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## ***How to protect Healthy Volunteers from Exploitation in Biomedical Research?*** **First online regional seminar: focus on sub-Saharan Africa**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 11am -1pm (Central Africa Time/CET)**

### **Connexion:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89201670752?pwd=d01uTkQ3dklGYU5LL0ZuaVFOSVdIZz09>

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**PURPOSE:** An international initiative on ethical issues related with Healthy Volunteers (HVs) involvement in biomedical research was launched by the Ethics Committee of the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM). A first international meeting, held in February 2022 at UNESCO premises, identified research situations where the rights, well-being and safety of HVs may be jeopardized and identified good practices implemented in some countries to address these issues.

Building on this first meeting, regional seminars are now being organized with two primary purposes: To update our knowledge on the scientific and ethical issues related with HVs involvement in research in specific regions of the world, and To build a repository of new insights and policy recommendations to safeguard the rights, well-being and safety of HVs globally.

**SCOPE:** Focusing on Africa, the first regional seminar will be hosted by the University of Cape Town (South Africa) and Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique). It will discuss solutions to protect HVs from being exploited. Beginning with a summary of issues identified to date, it will then be open to discussions on real-life situations experienced by attendees from Sub-Saharan Africa, **which include the participation of several healthy volunteers from Uganda.**

## **Agenda**

### **→ Introduction (11:00 - 11:15)**

Elizabeth Allen (*University of Cape Town & TGHN Africa*) & Esperança Sevene (*Eduardo Mondlane University*)

### **→ How to protect HVs from exploitation: African perspectives. (11:15 - 11:45)**

- Primus Che Chi (*KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kenya*)
- Juliet Mwangi (*Epicentre's Uganda Research Centre*)

### **→ Lessons learned from the February UNESCO meeting (11:45 - 11:55)**

François Bompert (*DNDi, Switzerland*)

### **→ Open discussion with the audience: identified risks of exploitation, field experiences, recommendations (11:55 - 13:00)**

Moderators: Elizabeth Allen and Esperança Sevene

### **→ Next steps (13:00)**

François Hirsch (*Inserm, France*)