

H3Africa Communities engagement

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Scope

- Genomics research in Africa raises a host of ethical issues, some of which are unique to the continent and its people.
- Inform consent and community engagement
- H3Africa Working Group Working Group on Ethics, has developed guidelines for Community Engagement to support researchers design an appropriate community engagement process.

Workshop objectives

- To provide a platform for H3Africa research projects to learn and share best practices of community engagement strategies
- To work towards effective models that can support genomic studies on the continent.
- To introduce the basic principles and means of engagement to enable H3Africa investigators to develop an engagement strategy that is appropriate to their project and research setting.

Target Participants

- Investigators involved in community engagement activities in the H3A projects.
- Facilitators/speakers who have experience and expertise in community engagement in the context of genetic and genomic research in Africa.

Workshop Format

- Train the trainer format
- Plenary sessions
- Selected H3A projects community engagement strategies.
- Small group discussions

Time	Activity	Facilitator
7:30 am	Registration	All Participants
8:00 am	Welcome Introduction of Participants/Workshop objectives	Ebony Madden
8:10 am	Informed consent in Genomic research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad Consent for Biobank Research? What contributions from community engagement? 	Paulina Tindana
8:40 am	Clarifying Concepts: Different Definitions of Community	Ambroise Wonkam
9:10 am	H3A CE Project: Pros and Cons of Different CE strategies	Paulina Tindana
9:40 am	Cocoa Break-Networking	
10:00 am	Presentations on Different CE strategies	
	Community Advisory Boards	Megan Campbell
	Empirical research-Focus Group Discussions	Vincent Pius Alibu
10:45 am	H3A ongoing CE Experiences	
	Consultation with Community Leaders	Rhian Twine
	Engagement with Patient Groups	Jemima Dennis-Antwi
11:15 am	Discussions/H3A Experiences	Participants
12:15 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30 pm	Fieldworkers role in community engagement	Dorcas Kamuya
2:00 pm	Ongoing Community Engagement: Reciprocity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments and benefits Reporting results Newsletters Ethics and Health Economics 	Marsha Treadwell Jemima Dennis-Antwi
2:30 pm	Cocoa Break-Networking	
3:00 pm	Experiences with ongoing Community Engagement	Gabriel Anabwani
3:30 pm	Evaluating Community Engagement: What works? <i>Participants split into groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas for joint proposal to evaluate CE for H3A? Sustaining CE across H3A consortium Opportunities for cross-learning 	Group Discussions
4:30 pm	Groups Report Back on way forward	Participants
5:00 pm	Workshop Adjourned	
7:00 pm	Workshop Dinner	All Participants

• 13 formal presentations

• 1 Break-out session

• 70 attendees

Community engagement

- Community engagement (CE) has been broadly defined as a process of working collaboratively with a group or groups of people on a shared goal or common interest
 - Community involvement, participation, consultation and collaboration
 - Community-Based Participatory Research

Community & the research context

- Nature of the research
- Geographic location
- Target group
- Common interest
- Goal

Discussion

- Timing: a the project design level
- Budgeting the community engagement
- Sustainability along the project
- Evaluation including, community to evaluate evaluate the CE of researcher
- Leant from success stories
- African philosophy for backing the CE activities
- A book on H3Africa CE activities

Community Engagement:

the next big “think” for H3Africa ELSI?