



Conference Program

MOUNT MERU HOTEL | ARUSHA, TANZANIA



Global Voices

Celebrating Diversity in Biosafety & Biosecurity



International Federation of Biosafety Associations



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Pre-Conference Workshops | Jan 20-21, 2025

Conference Workshops | Jan 22-24, 2025

Mount Meru Hotel | Arusha, Tanzania



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Monday, January 20th

8:30am	Workshop Registration
9:00am	Workshop Commencement
10:30am	Networking Tea Break (30min)
1:00pm	Lunch Break (60min)
2:00pm	Workshop Cont'd
3:30pm	Networking Tea Break (30min)
5:00pm	Workshop Completion

Workshop Room A

9:00am-5:00pm Cyberbiosecurity

Workshop Room B

9:00am-5:00pm Biological Risk Assessment

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30am	Workshop Registration
9:00am	Workshop Commencement
10:30am	Networking Tea Break (30min)
1:00pm	Lunch Break (60min)
2:00pm	Workshop Cont'd
3:30pm	Networking Tea Break (30min)
5:00pm	Workshop Completion

Workshop Room A

9:00am-5:00pm Cyberbiosecurity Cont'd

Workshop Room B

9:00am-1:00pm Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Biosafety & Biosecurity
2:00pm-5:00pm Dual Use Research, Bioethics & DNA Synthesis Screening





Wednesday, January 22nd

CONFERENCE CENTRE / TEMBO ROOM 8:00AM – 5:00PM

- 8:00am Conference Registration (Conference Centre)
- 9:00am Opening Ceremony (Conference Centre)
- Master of Ceremonies, Jacob Lusekelo, Ministry of Health, Tanzania
 - Arrival Guest of Honor
 - Hon. William Vangimembe Lukuvi (MP), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, and Coordination), Tanzania
 - National Anthem, East Africa Anthem
 - Welcoming Remarks
 - TBD, Global Affairs Canada
 - Zachariah Ephraim Makondo, President, TaBSA
 - Miguel Martin N. Moreno II, Chair, IFBA Board of Directors
 - Broadcast of "Global Voices: Diversity is Strength" Video
- 10:15am Guest of Honor Opening Speech
- 10:45am Official Photo & Networking Tea Break
- 12:00pm Keynote Address (Conference Centre)
- Professor Gerald Misinzo, SACIDS Foundation for One Health, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania
- 12:30pm ASEAN Leaders Declaration on Biosafety & Biosecurity
- 1:00pm Lunch Break (60min)
- 2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions





Wednesday, January 22nd

CONFERENCE CENTRE / TEMBO ROOM 8:00AM – 5:00PM

2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions

Stream 1 – Diverse Perspectives in Biosafety & Biosecurity

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Moderator, Nataly Spears, Global Affairs Canada

- Ireen Kiwelu, Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute, *“Establishment of the KCMC Centre of Excellence in Tanzania”*
- Sana Masmoudi, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, *“Intersection Between Biosecurity and Equity”*
- Rachel Gamble, Director Science & Technology, Pond & Company, *“Collaborative Biological Risk Assessment: A Diversified and Inclusive Team-Based Approach to Risk Mitigation”*
- Catarina Santos, *“Biosafety and Biosecurity in Lusophone Countries”*

Stream 2 - IFBA Member Associations Highlights

TEMBO ROOM

Moderator, Khalid Temsamani, Moroccan Biosafety Association

- Olivier Manigart, IFBA Board of Directors, West African Biorisk Management Network *“WABNET – West Africa’s Voices for Biorisk Management”*
- Lela Bakanidze, Vice-President BACAC, *“Biosafety Association for Central Asia & Caucasus: Building Regional Bridges”*
- Geoff Jagero, President, Biorisk Management Association of Kenya, *“Biorisk Associations, Business Unusual”*
- Shawn Kirk, Chairman, Caribbean Society for Biosafety & Biosecurity, *“Braving the Waters: Navigating Biosafety and Biosecurity across the Caribbean”*

3:30pm Networking Tea Break (30min)

4:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions cont’d





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4:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions cont'd

Stream 1 – Diverse Perspectives in Biosafety & Biosecurity

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Moderator, James Sakwa, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

- Paula Sotto-Mayer, Angola, *“Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries: FELINO Exercise”*
- Vorathep Sachdev, University of Edinburgh, *“A Critical Perspective on Laboratory Biosafety & Biosecurity Governance in Thailand”*
- Gábor Kemenesi, National Laboratory of Virology, University of Pécs, Hungary *“HCL Research and Training Center in Hungary: Cutting-edge Research, Biosafety training and International Collaboration opportunities at the National Laboratory of Virology”*
- P.T. Nhean, Dominique Anne S. Aluquin, Jo Yi Chow, NTI Next Generation for Biosecurity, *“Advancing Gender Equity in ASEAN Agriculture for Resilient Biosecurity”*

Stream 2 - IFBA Member Association Business Meeting (By Invitation Only)

TEMBO ROOM

- Maureen Ellis, Executive Director, *“IFBA 5-year Strategic Plan “Vision of Tomorrow”: Where are we Now & Where are we Going?”*
- IFBA Member Associations Business Meeting

5:00pm End Conference Day 1





Thursday, January 23rd

CONFERENCE CENTRE / TEMBO ROOM 8:00AM – 5:00PM

- 8:00am Morning Meet & Greet (Conference Centre)
- IFBA and TaBSA Conference Hosts, Conference Sponsors
- 9:00am Plenary Session (Conference Centre)
Moderator, Jeremiah Seni, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania
- Paul Okwalinga, President Biosafety Biosecurity Association Uganda, *“Strengthening Uganda's Health Security Resilience: Implementing Risk-Based Biosafety and Biosecurity Standards Across Human, Animal, Water, and Environment Sectors”*
 - Ben Fontes, Senior Associate Director/Biosafety Officer, Yale University *“Advancing and Sustaining Biorisk Principles Through Partnership and Shared Projects”*
 - Emile Muhindo-Milonde, National Institute Biomedical Research, Goma DRC, *“Biosecurity in the Context of Epidemic Management at the Rodolphe Mérieux Laboratory”*
 - Jeff Serle, Germfree, *“Containerized BSL 2 Laboratory with Worldwide Localizations: From Ghana to Hawaii”*
- 10:30am Networking Tea Break (30min)
- 11:00am Plenary Session cont'd (Conference Centre)
Moderator, Sacha Wallace-Sankarsingh, International Federation of Biosafety Associations
- Alberto Mortarotti (TBC), Strategic Partnership for Health Security & Emergency Preparedness, WHO, *“A Global Multisectoral Interactive Platform for Sharing & Exchanging Health Security Information”*
 - Jacob Lusekelo, Tanzania Ministry Health, *“Eastern Africa Regional Centre of Excellence for Biosafety & Biosecurity”*
 - Claudio Mafra, Brazilian Biosafety & Biosecurity Society, Chair IFBA Certification Body, *“Upholding Professional Competency & the Future of our Global Network”*
- 1:00pm Lunch Break (60min)
- 2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions





Thursday, January 23rd

CONFERENCE CENTRE / TEMBO ROOM 8:00AM – 5:00PM

2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions

Stream 3 – Youth Leaders for A Vision of Tomorrow

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Moderator, Stephanie Norlock, International Federation of Biosafety Associations

- Elvis Mambo, Brian Nabuyia, MMUST, *“BSc. Biosafety & Biosecurity Video “*
- Trizzer Ochieng, Fides Mukuri, Susan Tuvei, MMUST *“In our Own Words: Defining a Next Generation of Women Biosafety & Biosecurity Champions”*
- Janet Hankins, University of British Columbia, *“Bridging Borders: Perspectives on International Co-Teaching MMUST BSc Biosafety and Biosecurity”*
- Leonard Makanga & Aggrey Barasa, MMUST *“Biosafety Career Pathways: The Role of Biosafety Officers in an Industrial Context”*
- Luis Ochoa Carrera, Pandemic Tech, *“Pandemic Tech Virtual Journal Club”*

Stream 4 – Emerging Biosecurity Challenges

TEMBO ROOM

Moderator, TBC

- Nyambura Moremi, Director Tanzania National Public Health Lab, *“Marburg Outbreak: Tanzania’s Laboratory Response”*
- Peter Babigumira Ahabwe, National Institute of Public Health, Uganda, *“Enhancing Regional Capacities for Detecting and Managing Deliberate Biological Threats in Africa”*
- Ronaldo Puno, Biorisk Association of Philippines, *“Biosecurity Impact of Emerging Biotechnologies: The Southeast Asian Perspective”*
- Tarja Sironen, University of Helsinki, Finland *“One Health Approach to Preparedness for Emerging Infectious Diseases”*

3:30pm Networking Tea Break (30min)

4:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions cont’d





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4:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions cont'd

Stream 3 – Youth Leaders: A Vision of Tomorrow

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- Kelly Elimian, Biosecurity Game Changers *“The Next Generation of Biosecurity Leaders”*
- Jud Rasmussen, One Marketing *“Communication Across Generations and Cultures”*
- Judith Okolo, National Biotechnology Development Agency, Nigeria, *“Biosafety Biosecurity Handbook for Students in Nigeria”*
- All Session Participants, *“Envisioning Tomorrow: A Round-Table Discussion on Biosafety and Biosecurity's Next Generation”*

Stream 5 – Implementation Strategies for ISO 35001 Biorisk Management

TEMBO ROOM

- Joris Sprokholt, RVIM, Netherlands, *“Community-Based Approach to ISO35001 Implementation in East & Central Africa”*
- Stefan Wagener, Biorisk International, Malta, *“International Accreditation System for Certification Bodies of ISO 35001:2019”*
- Panelists (TBD)

5:00pm End Conference Day 2

7:00pm Gala BBQ Dinner (Mount Meru Hotel Garden)





Friday, January 24th

CONFERENCE CENTRE / TEMBO ROOM 8:00AM – 3:30PM

- 8:00am Morning Meet & Greet (Conference Centre)
- Global Biosafety & Biosecurity Human Library
- 9:00am **Health Security Partners Special Session, “Global Biosecurity Success Stories: Diverse Perspectives on Implementing Effective Programs”**
(Conference Centre)
Moderator, Taylor Sturman, Health Security Partners
- Judith Okolo, Nigeria, *“Promoting Sustainable Biosecurity Practices in Nigeria through Capacity Building”*
 - Plebeian Medina, Philippines, *“Building a Culture of Sustainable Biosafety and Biosecurity Training in the Philippines”*
 - Amanda Morais, Brazil, *“Navigating Cyberbiosecurity Challenges: Bridging Laboratories and Society”*
 - Aysen Gargili, Turkey, *“Development of a Select Agent List in Türkiye to Improve Biosafety and Biosecurity Oversight”*
 - Ali Ahmad Sheikh, Pakistan, *“Implementing Biorisk Management Standard: Pakistan’s Journey towards ISO 35001 Conformance and Capacity Building”*
- 10:30am Networking Tea Break (30min)
- 11:00am Parallel Breakout Sessions





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11:00am Parallel Breakout Sessions

Stream 6 – Africa Women’s Network Meeting

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Stream 7 – One Health Approach to Biosafety & Biosecurity

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Moderator, Rachel Gamble, Pond & Company

- Ian Peter Busuulwa, Biological Threat Reduction, World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), *“Advancing Biosafety and Biosecurity in Animal Health in Africa”*
- Angélique Angot, Animal Production & Health Division, Food & Agriculture Organization, *“FAO Global Support on Biosafety/Biosecurity in Veterinary Laboratories”*
- Ray Kayaga, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science & Technology, Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency *“Protecting Researchers in the Field Against Infectious Zoonotic Rodent Diseases”*
- Gabriel Mkilema Shirima, Public Health Re-emerging & Emerging Infectious Zoonoses, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science & Technology, *“Assessment of Biosecurity Practices in Poultry Flock in Northern Tanzania”*

1:00pm Lunch Break (60min)

2:00pm Viewing Scientific Posters & Exhibits (Conference Centre)

3:00pm Closing Ceremony

- Best Poster Award
- Closing Remarks
 - Global Affairs Canada
 - Tanzania Biological Safety Association
 - International Federation of Biosafety Associations

3:30pm End Conference

