



## **GHS2024 Conference Workshops**

***Day One - Tuesday 18 2024, 4:00pm-6:00pm – Room C4.7***

### **EcoHealth Alliance - Building a bridge between research and practice for stronger zoonotic disease surveillance systems in Africa**

We aim to address gaps in zoonotic disease research in Africa and strengthen linkages between researchers and public health practitioners. By facilitating a stronger relationship between zoonotic disease researchers and practitioners, there is a bi-directional benefit between the sectors. We can address gaps in workforce training on zoonotic disease detection and response, as well as accelerate awareness of research scientists, research activities, and relevant findings within national public health systems.

We utilize Africa CDC's Framework for One Health Practice in National Public Health Institutes and the development of its operational research agenda, as well as Africa CDC's Knowledge Hub Methodology, in order to transform our data on African research activities into accessible, available, and usable information for stronger disease surveillance.

#### **Objectives:**

- Bring together researchers and practitioners working on zoonotic diseases in Africa. The workshop will facilitate relationship building, resource identification, and a discussion of strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats.
- Present researchers with a dashboard and tools from the EHA-Africa CDC partnership which can facilitate stronger collaborations between the two sectors and within each sector. Workshop the tool in order to further develop the particular capabilities in order to best serve the delegates.
- Identify the next steps and potentialities for research-practice collaboration, including future work through a Community of Practice (CoP).

#### **Target audience:**

Those performing zoonotic disease research (across human, livestock, and wildlife), as well as those practicing in National (state-level), Regional (multi-state), and High-level support (eg: Africa CDC, WHO, AU IBAR) for zoonotic disease surveillance in Africa