

ARIN

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ONLINE 7TH – 9TH DEC 2022

Rebuilding Better and Resilient Communities through a Just
Transition in Africa. What does COP 27 offer?

WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The World is on the verge of and amid several transitions structured by major social, economic, and environmental disruptions including climate change, COVID-19, and Knowledge, with some at the onset, and others about to tip over. As it were, they are all redefining, reimagining, and restructuring lives and society. For Africa, these disruptions are redefining new institutional cultures, governance, and decision-making processes with greater implications on the people, particularly poor local communities who often face double vulnerabilities both as victims and as recipients of policy implications around the management of the interruptions.



Dr Joanes Atela
Director ARIN

The overall impact of these shifts and disruptions can only be speculated but largely remains unknown. For instance, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that such disruptions can occur, painting a stark contrast and disclosing the trade-offs between livelihoods and health. The health and economic systems' preparedness and ability to deal with similar challenges were put to test. Simultaneously, the labor market was disrupted to its core, bringing to light its ingrained inequities, in which vulnerable casual labor and some sectors, specifically, suffered immensely.

The IPCC Sixth Assessment report reveals that while progress has been made in addressing climate vulnerabilities in Africa, the outcomes of such efforts are mixed with certain local community groups improving in resilience, while others have been driven to the margins of vulnerabilities. This is due to the inequalities in interventions, policies, funding, and misalignment of adaptation priorities for different groups (IPCC, 2022).

The big question therefore is, how can we make the transition just and equitable to ensure that the livelihoods and rights of the poor, and marginalized are safeguarded in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Conceptually, a just energy transition, therefore, encompasses a response process that achieves the desired goals. For example, the climate change goals of 100% clean and renewable energy should be responsive to the social and economic concerns of the people. It provides a framework for sustainable shifts based on justice and equity. Drawing from this perspective, the Africa Research and Impact Network 2022 International Conference, seeks to interrogate pathways through which just transition processes in Africa could rebuild better and more resilient local communities. The conference will focus on three major themes around just transition.

I warmly welcome you to the conference and look forward to fruitful engagement

ABOUT THE AFRICA RESEARCH AND IMPACT NETWORK

The Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN) is a consortium of over 200 researchers and policymakers with national focal points across 36 African countries. ARIN also draws from a database of over 3000 stakeholders from universities, think tanks, the private sector, and governments.

ARIN's mission is to promote research excellence and dialogue on best research and impact practices, by providing platforms for science-policy interface in Africa, building on evidence. ARIN recognizes that Africa is endowed with diverse researchers, innovation, and best policy practices that are not in the public domain yet are invaluable in the research and the development agenda of the continent. ARIN therefore provides a peer review platform where best research and impact practices from different African contexts, are shared, profiled and leveraged to inform transformative policy action. Among the areas that ARIN has pioneered path-breaking research, are climate change, knowledge management, science technology and innovation. The network currently convenes research and policy platforms on climate action, drawing from the perspective of researchers on, adaptation, science and technology and innovation status in Africa. Through the same approach, ARIN assesses opportunities for science-policy interface, through contextual projects on research commercialization, innovation, knowledge translation and practice.

THE ARIN 2022 CONFERENCE

Every year, the ARIN International Conference brings together an international community of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to reflect on the implications of the global challenges on the African continent and options for responding to these challenges inclusively and sustainably.

This year's virtual conference is designed with the understanding that Africa is subjected to several transitions structured by major social, economic, and environmental disruptions such as climate change, COVID-19, disaster risks, and knowledge shifts. These disruptions are redefining new institutional cultures, governance, and decision-making processes with implications on the people and particularly the poor and marginalized groups including women, children, indigenous people, and ethnic minorities. In the recent international debates, attention has been given to the concept of just transition that aims at safeguarding the socioeconomic rights and resilience of these vulnerable groups. However, it is possible that some of the processes and interventions underpinning the just transition agenda, if not well understood, might reinforce vulnerabilities or even create new ones, especially for African communities. Subsequently, what requires interrogation is how the transition can address these predispositions. The conference will focus on three major thematic areas on just transition:

1. Envisioning a Just transition for Africa
2. Building Just and Resilient Community systems
3. Decolonizing Policy Research toward Resilient Communities

The aim of ARIN International Conference 2022 is to interrogate pathways through which just transition processes in Africa could rebuild and enhance the resilience of local communities amidst the various socioeconomic and environmental disruptions. The conference will explore this agenda through a series of thematic plenary sessions and side events.

Main Plenary Sessions

THEME 1

ENVISIONING A JUST TRANSITION FOR AFRICA

📅 Date: 7th December 2022

🕒 Time 3:00– 5:00 PM EAT. [Register Here.](#)

THEME 2

BUILDING JUST AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

📅 Date: 8th December 2022 3.00– 5.00 PM EAT. [Register Here](#)

🕒 Time 3:00– 5:00 PM EAT. [Register Here.](#)

THEME 3

DECOLONIZING POLICY RESEARCH TOWARD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

📅 Date: 7th December 2022

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Side Events

Translating research into impact for the poor through locally-led innovations in Africa

Date: 7th Dec 2022

Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm [Register Here](#)

Pro-poor clean energy transition through modern energy services in Africa

Date: 7th Dec 2022

Time: 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm [Register Here](#)

Rights and Resilience for just transition in Africa

Date: 8th Dec 2022

Time: 11am – 12:30 pm [Register Here](#)

All Hands on Deck: International Cooperative Initiatives and their contribution to Global Climate Ambition

Date: 8th Dec 2022

Time: 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm [Register Here](#)

Building equitable partnerships towards decolonizing research policy for resilient communities

Date: 9th Dec 2022

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm [Register Here](#)

Strengthening pro-poor climate finance systems– the ARIN- Makerere University Climate Finance and Sustainability Training Centre

Date: 9th Dec 2022

Time: 11am – 12:30 pm [Register Here](#)

DAY 1: CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

7th December 2022

15:00pm – 17:00pm

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MAIN PLENARY THEME: ENVISIONING A JUST TRANSITION FOR AFRICA

This theme will explore the fundamental elements that underpin Just Transition in Africa including how just transition discourse is framed and pursued by different groups. The theme will include a reflection on the COP 27 outcomes and implications for the just transition discourse in Africa and particularly the vulnerable groups. The session will address the following key questions:

Keynote topic: What are the fundamentals of just transition. How is transition anchored in the current international climate policy and what are the opportunities for Africa.

Panel Questions

What does a just transition entail in the context of local vulnerable communities

- How can we measure and monitor a 'just' transition in Africa?
- How can local actions and priorities be reconciled with research and policy definitions of 'just' transition for Africa?
- What key elements of COP 27 that are relevant to the just transition for Africa
- In what ways can the loss and damage mechanism agreed in COP 27 be designed to address the fundamental principles of just transition?

15:00pm – 15:10pm

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMING REMARKS



Dr. Joanes Atela
Director ARIN and Session
Chair

15:20pm – 15:30pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Dr. Chris K. Kiptoo
Principal Secretary for the
National Treasury, Keynote
Speaker, ..



**Mr. Jean Baptiste
Havugimana**
Director Productive Sectors



Iver Nielsen
Head of P4G Activities at State of
Green, Denmark

MODERATOR



Dr. Joanes Atela
Director ARIN and Session
Chair

15:20pm – 15:30 pm

BOOK DISCUSSION – AFRICA'S RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT IN A CARBON CONSTRAINED WORLD

DISCUSSANTS



Dr. Kennedy Mbeva
Strategic Advisor, ARIN and
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oxford
University- Speaker



Dr. Rueben Makomere
Legal adviser at ARIN and a
Doctoral researcher at the
University of Tasmania- Speaker

🕒 16:20pm – 16:45pm

PANEL DISCUSSION:

1. How can we measure a just transition in Africa?
2. How can local actions and priorities be reconciled with donors' definitions of 'just transition' in Africa?

SPEAKERS



Dr. Emily Massawa
Climate Resilience Lead
Africa



Dr. Yunus Arikan
Global Policy and Advocacy
Lead at Local Governments
for Sustainability (ICLEI)



Dr. Amanda McKee
Director for Knowledge and
Learning, NDC Partnership –
Panelist



**Professor Nicholas
Micinski**
Professor at University of
Maine

🕒 16:45pm – 16:55pm

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

🕒 16:55pm – 17:00pm

WRAP UP AND FINAL REMARKS



Dr. Joanes Atela
Director ARIN

SIDE EVENT 1: Day One

📅 Day 1: 7th December 2022

🕒 11:00am – 12:30 pm EAT.

[Register here](#)

TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO IMPACT FOR THE POOR THROUGH LOCALLY LED INNOVATIONS IN AFRICA.

The purpose of this side event is to unpack ways in which locally led innovation can leverage research in just transition and community resilience against Climate Change and COVID-19. The session will involve presentation from the continental innovation ecosystems and specific case studies. Through a plenary discussion, participants will discuss options through which some of the locally led innovations and startups can better scale up to achieve the desirable socio economic impacts and enhance resilience.

MODERATOR



Brian Otieno
ARIN Fellow



**Ms. Maureen
Ochako**
ARIN Fellow

SPEAKERS



Prof. Robert Ridle
Deputy Vice Chancellor at
Unicaf University



Mr. Lukovi Seke
Programme Officer: Data
Management (ASTII
Programme), Data Analytics &
RTI Hub, PIP Directorate, AUDA-
NEPAD



Ms. Mercy Kimalat
CEO Association of Startup
and SMEs Enablers of Kenya
(ASSEK)



Mr. Eddy Gitonga
Founder T-BIN



Ms. Nanko Madu
Director of Programmes
Afrilabs

SIDE EVENT 2: Day One

📅 Day 1: 7th December 2022

🕒 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm EAT

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PRO-POOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION THROUGH MODERN ENERGY SERVICES IN AFRICA

One of the areas that require attention is in the fuel for cooking. Fuels for cooking such as gas stoves and biomass have turned out to contribute immensely to the climate crisis than previously believed. Meaningful investments and widespread innovation is necessary in generating and storing clean sources of energy, enhancing the electrical grid, and in improving the energy efficiency of electric cooking appliances.

This side event has three objectives which include;

- To identify how institutions can attract finance to facilitate the extensive uptake of modern energy cooking solutions.
- To determine programs/opportunities that can accelerate the transition to clean cooking technologies.
- To explore alternative sources of livelihood that may help generate income for people who have been displaced from a particular sector.

MODERATORS



Emily Bolo
Research Fellow, ARIN



Mr. Paul Richard Osogo
Government and Diplomatic
Liaison Officer African Centre for
Technology Studies

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Faith Wandera
Deputy Director of Renewable
Energy in the Ministry of Energy,
Kenya

SPEAKERS



Mr. Tom Randa
Modern Energy Cooking
Services (MECS) Project
Officer and ARIN Fellow



Dr. Elsie Onsongo
Director of Nuvoni Centre for
Innovation Research



Ms. Mary Mbenge
Chief Officer for Natural
Resources, Environment and
Climate change in Makueni
County



Mr. Jonathan Clowes
Manager Programmes &
Innovations
The Carbon Trust



DAY 2: CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

8th December 2022

15:00pm – 17:00pm

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BUILDING JUST AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY SYSTEMS.

This theme focuses on the implications of transition processes on local community systems, with spotlight on the vulnerable and marginalized groups such as women, children and persons living with disabilities. The processes, discourses, and outcomes of pursuing a transition in response to shocks and interruptions often have varied implications on local communities, with some adversely affected while for others unscathed. While a just transition is often conceptualized to support socio-economic justice especially for the vulnerable, these marginalized groups are often left in the peripheries of the processes and decisions defining transitions. The need to clearly understand the technological, financial, and governance pathways through which transitions can be made more just to re-build resilient communities is important.

Keynote question: What are the major research and funding priorities for delivering clear and scalable resilience actions at the local level?

Panel Questions

- As nations head to the Global Stock-take in 2023, what progress do you think has been made with regards building resilience of vulnerable and marginalized communities? What are the major successes and failures and what lessons have we learnt?
- What innovations are needed to support pro-poor resilience to climate change, disaster risks, and primary health care in response to pandemics?
- How can the increasing amount of research on locally led adaptation and resilience be translated into impactful and practical actions?
- How can partnerships between stakeholders such as the academia, local governments, private sector, researchers, and local communities be enhanced to better understand challenges and develop solutions to enhance resilience for the poor communities?

WELCOMING REMARKS & REFLECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS SESSION

SESSION CHAIR



Dr. Kennedy Mbeva
Strategic Advisor, AfriN and
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oxford
University- Speaker

15:00pm – 15:10pm

15:10pm – 15:20pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Prof. Saleemul Huq
Director, International Centre
for Climate Change and
Development- IPCCAD



Dr. Rosalinda West
Senior Climate Science
Advisor,
FCDO

15:20pm – 15:45 pm

PANEL DISCUSSION:

SPEAKERS



Prof. Mark Pelling
Co-Principal Investigator,
Tomorrows Cities Project



Dr. Mark Watts
Executive Director, C40Cities



Dr. Shehnaaz Moosa
Director, SouthSouthNorth



Mr. Karl Schultz
Founder and Tools Innovation
Lead, Climate Adaptation works



Dr. Charles K'Onyango
Director, Urban Development State
Department of Housing and Urban
Development



Ms. Lynsey Ward
Economist, Central Bank of the
Bahamas

🕒 15:45pm – 16:35 pm

CASE STUDY PRESENTATION

SPEAKERS



Mr. Charles Tonui
Research fellow at the
African Center for
Technology studies (ACTS)



Hon. Henry O. Williams
Executive Director, National Disaster
Management Agency- Liberia



**Mr. Francis Venance
Alwende**
Director, Disaster Management &
Resilience Unit, city of Bukavu-DRC



Prof. Iben Nathan
Principal Investigator,
Researcher, Land Rights And
Resilience-RARE



Ms. Isabel Njihia
Associate Programme
Management Officer United
Nations Office for Disaster Risk
Reduction (UNDRR)



**Ms. Myriam
Vololonarivo**
Founder, Malagasy Youth for
Sustainable Development-
Madagascar

🕒 15:45pm – 16:45 pm

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

🕒 16:45pm – 17:00 pm

SYNTHESIS OF KEY INSIGHTS AND CLOSING REMARKS



Mr. Charles Tonui
Researcher- Tomorrows cities
project



SIDE EVENT 1: Day Two

Day 2: 8th Dec 2022

11am – 12:30 pm

RIGHTS AND RESILIENCE FOR JUST TRANSITION IN AFRICA

The event will bring on board various initiatives pursuing pro-poor resilient building in different African contexts, including cities and rural settings such as: Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor (BCRUP) and Adaptation Research Alliance Secretariat. It will also include the East Africa Local Governments Association (EALGA), Local Government for Sustainability Africa (ICLEI), Local Authority, Rights and Resilience (RARE) and the Resilience Hub, to interrogate resilient systems at the local community level (in urban and rural areas) and ways in which these can be enhanced.

SPEAKERS



Leah Aoko
Policy researcher at Africa
Research and Impact
Network (ARIN)



Shuchi Vora
Resilience Hub



Mr. Charles Tonui
Researcher- Tomorrows cities
project



Mr. Alphonse Mollo
PhD and ARIN Fellow



Dr. Jesse DeMaria-Kinney
Head Adaptation Research Alliance



Dr. Robert Sang'ori
BCRUP



SIDE EVENT 2: Day Two

Day 1: 8th Dec 2022

12.45 pm – 2.15 pm EAT

ALL HANDS ON DECK: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE INITIATIVES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL CLIMATE AMBITION

This session will explore findings from the 'Situational Analysis of International Cooperative Initiatives in Africa', which aims to clarify the contribution of ANSCA towards the climate goal. The side event will also be an opportunity to revamp the ANSCA platform and further consolidate non-state action. The side event will engage key stakeholders who have been active in visualizing the place of non and sub-state actors in climate governance: The side event will be in form of a panel discussion with the key partners and stakeholders. The event will be led and coordinated by Finney Israel, Research associate at the Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN).

SPEAKERS



Prof. Sander Chan
Associate Professor at
Radboud University



Dr. Joanes Atela
Director Africa Research and
Impact Network (ARIN)



Mr. Calder Tsuyuki
Future of Climate
Cooperation and the UNFCCC



Mr. Finney Israel
Research Fellow, ARIN



Mr. Andrew Denault
German Institute of
Development and Sustainability
(IDOS)



Dr. Kennedy Mbeva
Strategic Advisor, ARIN and
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oxford
University

MODERATOR



DAY 3: CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

📅 9th December 2022

🕒 15:00pm – 15:10 pm

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DECOLONIZING POLICY RESEARCH TOWARD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Compared to other continents, Africa is most susceptible to the effects of climate change and environmental stress. Climate change and environmental stress can negatively affect the financial well-being of poor populations. As such, the predisposition of Africa to harsh climatic and environmental conditions will fundamentally depend on its present and future capacities to adapt to prevailing circumstances (Amo-Agyemang, 2021). Decolonizing policy and research while empowering local communities is therefore key if the resilience of communities and practices endangered by climate change are to be improved.

This theme will thus tackle the following questions:

Keynote Question: What are the pathways to decolonizing research systems (methods, funding , partnerships) for the benefits of local poor communities?

- What are the underlying drivers of coloniality of expertise, policies, finances, and partnerships in the global knowledge on resilience?
- What innovations exist to decolonise expertise, policies, finances, and partnerships towards just and pro poor transition to resilient communities?
- How can we decolonize expertise in the global knowledge on resilience?
- How can we decolonize finances/ resources for pro-poor resilience?
- How can we decolonize policy and research for pro-poor resilience and what is the place of formal and informal knowledge systems in this?
- What role can equitable partnerships play in decolonizing research and policy towards strengthening local resilience?

🕒 15:00pm – 15:10pm

WELCOMING REMARKS AND REFLECTION FROM PREVIOUS SESSION

SESSION CHAIR



Dr. Asenath Maobe
Lecturer and Head of the
Department of Accounting
and Finance in the School of
Business and Economics, Kisii
University

SESSION CO –CHAIR



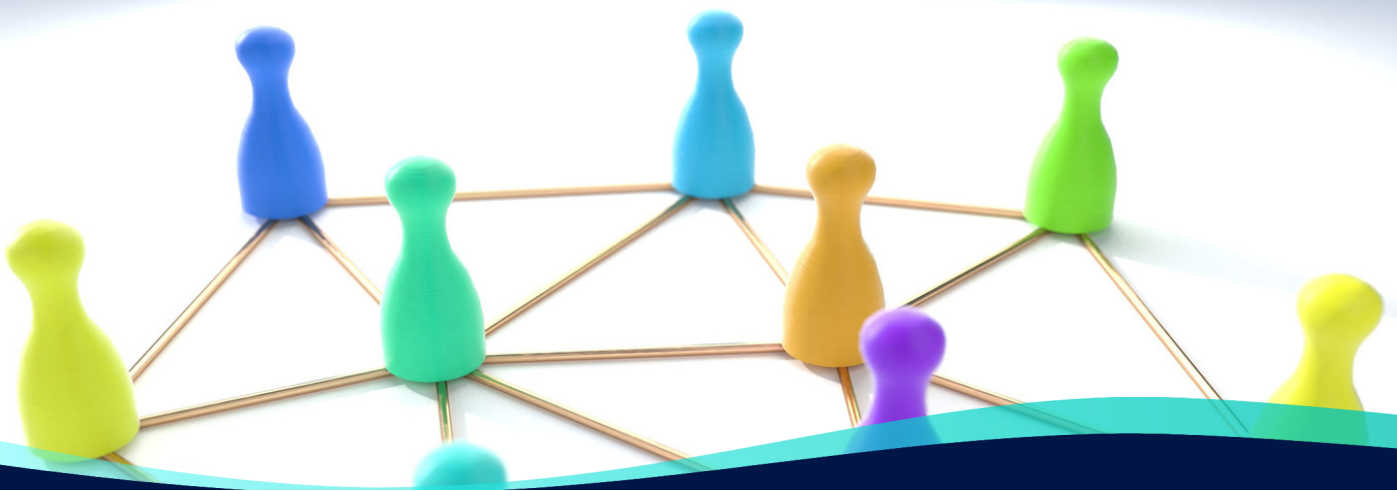
Ms. Victoria Chengo
Research Fellow (ARIN) working
in the Climate Resilient
Economies Programme

🕒 15:10pm – 15:20pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Prof. Andy Stirling
Professor, Science Policy
Research Unit- University of
Sussex



15:20pm – 16:00pm

PANEL DISCUSSION:

1. Decolonizing expertise in the global knowledge on resilience
2. Decolonizing finances for pro- poor resilience
3. Decolonizing policy and research for pro- poor resilience

SPEAKERS



Dr. David Phipps
Assistant VP, Research Strategy & Impact at York University.



Dr. Fatin Samara
Co-Chair, UAE Climate Change Research Network



Dr. Sue Szabo
Director, Innovative and Climate Finance, Global Affairs Canada



Dr. Maggy Heintz
UK Collaboration on Development Research (UKCDR).



Dr. Joel Onyango
Director, Climate Resilience Economies Programme, Africa Research and Impact Network- ACTS

16:00pm – 16:10 pm

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

16:10pm – 16:50 pm

BOOK DISCUSSION – DECOLONISING METHODS IN TRANSFORMATION TO SUSTAINABILITY

DISCUSSANTS



Ms. Adriana Moreno
PhD researcher at the Educational Sciences



Andrew Simms
Coordinator, Rapid Transition Alliance -RTA



Dr. Charles Gyan
Wilfrid Laurier University



Fr. Innocent Maganya
Tangaza University College

16:50pm – 17:00pm

CLOSING CEREMONY



Dr. Joanes Atela
Convener, Africa Research and Impact Network- ARIN



SIDE EVENT 1: Day Three

Day 3: 9th Dec 2021

11am – 12:30 pm

STRENGTHENING PRO-POOR CLIMATE FINANCE SYSTEMS– THE ARIN- MAKERERE UNIVERSITY CLIMATE FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING CENTRE

In the phase of new commitments around loss and damage financing, this event will explore the capacity needs in exploiting this latest offer at the COP. The session is convened by the ARIN, Makerere University Business School and the Frankfurt School. The session will also involve a presentation of the joint ARIN and Makerere University Climate Finance and Sustainability Training Centre to be hosted at the Makerere University Business School.

SPEAKERS



Dr. Olufunso Somorin
Regional Principal Officer at
African Development
Bank//Eisenhower Fellow



Dr. Mary Nantongo
Makerere University Business
School



Dr. Bhim Adhikari
Senior Environmental
Economist at Canada's
International Development
Research Centre (IDRC)



Dr. Christine Grüning
Frankfurt School-UNEP Centre for
Climate and Sustainable Finance



Dr. Joanes Atela
Director Africa Research and
Impact Network (ARIN)



**Ms. Johnson
Gwladys**
Journalist, Africa Climate
Finance

SIDE EVENT 2: Day Three

Day 3: 9th Dec 2021

12:00pm EAT – 1.00pm EAT

BUILDING EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS DECOLONIZING RESEARCH POLICY FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES.

This side event will address the role of Equitable Partnerships in decolonizing research. The starting point for discussion will be a new Good Practice Document: Four Approaches to Supporting Equitable Research Partnerships (2022), created by the UK Collaborative on Development Research (UKCDR) and ESSENCE on Health. The session will explore how the principles of equitable partnerships can be put into practice, starting with a 10-minute presentation of the Good Practice Document, highlighting recommendations of relevance for African researchers, research managers and policy makers.

SPEAKERS



**Dr. Alice Chadwick
El-Ali**
Youth, Volunteering, and
Development Expert



Dr. Maggy Heintz
UKCDR



**Prof. Rodrigo
Correra-Oliveira**
Vice-President for Research
and Biological Collections at
Fundação Oswaldo
Cruz (FIOCRUZ)



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