dr. Isaac Darko; Nalule Hadijah;
Johnson Ocan; Dr Stephen Ochaya, Dr. Reginald Austin; Dr Daniel Komakech; Abel Mavura

Session 3 - November 14, 2021

Moderator: Dr. Francis Adyanga Akena

09.30 - 09:35

Welcoming Remarks
(To be announced)

0940 – 10:20

Keynote Address

Dr. Sam Lanfranco

York University, Canada

African COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Climate Change Refugee Preparedness

10:20 – 11:00

Keynote Address

Dr. Philip Baiden

University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Social Work

**Bullying Victimization and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Among Adolescents
from Community and Inpatient Mental Health Settings in Ontario, Canada**

11:00 – 11:20

Dr. Daniel Komakech and Dr. Expedito Nuwategeka

Gulu University, Uganda

Permanent State of Exception – COVID-19 and Bio-Politics

11:20 – 11:40

Dr. Denis Sekiwu

Postgraduate Training Kabale University

**Adoption of African Indigenous Knowledges to Sustained Mitigation of COVID-19 Upshots:
Prospects, Challenges, and Remedial Strategies**

11:40 – 12:00

Dr. Benjamin Karikari

University for Development Studies, Ghana

**CRISPR/Cas9 -mediated targeted mutagenesis of GmPLAs genes improve soyabean response to Fe
deficiency condition**

12:00 – 12:30

PANEL DISCUSSION 4

Moderator: Dr. Francis Adyanga Akena

Panelists: Dr. Sam Lanfranco; Dr. Philip Baiden; Daniel Komakech; Expedito Nuwategeka;
Dr. Denis Sekiwu

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