



GHS2024 Conference Workshops

***Day One - Tuesday 18 2024, 4:00pm-6:00pm –
Room Cockle Bay 2***

African Society for Laboratory Medicine - Mitigating Threats & Challenges Area: Biosafety & Biosecurity

Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) launched the Biosafety and Biosecurity (BSBS) Initiative in 2019 to assist African Union Member States build their capacities and capabilities to comply with international BSBS requirements including BWC, UNSCR1540, IHR and GHSA.

Objectives:

- Share experience in regional approaches to strengthening Biosafety and Biosecurity capacities of African Union Member States namely
- Regional professional Training and Capacity building of Biosafety and Biosecurity experts in the Africa Region
- Development of Regional Biosafety and Biosecurity Legislative framework and its domestication by African Union Member States
- Development of a regional framework for bio-surveillance of high risk pathogens to standardize the identification of priority diseases, risk assessments, mitigation measures and routine bio-surveillance.

Target audience:

Policymakers, civil society representatives and all conference delegates with lessons learnt in Africa of using regional approaches where consensus and political buy in is sort at high level followed by domestication at national level.