

**Digital Expert Panel -
Fighting COVID-19: What is the most impactful approach in low-resource
settings?**

27th May 2021

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm (CEST)

14 months after the start of the global pandemic, there are manifold experiences and an ever-growing tool box to address the multiple challenges of this pandemic. While not all tools and products are sufficiently available on the African soil, we need to apply learnings from other geographies as well as from other pandemics to design the most impactful approach to fight COVID-19. Based on the experiences from the past months and the expertise built, what concepts have been built up combining different tools to bridge the gap? How can or should governments, industry and international organizations collaborate to ensure every country has the opportunity to overcome the pandemic effectively?

This expert panel will discuss how available tools and processes, like vaccine prioritization, logistics improvements or digital solutions to raise efficiency can be combined to fight COVID-19 especially in lower-recourse settings.

Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Egon Kochanke Amb. Rtd., Senior Advisor, Afrika-Verein

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

Dr Ross Molinaro, Head of Medical Quality, Laboratory Diagnostics, Siemens Healthineers

Dr Swaibu Gatere, Head of Department, Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)

Dr Yenew Kebede, Head of Laboratory Systems &
Dr Wessam Mankoula, EOC Manager
The Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention
(Africa CDC)

Sean Blaschke, Technology for Development Business Analyst, Eastern and Southern African Regional Office, UNICEF

Keke Kao, Senior Program Manager, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

Chair: Roland Göhde, Chairman, GHA, Member of the Board, Afrika- Verein