

**Laboratory African Regional Collaborative (LARC)
Second Learning Session
Entebbe, Uganda
Protea Hotel
November 2nd - 4th, 2016**

Supporting viral load scale up across sub-Saharan Africa

Overarching Meeting Goal:

To achieve and maintain HIV VL suppression (the Third 90) by

- Increasing the uptake of VL testing by improving the elements in the viral load cascade
- Improving health systems institutional capacity and inter-cadre effectiveness through team building, evidenced-based problem-solving, and project feedback with progress documentation.

Meeting Objectives:

1. To present, inform, and discuss the six LARC Viral Load (VL) activities being implemented by project teams in Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Uganda
2. To incorporate health systems improvement methodologies in LARC country projects that can ensure successful outcomes
3. To introduce a finalized LARC Capability Maturity Model (CMM) for benchmarking project activity
4. To develop an project action plans that cover the next six months

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

8:30 – 9:30 am

- Opening Remarks – Dr. Ken Hepburn, Emory University, Lillian Carter Center for Global Health & Social Responsibility
- Official Greeting – Dr. Asumani Lukwago, Uganda Permanent Secretary (invited)
- Welcome from CDC Uganda - Dr. Steven Wiersma, CDC Uganda Country Director
- Introduction of guests and the six team delegations – Alphonse Kalula, East Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON)

9:30 – 10:30 am: Country Team Presentations - Session One

- *Moderator and Introduction to the Country Reports: Patricia Riley, International Laboratory Branch (ILB), Division of Global HIV & TB (DGHT), CDC*
 - Kenya (30min presentation, 30 min discussion)

10:30 – 11:00 am TEA BREAK

11:00 am -12:00 pm: Country Team Presentation – Session One (cont'd)

- Malawi (30min presentation, 30 min discussion)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm LUNCH, GROUP PHOTO

1:00 - 3:00pm: Country team Presentations

- *Moderator of Country Reports – Session Two: David Cross, ILB, DGHT, CDC*
 - Mozambique, Swaziland (30min presentation, 30 min discussion, each)

3:00 – 3:30 pm TEA BREAK

3:30 -5:30 pm: Country team presentations

- *Moderator of Country Reports – Session Three: Katy Yao, ILB, DGHT, CDC*
 - Tanzania, Uganda (30min presentation, 30 min discussion, each)

5:30 -6:00 pm

- *Administrative Updates – Ken Hepburn*
 - Housekeeping & Meeting Announcements

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

8:30 am – 10:00 am

- *Moderator and Introduction to Day Session: Katy Yao*
 - Becoming a “Quality Ninja” for laboratory & health care providers -- Barbara McKinney

10:00 -10:30 am TEA BREAK

10:30 am -12:00 pm

- “Quality Ninja” workshop (cont'd)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 -2:30 pm

- “Quality Ninja” workshop (cont'd)

2:30 -3:00 pm TEA BREAK

3:00 -4:00 pm

- “Quality Ninja”, continued -- Barbara McKinney

4:00 – 5:00 pm

- *Moderator: Patricia Riley*
 - Review of LARC Project & Budget Reporting – Muadi Mukenge, Emory University, Lillian Carter Center for Global Health & Social Responsibility

Day 3- FRIDAY, November 4th

8:30 – 9:30 am: Country Action Plan Preparation

- *Moderator and Introduction to the Session: David Cross*
 - Country Teams revise and finalize activities for next Action Period

9:30 - 10:00 am: Action Plan Report Out

- Country Team present plans for next Action Period (5 minutes each)

10:00 – 10:30 am TEA BREAK

10:30 -12:30 pm - Capability Maturity Model (CMM)

- *Moderator and Introduction to Session: Patricia Riley*
 - Final Version -- Jimica Tchamako, Public Health Informatics Institute

12:30 – 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 -3:00 pm: Team Self-Assessment on CMM – country team working session

- *Moderator: Jimica Tchamako*

3:00 -3:30 pm TEA BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Team Reports (20 minutes each)

- *Moderator: Jimica Tchamako*

4:30 – 5:30 pm: Closing Remarks

- Meeting Evaluation – Ken Hepburn
- Distribution of certificates – Ken Hepburn & Patricia Riley

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