

Webinar Session on Transformational Risk Management: COVID-19 and its impact on Health, Livelihoods and Food Security

Agenda

Synopsis

The webinar session is being convened by the African Risk Capacity, to discuss challenges and opportunities associated with risk management and financing in the context of health outbreaks and food insecurity in Africa. The emergence of the COVID 19 pandemic highlights existing gaps in health and emergency response systems and presents the opportunity to devise strategies to enhance African countries' response capacities by. Specifically, in the context of Africa, the socioeconomic impacts of the Pandemic on individuals' livelihoods in the context of food security are immense and the webinar session would highlight these. Having established these impacts, the discussants would then address ways in which African governments can be better prepared, they would highlight what role disaster risk financing mechanisms such as ARC can play in supporting government's financial response to health risks, and the roles that effective risk modelling can play in aiding government's policymaking decisions. The session would then present the positive opportunities that the Pandemic presents for the African continent. These objectives are summarised below:

- To establish the effects of the global pandemic on food security and the livelihoods of Africans;
- To highlight the role of risk management systems such as continental and country risk profiles and early warning systems for health and food insecurity;
- To Interrogate opportunities for developing better financial response systems in Africa;
- To discuss a concerted African strategy for better addressing food and health security risks.

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Moderator: Mr Robert Agyarko, Lead Advisor Outbreaks and Epidemics, African Risk Capacity

- Financing the COVID19 response in Zimbabwe
Honourable Prof. Mthuli Ncube-Honourable Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe.
- Africa's Macroeconomic outlook within a context of fragility
Dr Vera Songwe- Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (TBC)
- Accelerating the continental Development Agenda during a global pandemic
Dr Ibrahim Mayaki – Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD-AUDA
- Perspectives from regional responses and associated challenges
Prof. Stanley Okolo- Director General, West Africa Health Organisation (WAHO)

- Impact of a global Pandemic on African livelihoods and the role for risk management systems

Mr Mohamed Beavogui- Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and ARC Director General. (Host)