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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### 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 Saúde, 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**

### PART TWO

**Towards improved pediatric formulations**

19:30 – 20:30

**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**

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

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