

**Expert panel -
Covid – 19 Testing: Possibilities and Challenges in Africa**
23th September 2020
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

From screening of certain groups to sampling to targeted testing of people showing COVID-19 symptoms – many different COVID-19 testing strategies are widely discussed in science, governance and media. In African countries, these discussions are always led in light of the availability of and access to testing equipment.

This expert panel will therefore focus on different types of tests, which testing-strategies are supported by which kinds of tests and how equal access to testing facilities for all can be ensured. Knowing who is infected and who is susceptible to COVID-19 is an important key to conquering this pandemic.

Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Christoph Kannengiesser, CEO, Afrika-Verein

Presentations followed by a Panel Discussion and then a Q&A session

Jean-Charles Clouet, Marketing Laboratory Diagnostics Europe, Middle East & Africa of Siemens Healthineers

Dr Yenew Kebede, Head, Laboratory Systems Africa CDC

Dr. Heidi Albert, Head South Africa, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

Representative of WHO

Representatives of African Health Ministries

Chair: Dr Michael Rabbow, GHA Ambassador, International Relations