

COVID-19 in Africa: The Role of African Science Academies

Tuesday, June 8

9:30am-11:00 am EDT /3:30-5pm CAT

With support from the Partnership for Evidence-based Response to COVID-19 (PERC), this event will feature representatives from the African science academies who will describe country-level preparedness and response to COVID-19. African academy representatives will describe activities designed to explore evidence-based policymaking related to combating COVID-19. The work of the African academies builds on their long-standing relationship with NASEM. A key component to the work of academies, and highlighted through the specific activities carried out under the PERC/NASEM program, is building demand for evidence on which sound policy decisions can be made. Efforts by African academies to meet this demand during a public health crisis will be explored at this webinar.

Agenda

- 9:30am** **Welcome & Background**
Matthew Mbasu, NASEM
- 9:35am** **Opening Remarks: Marcia McNutt**, President, National Academy of Sciences
- 9:40am** **Moderator: Keith Klugman**, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, NAM Member
- Panelist Presentations from African Academy Representatives
- Akinyinka Omigbodun**, Nigerian Academy of Science
- Betty Nannyonga**, Uganda National Academy of Sciences
- Damen Haile Mariam**, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopian Academy of Sciences
- Phyllis Kalele**, Academy of Science of South Africa
- 10:30am** **Q&A with Panelists**
Facilitated by Keith Klugman
- 10:55am** **Closing Remarks: Tom Frieden**, President and CEO, Resolve to Save Lives
- 11:00am** **Adjourn**

