

**UGANDA HEALTH COMMUNICATION NETWORK (UHCN)**

**2021 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

**THEME:** *Health literacy within the COVID-19 pandemic*

25-27 MAY 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The overall objective of Uganda Health Communication Network (UHCN) is sharing evidence-based research between health researchers, policy makers and knowledge intermediaries (journalists, librarians, editors). UHCN provides a platform for influencing health policy and practice through research and effective communication. The network's central premise is that greater access to more accurate information leads to better decisions, healthier behaviours, and more effective policies. The Annual Scientific Conference (ASC) is to provide an independent platform for the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and experiences on topical issues that foster health and wellbeing. The speakers will share their knowledge and experiences on health and communication during the COVID-pandemic.

**DAY 1: Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

**SESSION I: MODERATOR – Alison Kinengyere / Prof Ndeezi**

- 15:00 – 15:10      *Welcome and Opening Remarks*  
**James Tumwine (5Min)**  
**Dan Gerendasy (NIH/NLM) 5Min**
- 15:10 – 15:25      *Introductions (individuals)*
- 15:25 – 15:45      *Rural Experiences with COVID-19*  
**Patience Giramiya and Peter Mbabazi**
- 15:45 – 16: 05      *Experiences on management of COVID-19 patients and pulmonary complications.*  
**Bruce Kirenga, Lung Institute, Makerere University**
- 16:05 – 16:25      *Personal Covid 19 experience*  
**Ombeva Malande, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University**
- 16:25 – 16:45      *Discussion*      **Richard Ssenono**
- 16:45 - 16:55      Health Break

**SESSION II: MODERATOR -                      Ass Prof Muhwezi Winston**

- 16:55 – 17:15      *Social cultural aspects of Covid-19*  
**Catherine Abbo, Dept, of Psychiatry, College of Health Sciences**
- 17:15 – 17:30      *Discussion*      **Richard Ssenono**
- 17.30                      Close

## DAY 2: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

### SESSION III-TRAINING: MODERATOR – RICHARD SENONO

- 15:00 - 15:05      Recap of Day 1 (rapporteur)
- 15:05 – 15:45      Effective health communication to mitigate the misinformation surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic. (webinar on strategies for addressing misinformation)  
**Chris Zielinski /Phi, Centre for Global Health, University of Winchester, UK**
- 15:45 – 16:00      Discussion
- 16:00 – 16:10      Health Break

### SESSION IV: (Training session)

- 16:10 – 16:40      The role of social media in COVID-19  
**Leah Kahunde**
- 16:40 – 17:40      Verification of online information during the COVID 19 pandemic  
**Laura Garcia – First Draft, United Kingdom**
- 17:40                  Close

## DAY 3: Thursday May 27, 2021

### SESSION IV: MODERATOR – David Mukunya

- 15:00 - 15:05      Recap of Day 2 (rapporteur)
- 15:05 – 15:25**      *Community engagement for COVID-19: Strategies adopted by MoH for Effective health communication to mitigate the misinformation surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic.*  
**Tabley Basajjatebadiba BAKYAITA** Ag. Assistant Commissioner Health Services, Health Promotion & Education Division, MoH Uganda
- 15:25 – 15:40      *Discussion*
- 15:40 -16:10**      *COVID-19 and NCDs*

**Dr. Gerald Mutungi Min. Health Head NCDs**

16:10 – 16:40 *COVID-19 vaccines and misinformation about vaccines*  
**Ombeva Malande, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University**

16:40 – 17:00 *Discussion*

17:00 – 17:30 *Wrap up and way forward (James Tumwine/ Dan Gerendasy)*