



11th African Conference on One Health and Biosecurity

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THEME:

**BIO-SHIELDING AFRICA'S MEGACITIES
AGAINST EMERGING THREATS:
THE LAGOS STATE STORY**



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 11th African Conference on One Health and Biosecurity is coming up on the 4th of November 2026. The conference is organised by the Lagos State Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium (GET).

Biosecurity is everyone's business. There are people all over the world working for or against a biosecure environment. Protecting Africa's megacities from adverse and multiple biological events is a continuous challenge because the threats we face are growing in scale and complexity. Each government has the moral responsibility to protect its own people from infectious disease outbreaks, accidental discharge of harmful biological agents or toxins, misinformed decision on actions that will interfere with the integrity of the ecosystem and deliberate biological attacks.

There is a huge global surge in global biosecurity interest for the following reasons: Increasing human populations, expanding human environmental footprint and burgeoning cities, toxicity of streams and coastal waters, rapid human transcontinental airline mobility, climate change, advances in biotechnology and synthetic biology and the ability to artificially create super bugs in what is described as gain of function research, abnormal use of antimicrobials and increase in global terrorism and activities of non-state actors.

Lagos State has one of the highest population growth rates in the world, with both natural growth and migration contributing to its population boom. This demographic shift has direct implications for public health and disease control, as the constant influx of people can bring new pathogens and increase the risk of outbreaks. This influx of people, coupled with the traditional end-of-year celebrations, creates an environment ripe for the spread of infectious diseases. The potential for outbreaks of respiratory infections, gastroenteritis, and vector-borne diseases increases significantly during this period.

This biosecurity conference offers a crucial platform for transdisciplinary experts in different fields of security, health, environmental sciences, genomics, and governmental officials to discuss issues surrounding biosecurity threats in Lagos State. The theme of this year's conference is **“Bio shielding Africa's Megacities Against Emerging Threats: The Lagos State Story”**. The conference is a platform to discuss ongoing global and regional biosecurity threats, especially the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Congo DR and its implications for Lagos State. The conference is yet another platform to raise national, regional, and continental awareness of emerging biosecurity threats and create opportunities to strengthen Health security in Africa.

THEMATIC AREAS

(1) Mitigating biological threats in Africa with the following sub-themes:

- a. Biosecurity and biosafety in Africa
- b. Bioethics in Africa
- c. Biosecurity and biosafety in Africa: Lessons from EBOLA
- d. Bioterrorism reduction
- e. Ethical/Regulatory Issues specifically for Africa in relation to biosecurity
- f. Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
- g. Economics of biosecurity
- h. Public health crisis management in megacities

(2) Emerging Infectious Diseases as an accelerating phenomenon: with the following sub-themes:

- a. One Health
- b. Infectious disease outbreak preparedness in Africa
- c. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).
- d. Clinical trials
- e. Infectious disease burden and trends across Africa (Ebola, Lassa, MERS, Yellow Fever, Pandemic Influenza)
- f. Role of AI in biosecurity threats in Africa

(3) Importance of data in enhancing health security with the following sub-themes:

- a. Data generation and use during health emergencies
- b. Understanding the fifth industrial revolution
- c. Data ethics and governance

(4) The need for a vaccine strategy for emerging infectious diseases in Africa, with the following sub-themes:

- a. Role of African governments and indigenous vaccine manufacturers in vaccine R&D
- b. Challenges and prospects of vaccine R&D for emerging infectious diseases
- c. Significance of private sector in vaccine production in Africa

(5) Other emerging issues with the following sub-themes:

- a. Climate change and biosecurity threats in Africa
- b. Antimicrobial resistance threats in Africa

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cover conference
materials, coffee breaks
and a lunch buffet.

IMPORTANT DATES



10
OCTOBER
2026

Abstract submission
deadline

15
OCTOBER
2026

Abstract acceptance
notification

4
NOVEMBER
2026

Conference date

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