



Draft Programme of Activities

ROUNDTABLE ON GOVERNANCE ISSUES IN THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER RESPONSES TO THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) IN WEST AFRICA

Old Committee Room 1
African Union Headquarters
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Monday, 4 April 2016

09:00-09:30 Welcome and Introduction

- Commissioner/Director DSA
- Director, APSP/IPSS
- Director APN/SSRC
- Head of Oxfam Delegation to the AU
- Director, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa

Moderator: **Charles Ukeje**, Senior Advisor, African Peace and Security Programme
Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa Univ., Ethiopia

09:30-10:15 Keynote Address

Professor Onyebuchi Chukwu, Former Honourable Minister of Health, Nigeria

Respondents:

- **Dr. Kenneth Ofosu-Barko**, Executive Director, AFENET
- **Major Gen. Oketta Julius Facki**, Former Head of Mission, ASEOWA
- **Dr. Benjamin Djoudalbaye**, African Union Department of Social Affairs

Rapporteur: **Brenda Mofya**, Oxfam International Liaison Office with the AU

10:15-11:30 Session I: Local Response, Mobilization and Accountability: Community Engagement and Accountability Issues in EVD-affected Communities

What was the nature of the initial reactions within (and towards) communities in the affected countries when the virus began to spread? What did the reactions tell us about community engagement in terms of emergency, health interventions and development? How were the local communities mobilized against the virus? Who mobilized them, and what facilitated

and/or hindered the mobilization? What sort of exchanges (debates, arguments, conflicts, cooperation etc.) ensued between the communities, the state and international stakeholders regarding the disease, and how were they resolved? What are the implications of all these interactions on, as well as for health governance in the affected countries, in particular, and for in Africa, in general?

Session Chair: Honourable Williametta Carlos, Incident Management Ebola Task Force

Panellists:

- **Melissa Minor**, Anthropologist, formerly Oxfam Sierra Leone
- **Daniel Molokele**, African civil society response to EVD
- **Dr. Joshua Obasanya**, former Deputy Head of AU/ASEOWA
- **W. Lawrence Yealue II**, Accountability Lab, Liberia

Plenary Discussion

Rapporteur: Dr. Yaya Habibu, Kings College, London/IPSS

10:30-11:00 Health Break

11:00-12:30 Session II: 'Never Again' – Learning from the Ebola Crisis: Governance Issues in Resilient Health Systems and Disaster Preparedness

Are we now in a position to say 'Never Again'? What sorts of structures or measures are in place to prevent relapse? What major lessons have we learned from the management of the outbreak? Is the health governance system in the most-impacted countries, in particular, and across Africa, in general, robust enough to mitigate future epidemics? What mix of resources are required to establish or rebuild a more resilient health systems in the affected countries? Are the health infrastructures of the affected countries better now than they were before the EVD, and what should be done to improve them in quantity as well as quality? What is the level of disaster preparedness based on the experiences of the multi-stakeholder response to EVD?

Session Chair: Professor Memunatu Pratt, Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone

Panellists:

- **Pamela Khanakwa**, University of Makerere, Uganda
- **Alfred Palo Conteh**, CEO, National Ebola Response Centre, Sierra Leone
- **Hon. Tolbert G. Nyenswah**, Head of Liberia Ebola Incident Management
- **Dr. Sakoba Keita**, Director of Prevention and National Coordinator, Guinea

Plenary Discussion

Rapporteur: Nanny Berr, IPSS/APSP Addis Ababa

12:30-13:30 Lunch (Space between Building B and C)

13:30-14:30 Session III: From Local to the Regional – Creating Value-Added Local Leadership with Regional and International Support

What is the nexus between local leadership and resources vis-à-vis national, regional, international supports in the fight against EVD? What is the role of leadership- at different tiers of government- in the design, functioning and maintenance of health governance systems/structures in the affected countries? How can leadership at the community level be better positioned to ensure the delivery robust early warning and early-action health programmes? What gaps currently exist, and how might they be addressed, to create stronger and resilient health systems capable of containing future health-related epidemics and disasters?

Session Chair: Ms. Jeanine Cooper, UNOCHA Representative to the AU

Panellists:

- **Youcef AIT Chellouche**, Regional EVD Response, IFRC
- **Jens Pedersen**, Humanitarian Advisor, MSF
- **Abu Bakarr Kamara**, Budget Advocacy Network, Sierra Leone
- **Dr. Idowu Rachel**, Medical Epidemiologist, US-CDC

Plenary Discussion

Rapporteur: Konima Bobor-Kamara, National advocacy and Campaigns Officer, OXFAM in Sierra Leone

14:30-15:10 Session IV: A Glance in the Rear-View Mirror: A Special Plenary Session Reflecting on the Involvement of ASEOWA Volunteers

Panellists:

- **Mr. Chem-Langhee Paschal**, Communications Officer
- **Mr. Donewell Bangure**, Field Epidemiologist
- **Dr. Meada Justin Mtefu**, Medical Epidemiologist
- **Mr. Mayah Manjuh Ngala**, Humanitarian Officer

15:10-16:30 Session V: Improving Governance in the Management of Health Epidemics - Preparing for the Future

What are the key lessons by, as well as for, the different stakeholders in the EVD response? What experiences do we need to document, and institutionalized in our health management systems, in general, and in relation to responding to health emergencies/epidemics, in particular? How do we better plan, organize, design, coordinate, administer, monitor and evaluate existing response infrastructure for health emergencies?

Session Chair: Professor Cyril Obi, African Peacebuilding Network

Panellists:

- **Dr. Johannes John-Langba**, University of Cape Town

- **Dr. Kenneth Madiebo**, Incident Manager, Ebola Emergency Operations Centre, Lagos
- **Carl Manlan**, Executive Secretary, Africa Against Ebola Trust
- **W. Lawrence Yealue II**, West Africa Representative, Accountability Lab, Oxfam

Plenary Discussion

Rapporteur: Dr. Musa Adam Abdul-Jalil, University of Khartoum

14:30-16:30 Session VI: Theme: Conclusions, Recommendations and Charting the Future

What conclusions can we draw from the multi-governance of the response? How can we better manage existing Ebola situation in the affected countries? What should be the focus of policy and action in improving the health governance of the Continent? The goal is to input into the AU Health Ministers summit as well as the UN Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, in May.

Moderators: Charles Ukeje (IPSS) and **Benjamin Djoudalbaye** (AU/DSA)

Rapporteurs: Yaya Habibu, Brenda Mofya, Nanny Berr, Komina Borbor-Kamara, Musa Adam Abdul-Jalil and Kwami Dadji

16:30-17:00: Closing remarks and appreciations: AU/DSA, IPSS, APN, Oxfam, UNDP

A Note on Time Management and Roundtable Protocol

A. Time Management:

- The opening ceremony, including the keynote, should last 45 minutes (5 minutes for each of the four partners, and 30 minutes for the keynote address).
- Each of the three panels should consist of approximately 4 participants, and should be allocated 30 minutes.
- Each panellist will have between 5-6 minutes within which to make summarized and pointed remarks.
- This will be followed by an open roundtable debate for 1 hour structured on key questions to be answered/recommendations to be made.
- The final session of the day (1 hour) will summarize the main findings and allow the members to come to an agreement on recommendations to be put forward at the World Humanitarian Summit and AU Summit.
- A recommendations paper will be created as an output from the event.

B. Roundtable Protocol

Participants should kindly note the following, as guide, on how the Roundtable will be conducted:

1. Discussions during the Roundtable will be interactive, frank and civil. Although we recognize that participants represent a broad spectrum of institutions that played direct and/or indirect roles in the national, regional and global response to the EVD in West Africa, we encourage everyone to speak in personal capacities, not as representatives of their institutions or governments.
2. This Roundtable is NOT about the weaknesses of any individual, institution or government in tackling the EVD rather the efforts put into the endeavour and what could have been done better.
3. The partnering institutions hosting the Roundtable have developed a robust digital (and social) media protocol for the entire event. We do encourage social media engagement throughout the event, and all participants are welcome to tag the following handles in their tweets: @AfricanPeacebuilding, @IPSS_Addis, @undpafrica, @Oxfam_AU and to use the hashtag #AfricaAgainstEbola to join the discussion online.
4. We request that only officially designated persons take photographs during the session. Official photographs will be shared with participants after the event.
5. When in doubt regarding any aspect of this protocol, please do not hesitate to ask the Lead Convener: Dr. Charles Ukeje.

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EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) IN WEST AFRICA”**

04 APRIL 2016

**09:00 – 17:00 HOURS
OLD COMMITTEE ROOM 1
NEW CONFERENCE CENTRE
AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**PROTOCOL GUIDELINES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this document is for the benefit of the participants attending the above-mentioned Event.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

The Roundtable will be held on 4th April 2016 at the small conference Hall 1, New Conference Center, African Union HQ, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 9:00 to 17:00.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENTS

The roundtable is hosted by the African Union Commission in collaboration with several partners namely;

- 1) Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)
- 2) African Peacebuilding Network (APN) Program of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
- 3) OXFAM International;
- 4) UNDP Regional Center for Africa

The AU Commission will facilitate the **accreditation process, visas on arrival as required and access to the AU HQ Premises**. The AU Commission is not, however, responsible for the arrangements of air tickets, hotel accommodation and local transport.

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PROGRAMME

To be emailed to all participants and hard copies shall be made available alongside other documents in the meeting room.

ACCOMMODATION

The AU Commission recommends a number of hotels for accommodation. For this particular meeting, Jupiter or Dreamliner are highly recommended for proximity and transportation to and from the meeting venue. Participants are encouraged to ask for the AU hotel rate and are advised to contact the hotel directly to make the necessary

reservations. Kindly be advised that, participants will be responsible for confirming their booking with the hotel directly and for settling their accounts.

TRANSPORT

Depending on which hotel one will be staying in, hotels might provide airport pick up and drop off. Participants, on identification of where they will be staying, should make arrangements in advance with their respective hotels for airport pick up and drop off. There are also taxi services available upon arrival from Bole International Airport. For participants sponsored by partners, kindly liaise directly with your host partner on transportation to the meeting venue (AUC) from the hotel.

PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The normal protocol formalities will be in place at Bole International Airport for arriving participants. The participants should enter through the normal immigration and custom channels.

REGISTRATION

Please be advised that all participants are required to obtain their **meeting badges** from main entrance of the new **AUC complex (gate used by non-AU staff)** by **8:30am** prior to entering the AU premises. No one will be allowed entry unless they have the proper credentials issued by organizers of the meeting.

HEALTH

Prior to entry, visitors to Ethiopia should be in possession of a valid health certificate for yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for any person who has visited or transited through a cholera-infected area within six days prior to arrival in the country. As Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2400 meters, it is advisable to take precautionary measures to avoid possible health problems that might occur due to high altitude.

The African Union Health Care Center, situated in the back of the AU New Conference Centre, provides 24-hour medical services. In case of medical or dental emergency, please call the reception desk on telephone numbers +251115515328 or +251115514642, or 5328/4642 when calling from an extension phone within AUC premises.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Addis Ababa is a high altitude city, 2400 meters above sea level (higher than Mexico City). Safety standards are relatively good, but similar precautions as in other metropolitan cities should be followed. The predominant language spoken in Addis Ababa is Amharic, but English is widely understood as well. Communication in French is quite limited, and minimal in Italian and Arabic. Right-hand traffic rules apply.

Mobile telephone coverage

Participants are encouraged to come to Addis Ababa with their dual band mobile handsets (900/1800 MHZ). Ethiopian Telecommunication Company offers SIM Cards with pre-charged airtime. The total package, which costs \$2.50, includes \$0.80

airtime. A copy of the national passport is required for processing and connection will be effected on the spot.

Banking Services and Currency

Banking hours are from 09:00 to 15:30 on weekdays and from 08:30 to 11:00 on Saturdays.

There is a branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia in the AUC compound, located in both the Old Building and the New Conference Center. The Bank is open from Monday through Friday, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. There is also an authorized exchange centre (Forex) at the Sheraton, Hilton and Intercontinental hotels, as well as ATM machines for Visa/Mastercard users, which will provide you cash in Birr.

Time

The time in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is GMT +3.

Electricity Supply

Electricity supply in Ethiopia is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, two pin (Italian) socket.