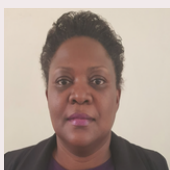


EthiXPERT Webinar Series 2026



Prof. Sody M. Munsaka, PhD
Neuroimmunology and Infectious Diseases Biomedical Specialist, , serving as Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology and Dean of the School of Health Sciences at the University of Zambia
Panelist



Hellen Opolot
Head of the Research Management and Quality Assurance Division at the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST)
Panelist



Prof. Alhaji U. N'jai
Technical leader, thought leader, and scholar with broad educational and research interests at the intersection of biomedical science, environmental science, public health, anthropology, and indigenous African Knowledge Base systems
Panelist



Francis P. Crawley
Co-Chair and Lead Investigator of the EOSC-Future/RDA Artificial Intelligence and Data Visitation Working Group (AIDV-WG)
Panelist



Lerato Sihlangu
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Moderator

Topic: Leveraging digital technology to enhance ethics review in public health emergencies



JUNE 30, 2026
14:00-15:30 SAST



EthiXPERT is hosting a high-level panel discussion on the role of Research Ethics Committees (RECs) during public health emergencies in Africa, with a focus on outbreaks such as Ebola in the DRC.

The discussion will explore how RECs can ensure rapid yet robust ethics review under pressure, and how digital tools, including AI, can support ethical decision-making in emergency contexts.

Key questions include resource constraints, responsible use of digital technologies, emerging ethical risks, and building a future-ready ethics review ecosystem in Africa.

This webinar will bring together experts to reflect on strengthening ethical oversight during public health emergencies.

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