

## RSTMH Regional Meeting 2024 – West Africa

### Charting West Africa's journey to resilient health systems: overcoming challenges, embracing innovations, and cultivating future health leaders

Tuesday 30 July 2024, 9:15AM – 5:00PM WAT  
 Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Lagos, Nigeria

#### Programme:

Time (WAT)	Item
09:15 AM	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
09:30 AM	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Tamar Ghosh</b> , Chief Executive, <i>Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene</i>
09:40 AM	Keynote address  <b>Dr Melchior Athanase Joël C. AISSI</b> , Director General, <i>West African Health Organisation</i>
10:20 AM	<b>Addressing NCDs, injuries, and mental health in West Africa</b>  Chaired by <b>Dr Komi Assogba</b> , and <b>Professor Olufemi O. Adewole</b>  <b>Professor Akin Osibogun</b> , Professor, College of Medicine, <i>University of Lagos</i>  <b>Dr Mohammed Abdulaziz</b> , Head, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, <i>Africa CDC</i>  <b>Dr Morenike Alex-Okoh</b> , <i>Consultant Public Health Physician and the Founder /CEO of Global Health Strategies</i> ,  <b>Professor Olayinka Oladiran Adegbehingbe</b> , Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon, and Former Acting Chief Medical Director, <i>Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex</i>
11:30 AM	<b>Morning refreshments and networking</b>
11:50 AM	<b>Ensuring health security in West Africa</b>  Chaired by <b>Dr Quudus Yusuff</b> , and <b>Saffiatou Darboe</b>  <b>Dr Babatunde Ipaye</b> , Team Lead, Peltom Global Services Ltd.  <b>Dr Godswill C Okara</b> , Registrar/Secretary General, <i>West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science</i>  <b>Professor Martin Antonio</b> , Professor of Molecular Microbiology and Global Health, and Co-Director, Centre for Epidemic Preparedness and Response, <i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)</i>  <b>Dr Uduak Okomo</b> , Clinical Assistant Professor, Maternal Adolescent Reproductive and Child Health (MARCH) Centre, <i>LSHTM</i>
1:00 PM	<b>Lunch and networking</b>

2:10 PM **Harnessing the power of digital technologies for global health in West Africa**

Chaired by **Dr Francis Ohanyido**, and **Dr Lucas Esuh Esong**

**Carlos Yerena**, Director, Partnerships & Growth, *Reach Digital Health*

**Dr Nneka Mobisson**, Co-Founder and CEO, *mDoc*

**Dr Nkem Onwumechili**, Chief Executive Officer, *Preston Associates for International Development*.

**Seyilnan Gushe**, Senior Programme Officer, *West African Institute for Public Health*

**3:20 PM Afternoon refreshments and networking**

3:40 PM **Combating NTDs, AMR, and infectious diseases in West Africa**

Chaired by **Professor Margaret Gyapong**, and **Professor Olaoluwa Pheabian Akinwale**

**Babanding Sabally**, Director, National Pharmaceutical Services, *Ministry of Health, The Gambia*

**Dr John Amuasi**, Executive Director, *African Research Network for NTDs*

**Dr Piham Gnessike**, National NTD Coordinator, *Togo Ministry of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Access to Care*

**Dr Sunday Isiyaku**, COUNTDOWN Nigeria Country Director and Sightsavers Country Director (Nigeria & Ghana), *Sightsavers*

**4:50 PM Close**

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