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## **Roundtable 5**

### **Laboratory Systems and Networks and Support for Disease Surveillance**

**Moderator:** Alash'le Abimiku, Nigeria/USA

**Panelists:** Louis Penali, Cote d'Ivoire • Ali Elbireer, Ethiopia •  
Lucy Maryogo-Robinson, USA • Mah-Sere Keita, South Africa

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Take-home message:

**Laboratory diagnostics are critical for infectious disease surveillance and response, because they serve to prioritize investigations, identify new threats, and mobilize essential countermeasures**

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## Roundtable 6

### Public Health Research in Africa: What Are the Priorities?

**Moderator:** Rosanna Peeling, Canada

**Panelists:** Steven Smith, USA • Souleymane Mboup, Senegal •  
Tim Tucker, South Africa • Abderrahmane Maaroufi, Morocco

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## Take home message:

**Africa CDC will contribute to a public health research agenda for Africa. The question is what role can the Africa CDC play to complement what is already underway?**

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## Roundtable 7

# Innovation and Public Health in Africa: Role of Partnerships

**Moderator:** Trevor Peter, Botswana

**Panelists:** Maki Ozawa, Japan • Rebecca Martin, USA •  
Wang Xiaochun, China • Solomon Zewdu, Addis Ababa •  
Melvin Foote, USA • Taavi Erkkola, Switzerland, Robert Matiru,  
Switzerland

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Take home message:

**A broad definition of “partner” will ensure that Africa CDC is able to be nimble and innovative in addressing Africa’s public health challenges. Africa CDC will leverage existing continental assets, not create or duplicate existing resources**

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## **Roundtable 8:**

**Regional Collaborating Centers: A Network Model  
to Leverage Public Assets in the Regions**

**Moderator:** Nissaf Bouafit Ben Alaya, Tunisia

**Panelists:** Isabella Ayagah, Kenya • Victor Mukonka, Zambia •  
Mohamed Genedy, Egypt

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Take home message:

**Africa CDC will maximize opportunities to create or leverage horizontal platforms so that disease-specific work carried out by others will succeed**