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ICASA 2017 Satellite Session

The role of point-of-care testing for early infant diagnosis and improved treatment options towards ending pediatric AIDS

Friday, 8th December 2017 | 18:30 h – 20:30 h

Cinema Majestic, Prof. Souleyman Mboup Room,
Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire

With the increased availability of robust point-of-care (POC) molecular technologies for early infant diagnosis (EID), ministries of health (MOHs), along with partners, have begun to scale-up routine POC testing in HIV programs to optimize laboratory networks and improve clinical outcomes. In addition, improved formulations of World Health Organization-recommended treatments are being introduced or are in the final stages of drug development. This session will present how new POC technologies are being scaled up within the diagnostic networks of select countries, as well as highlight new treatment options available for infants and young children, within the broader context of ending pediatric AIDS. Representatives from early adopter countries will share their perspectives on what is needed for a successful and sustainable path to scaling up POC technologies and new optimal pediatric treatments.

This session is co-organized by:



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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Gelise McCullough, Programme Officer, Unitaid, Switzerland
Dr Ali Elbireer, CEO, African Society for Laboratory Medicine, Ethiopia
Stefano Nobile, Focal Point for Health and HIV, Caritas Internationalis, Switzerland

Moderator: **Mr. Eric Agnero**, Communications and Development Specialist, Côte d'Ivoire

PART ONE

Why point of
care early infant
diagnosis

18:30- 19:30

Setting the scene for POC EID

- **Dr. Trevor Peter**, Senior Director of Laboratory Services Team
Clinton Health Access Initiative, Botswana
- **Rebecca Bailey**, Associate Director, Unitaid POC EID Project
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Switzerland

Panel discussion

- **Adolfo Vubil**, Laboratory Head
Instituto Nacional de Saude, Mozambique
- **Alwin B Mbene**, Assistant Director (Diagnostics)
Ministry of Health, Malawi
- **Dr. Paul Theodore Tjek Biyiga**, Chief of Service of PMTCT
Ministry of Health, Cameroon
- **Lara Vojnov**, Diagnostics Advisor
World Health Organization, Switzerland

Q & A and wrap up

Ending pediatric AIDS

- **Victor Musiime**, Principal investigator of LIVING study
Senior Lecturer at Makerere University, Uganda

Panel discussion

- **Dr. Patricia Fassinou**, Technical Director for Prevention, Care, and Treatment
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Maurine Murenga**, Activist, Executive Director
Lean on Me (NGO), Kenya
- **Dr. Rudo A.P Kuwengwa**, Medical Officer for HIV Treatment and Care
Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe
- **Fernando Pascual**, Consultant
Medicines Patent Pool, Switzerland

Q & A and wrap up

Donor perspectives on POC diagnostics and pediatric treatment

- **The Global Fund**

PART TWO

Towards
improved pediatric
formulations

19:30 – 20:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Chewe Luo, Chief of HIV/AIDS, UNICEF, USA