



Global Voices

Celebrating Diversity in Biosafety & Biosecurity









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Pre-Conference Workshops | Jan 20-21, 2025 Conference Workshops | Jan 22-24, 2025 Mount Meru Hotel | Arusha, Tanzania



Monday, January 20th

8:30am Workshop Registration9:00am Workshop Commencement10:30am 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

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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
 - 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

12:45pm Maasai Indigenous Knowledge on Pastoralism & Infectious Diseases

Eddy Cleopa Ole Sululu, Sululu Boma, Tanzania

1:00pm Lunch Break (60min)

2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions





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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

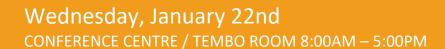
Moderator, Khalid Temsamani, Moroccan Biosafety Association

- Olivier Manigart, IFBA Board of Directors, West African Biorisk Management
 Network "WABNET West Africa's Voices for Biorisk Management"
- 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"
- Maureen Ellis, Executive Director, "IFBA 5-year Strategic Plan "Vision of Tomorrow": Where are we Now & Where are we Going?"

3:30pm Networking Tea Break (30min)

4:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions cont'd





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Stream 1 – Diverse Perspectives in Biosafety & Biosecurity

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

- Paula Sotto-Mayor, 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

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)

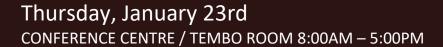
11:00am Plenary Session cont'd (Conference Centre)

Moderator, Sacha Wallace-Sankarsingh, International Federation of Biosafety Associations

- 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"
- Lela Bakanidze, Vice-President BACAC, "Biosafety Association for Central Asia & Caucasus: Building Regional Bridges"

1:00pm Lunch Break (60min)

2:00pm Parallel Breakout Sessions



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Stream 3 – Youth Leaders for A Vision of Tomorrow

CONFERENCE CENTRE

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, John Kuot Kuany Diing, Biosafety & Biosecurity Association South Sudan

- 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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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
 - Christine Namulindwa, National Health Lab & Diagnostic Services, Uganda
 - Tafesse Koran Wodaj, Animal Health Institute, Ethiopia
 - Musonda Mandona, Ministry of Health, Zambia

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)

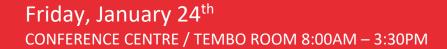
Moderator, Taylor Sturman, Health Security Partners

- 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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Stream 6 – Africa Women's Network Meeting

TEMBO ROOM

Moderator, Dr. Ndekya Oriyo, Tanzania

- Nataly Spears, Canada, "Opening Remarks on Behalf of the Global Partnership"
- Stephanie Norlock, Canada, "The Role of Women's Networks in Cultivating Sustainable Futures in Health Security: Where Are We Now?"
- Chinelo Ebruke, Nigeria; Mariam Laatifi, Morocco, "GP Women's Network Terms of Reference Overview & Update on Membership"
- Nyambura Moremi, Tanzania, "Update on African Women Leaders Network Course"
- Judith Okolo, Nigeria; James Marcomic Maragia, Kenya, "GP Women's Network Update on Activities"

Stream 7 – One Health Approach to Biosafety & Biosecurity

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Moderator, Rachel Gamble, Pond & Company

- Ian Peter Busuulwa, Biological Threat Reduction, World Organisation 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 Parallel Breakout Sessions cont'd





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Stream 6 – Africa Women's Network Meeting

TEMBO ROOM

- Mah-Séré Keita, Mali; Geraldine Pretorius, South Africa, "Strategic Partnerships for the GP Women's Network"
- Stephanie Norlock, Canada, "Next Steps for the GP Women's Network, Similar Networks in ASEAN and LAC Regions, and the IFBA DEI Implementation Tool"

Viewing Scientific Posters & ExhibitsCONFERENCE 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

