

# Africa Flu Scientific Symposium

Johannesburg, South Africa ○ December 7-9, 2009

## Monday, December 7:

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks (Dr. L. Blumberg, NICD and Dr. F. Benson, NDOH)

### *Parallel Epidemiology and Laboratory Sessions*

#### **Session 1A: *Influenza Disease Burden/Epidemiology***

9:30 - 10:00 Global importance of influenza and continued vigilance (Prof B. Schoub, NICD)

10:00 - 11:00 Presentation of papers (10 min presentation and 5 min Q&A)

11:00 - 11:30 **TEA BREAK**

11:30 - 12:30 Presentation of papers

12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH

#### **Session 1B: *Virologic Surveillance and Laboratory Developments***

9:00 - 9:30 New opportunities in the use of virologic data from surveillance systems

9:30 - 10:30 Presentation of papers

10:30- 11:00 **TEA BREAK**

11:00 - 12:30 Poster Presentations

12:30- 1:30 LUNCH

#### **Session 2: *Surveillance: Issues and Priorities***

1:30 - 2:00 Plenary Talk: Global Influenza Surveillance Network (Dr. T. Besselaar, WHO)

2:00- 3:00 Presentation of papers

3:00- 3:30 **TEA BREAK**

3:30 - 4:30 Presentation of papers

4:30 - 5:00 Roundtable discussion: "*Translating surveillance data into disease burden information – data for action*"

5:00 Wrap up and Adjourn

## **Tuesday, December 8**

### ***Session 3: Novel H1N1***

- 9:30-10:00 Plenary Talk: The Global Response to H1N1
- 10:00-11:00 Presentation of papers (10 min presentation and 5 min Q&A)
- 11:00-11:30 **TEA BREAK**
- 11:30-12:30 Presentation of papers
- 12:30-1:30 LUNCH

### ***Session 4: Avian and Pandemic Influenza Surveillance: Issues and Priorities***

- 1:30 - 2:00 Plenary Talk: Update on issues in H5N1 and pandemic preparedness
- 2:00 - 3:00 Presentation of papers
- 3:00- 3:30 **TEA BREAK**
- 3:30 - 4:30 Presentation of papers
- 4:30 - 5:15 Roundtable Discussion: "*Leveraging pandemic preparedness and response work towards strengthening public health and academic capabilities in Africa*"
- 5:15 Wrap up and Adjourn

## **Wednesday, December 9:**

### ***Session 5: Influenza in Africa***

- 9:00 - 10:00 Presentation of papers
- 10:00 - 10:30 **TEA BREAK**
- 10:30 - 11:30 Presentations of papers
- 11:30 - 12:00 Closing summary Session and Remarks
- 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:30- 4:30 Optional NICD Lab Visit or SARI Site Visit (Baragwanath Hospital)