

# Research and Policy to Support Health Equity in Africa

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### Preliminary Agenda

#### Day 1

Session	Time	Presenter(s)
<b>Registration and coffee</b>	8:30 – 9:00	
<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	9:00 – 9:15	<a href="#">Dr Alyssa Sharkey</a> , School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University <a href="#">Dr Cristina Stefan</a> , Institute of Global Health Equity Research, Rwanda <a href="#">Dean Amaney Jamal</a> , School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
<b>Keynote: Why health equity is so important globally and in Africa</b>	9:15 – 10:00	<a href="#">Professor Agnes Binagwaho</a> , Retired Vice Chancellor, University of Global Health Equity and former Minister of Health, Rwanda
<b>Key and emerging priorities in health equity in Africa</b>	10:00 – 10:30	<a href="#">Dr Mickey Chopra</a> , World Bank
<b>BREAK</b>	10:30 – 11:00	
<b>Key and emerging priorities (continued)</b> Roundtable with policymakers on key health equity issues and challenges  Discussion with audience	11:00 – 12:30	Moderator: TBD <a href="#">Dr Keith Cloete</a> , Western Cape Department of Health, South Africa <a href="#">Dr Meseret Zelalem</a> , Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:30 – 13:30	
<b>Research equity issues</b> Roundtable with research leaders on key research equity issues and challenges  Discussion with audience	13:30 – 15:00	Moderator: <a href="#">Dr Sanyu Mojola</a> , Office of Population Research, Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University <a href="#">Dr Ngozi Erundu</a> , Independent Consultant, O’Neill Institute, Georgetown University, Chatham House, Centre for Global Health <a href="#">Dr. Chinwe Lucia Ochu</a> , Nigeria Centre for Disease Control <a href="#">Dr Alex Ezeh</a> , Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University

<b>BREAK</b>	15:00 – 15:30	
<b>Innovations in health research equity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical trials in Africa: a case study in research equity</li> <li>• Embedded implementation research as an approach to engage policymakers in their own evidence generation</li> <li>• Regional research networks for health in Africa</li> </ul>	15:30 – 17:00	Moderator: <a href="#">Dr Esther Annan</a> , Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University <a href="#">Dr Patience Oduor</a> , Institute for Global Health Equity Research, Rwanda <a href="#">Dr Binyam Tilahun</a> , University of Gondar, Ethiopia  <a href="#">Svenja Ossmann</a> Associate Director, Pan-African Scientific Research Council and Entrepreneurship Innovation Hub Africa
<b>Reception (drinks)</b>	17:00-18:00	

## Day 2

<b>Coffee</b>	8:00 – 8:30	
<b>Recap of/Feedback on Day 1</b>	8:30 – 9:00	Alyssa Sharkey and Cristina Stefan
<b>Innovations in health policy and program equity in African settings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rwanda’s efforts to become the first country in the world to eliminate cervical cancer</li> <li>• Reciprocal innovations to make research and policy more equitable within the field of global health</li> <li>• Health system financing in Africa</li> <li>• Reaching the most disadvantaged with a multisectoral lifecycle approach to policy and programs</li> </ul>	8:30 – 10:30	Moderator: <a href="#">Dr Gugulethu Moyo</a> , Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University <a href="#">Dr Cristina Stefan</a> , Institute of Global Health Equity Research, Rwanda  <a href="#">Dr Lola Adedokun</a> , Aspen Global Innovators Group  <a href="#">Dr Osondu Ogbuoji</a> , Duke Global Health Institute <a href="#">Juanita Arendse</a> , Western Cape Department of Health, South Africa Policymakers in attendance
<b>BREAK</b>	10:30 – 11:00	
<b>Summary and way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion on potential actions</li> <li>• Wrap up and thanks to speakers and participants</li> </ul>	11:00 – 12:00	Moderators: Dr Alyssa Sharkey and Dr Cristina Stefan
<b>ADJOURN AND LUNCH</b>	12:00	