

**SYMPOSIUM AND LAUNCH OF THE LANCET HAEMATOLOGY SPECIAL COMMISSION
ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE
MUHIMBILI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SCIENCES (MUHAS)
DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA
CENTRE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION (CHPE) BUILDING
WEDNESDAY 12th – THURSDAY 13th JULY 2023**

TIME (EAT)	ACTIVITY	LEAD/KEY PARTICIPANTS
DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023		
LAUNCH OF THE COMMISSION		
0830-0900	Arrival and opening session	Ms. Helen Mtui (PRO-MUHAS)
0900-0910	Welcoming remarks	Vice Chancellor (MUHAS)
0910-0930	Opening Speech by Guest of Honor	Minister of Health, Hon. Umyy Mwalimu
0930-1100	Intro to <i>Lancet</i> Commissions (5 mins)	Dr. Yaiza del Pozo Martin (The Lancet Haematology)
	Epidemiology, screening, and current challenges to track the burden of sickle cell disease (15 mins)	TBC
	Treatment availability and outcomes around the globe (15 mins)	TBC
	Education and training (15 mins)	TBC
	Commission's goals and recommendations (10 mins)	TBC
	Patient advocates statements (20 mins)	Ms. Arafa Salim (Tanzania) Ms. Limba (Zambia)
	Official Launch (10 mins)	Minister of Health, Hon. Umyy Mwalimu
1100-1110	Vote of Thanks	DVC-RC (MUHAS)
1110-1120	Group Photo	ALL
1120-1200	Press Release, Break, Refreshment and Networking	ALL
SYMPOSIUM		
1200-1220	Advanced Therapy for SCD	Dr. Daima Bukini (PI – Sickle CHARTA)
1220-1240	Bone Marrow Transplant Service for Sickle Cell Disease: Experiences from Tanzania	Dr. Stella Malangahe (Benjamin Mkapa Hospital)
1240-1300	Discussion	Moderator

1300-1400	Lunch, Displays and Poster Viewing	ALL
1400-1420	Global Partnerships for Sickle Cell Disease	Dr. Isaac Odame (Global SCD Network, Canada)
1420-1440	SickleInAfrica: The Sickle Pan-African Research Consortium (SPARCO)	Prof. Julie Makani (MUHAS, Tanzania)
1440-1500	SickleInAfrica: The Sickle Africa Data Coordinating Centre (SADaCC)	Prof. Ambroise Wonkam (Johns Hopkins, USA)
1500-1520	The Sickle Cell Disease Research Network in Central Africa (REDAC)	Prof. Leon Tshilolo (CEFA, DRC)
1520-1540	SCD at Primary Care: The PEN-Plus Initiative	TBC
1540-1600	Scaling Up Newborn Screening for SCD In Africa: The ASH-CONSA Experience	Dr. Alexis Thompson (ASH – USA)
1600-1630	Discussion and End of Day 1	Moderator
DAY 2 – THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023		
SYMPOSIUM		
0830-0900	Plenary – COVID-19 and SCD	Prof. Jean Bisimwa Nachega (Pittsburg, USA)
0900-1030	Panel discussion	TBC
1030-1130	Refreshment, Displays and Poster Viewing	ALL
1130-1200	Plenary – Clinical Management of SCD in Sub-Saharan Africa	TBC
1200-1330	Panel discussion	TBC
1330-1430	Lunch, Displays and Poster Viewing	ALL
1430-1500	Plenary – Public Health Interventions on SCD	TBC
1500-1630	Panel discussion	TBC
1630-1640	Summary of proceedings	Rapporteur
1640-1650	Closing remarks	DVC-A (MUHAS)