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ASLM - Creating sustainable health systems for Africa

The ASLM2014 international conference will begin in Cape Town, South Africa on Sunday, 30 November and will continue until 4th December 2014.

Launched in 2011, the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) aims to address challenges in the health system by working collaboratively with governments, local and international organisations, implementing partners, and the private sector. The biennial ASLM international conference provides the African healthcare community a unique platform to share best practices, acquire knowledge and debate innovative approaches for tackling the major health challenges posed by HIV, TB, malaria, flu, neglected tropical diseases and emerging infections, such as Ebola.

Improving access to high quality diagnostics through strengthened health systems and a qualified health workforce is essential for achieving national, regional and global health goals for existing and emerging diseases, as well as for achieving the Millennium Development Goals and an AIDS-free generation.

Of keen interest is the session lead by Dr. Peter Piot, co-discoverer of the Ebola virus and keynote speaker at the ASLM2014. Dr Piot advises that the biggest lessons when dealing with the Ebola virus is that a prompt response, strong leadership is critical, and sound infrastructure are critical. In another session, Dr. Badara Samb from UNAIDS will lead a high-level panel discussion on the collaborative work of the Diagnostics Access Initiative to achieve the new global 90-90-90 HIV treatment goals. Reaching these targets will lay the foundation for the end of AIDS.

ASLM2014 will convene five African Ministers of Health, senior UNAIDS and World Health Organization leadership, and more than 1,250 healthcare professionals, policy makers, and clinicians from around the world to discuss innovative laboratory strategies to better patient care and disease control in Africa.

Check out the website for more information. www.aslm2014.org

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