SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

What do we really need to successfully implement POC?

Sunday December 4th, 1:30–4:30pm
CTICC Room: 2.41-2.43

SESSION 1

Chairs: Robert Matiru  Director of Operations, UNITAID
         P D Parirenyatwa  Minister of Health, Zimbabwe

1:30 - 1:45  Introductory remarks
            P D Parirenyatwa  Minister of Health, Zimbabwe

1:45 - 2:10  From innovation to scale-up: accelerating access to viral load testing through novel technologies and holistic approaches
            Robert Matiru  Director of Operations, UNITAID

2:10 - 2:35  Advantages and challenges of implementing centralised, near POC or POC viral load in resource-limited settings
            Sergio Carmona  Head of HIV Molecular Laboratory, WITS University - NHLS

2:35 - 3:00  Improving access to viral load using SAMBA semi-quantitive test: 3-years experience in Uganda and Malawi
            Monique Gueguen  Laboratory Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières

3:00 - 3:25  HIV-1 co-infection with hepatitis viruses – the next POC target?
            Jean Pierre Allain  Professor, University of Cambridge

SESSION 2

3:25- 4:30  Round table discussion with active audience participation
            What do we really need to successfully implementat POC?

Moderators: Jean Pierre Allain  Professor, University of Cambridge
            Robert Matiru  Director of Operations, UNITAID

Speakers: James Kandulu  Deputy Laboratory Director, Ministry of Health, Malawi
          Owen Mugurungi  Director AIDS and TB programme, Ministry of Health, Zimbabwe
          Wilson Nyegenye  POC Focal Person, Ministry of Health UNHLS, Uganda
          Abel Onyango Odhiambo  Chairman, Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians & Technologists Board

4:30- 5:00  Coffee and tea will be served