

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT WEEK

YAOUNDE, 28TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER 2019

I. Context

The management of public health emergencies is of major concern and is one of the topics that requires diverse reflections. As of date, health security threats have diverse origins, causing outbreaks, epizootics and other public health emergencies. Due to these different sources, which constitute major health risks, it causes a significant effect on national and international security and stability, a big threat on the economy and most importantly a great burden on the health system. Furthermore migration, urbanization, population growth and ever-increasing pressure on natural habitats, exposes a large portion of the population to diseases of multiple origins and consequently to public health emergencies.

The previous editions of the International Forum on the Management of Emergencies and Public Health Events, held in month of September 2017 and 2018, recorded an enormous success as concerns the level of participation of national and international actors in the management of health emergencies, as well as in the quality of themes chosen and experience sharing that followed. One of the innovations that brought to the limelight on the last forum was a week of consecrated activities that bore the name "Public Health Emergency Management Week", where a two days international simulation exercise involving three African countries (Cameroon, Gabon, Benin) on the management of a major public health thread preceded before the forum.

The organization of a third International Forum on the Management of Emergencies and Public Health Emergency will strengthen Cameroon's achievements, though there has been some limitations in the multi-sectorial and multidisciplinary approach, which still has to be learnt by all actors in the management of public health emergencies in Africa and in the world at large. This years' forum will be integrated into the activities of the Public Health Emergency Management Week, which comprises of a simulation exercise and an inaugural course that follows a well-defined methodology.



II. Date and Place

The Public Health Emergency Management Week will be held from October 28th to November 1st 2019, comprising of the following events:

- Simulation exercise on the management of a public health emergency from October 28th to 29th of 2019
- Inaugural Course on the management of a public health emergency from October 28th to 29th of 2019
- International Forum on the management of emergencies and public health events from October, 30th to November 1st 2019

III. Objectives of the Forum

General objective

The main objective of the Public Health Emergency Management Week is to improve on the management of emergencies and public health events in Africa and Cameroon in particular.

Specific objectives

- Improve on the knowledge and skills of the different actors on the management of emergencies and public health events
- Present the achievements recorded in the management of emergencies and of public health events in Africa during the past 5 years
- Share experience in the domain of the management of emergencies and public health events in Africa;
- Strengthen multisectorial public-private, inter-country collaboration in the context of the management of emergencies and public health events in Africa;
- Create a favourable ground for the development of policies with respect to preparation and response of African countries to health emergencies based on international guidelines.



IV. Target audience

The Public Health Emergency Management Week targets national and international actors at all levels, public and private sectors, development partners, civil society organizations involved in the management of emergencies and public health events.

V. Call for abstract

Scientific presentations in this forum articulates in 3 main themes:

- 1. Integration of actors in the management of emergencies and Public health events;*
 - 2. Decentralization of the Incident Management System and Universal Health Coverage;*
 - 3. The role of Emergency Care System in the Incident Management System.*
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Presentations can be done in either English or French Language

Abstract must contain the following information:

Name and address authors (the name of the presenter should be underlined)

- Complete address of references (professional status, postal address, telephone number, fax and email address)

Abstracts must not exceed 500 words. Complete texts of a maximum of 4000 characters (special signs inclusive excluding spaces) must contain the different elements: Introduction - Objectives - Methods - Results - Conclusion - Key Words. This must be presented in MS Word format, Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1,5 and in a 2,5 page margins.

After validation by the scientific committee, the selected abstracts would be published in the Forum's Abstract Book.



The dateline for submission of abstracts is the 14th of September, 2019 to

forumdlmep@gmail.com

Feedback from the selection committee shall be sent to the different authors on or before the 30th of September 2019.

VI. Registrations

Registration to this forum is done online right up to midnight of the 7th of October, 2019.

SITE:

<https://forms.gle/oNg8B1ZH2FWYP8eu5>

Participation is free of charge

