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| 08:55-09:10 | UNESCO Vision to Build Research Capacity in Africa | Mr. Getchaw Engida Deputy Director - General, UNESCO | | |
| 09:10-09:25 | Keynote speech | Hon. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia | | |
| 09:25-09:40 | Keynote speech | Hon. Prof. Yifru Berhane Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia | | |
| 09:50-10:00 | UNESCO-Africa Research Summit 2015 Declaration | MARS 2015 First Award winners, Rebecca Chuwuanukwu & Benard Kulohoma | | |
| 10:00-10:15 | Coffee Break and Group Photo | All Capital Hotel | | |
| 10:20 – 13:00 | Ministerial High Level Panels | | River Nile | Capital Hotel |

Ministerial Panel 1 Define Interventions to Advance Research Capacity and Empower Women in Research to Improve Women Health in Africa

Moderated by: Rasha Kelej Chief Social Officer- Merck & Romain Murenzi Director of Science Policy and Capacity Building - UNESCO

Prof. Frank Stangenberg Haverkamp Chairman of Executive Board & Family Board of E-Merck KG

Hon. Sarah Opendi

Minister of State of Health -Uganda

Hon. IDI Illiassou Mainassara

Minister of Public Health - Niger

Hon. Dr. Ashraf ElShihy

Minister of Higher Ed. & State for Sci. Res. Egypt

Hon. Julia Duncan Cassell

Minister of Gender, Children & Social Devt. -Liberia

Hon. Filiga Michel Sawadogo

Minister of Education & Science - Burkina Faso

Hon. Jesús Engonga Ndong

Minister of Education & Science - Equatorial Guinea

Ministerial Panel 2 Research and Policy Making Gap in Africa - Challenges and Opportunities - Africa as a new International Hub for Research Excellence and Scientific Innovation

Moderated by: Rasha Kelej Chief Social Officer Merck & Romain Murenzi Director of Science Policy and Capacity Building - UNESCO

Hon. Assane NGUEADOUM Minister of Health - Chad

Hon. Prof. Yifru Berhane Minister of Health -Ethiopia

Hon. Léon N'ZOUBA Minister of Health - Gabon

Dr. João Sebastião Teta Secretary of State - Angola

Hon. Ms Zuliatu M. Cooper Deputy Minister of Health & Sanitation - Sierra Leone

13:00 –
14:30

LUNCH

All
Capital Hotel

DAY 1

28th November 2016 (Monday)

River Nile

Capital Hotel

14:30 –
15:00

Role of women in life science and medical research in addressing the SDGs

HRH Princess Nisreen El-Hashemite
Founder of the World Women's Health and Development Forum

15:00 – 18:00 Session 1: Identifying scientific research priorities for evolving health needs: The case of infectious diseases and Women Health River Nile Capital Hotel

15:00 – 15:15 The Emergence of Zika Virus Prof. Pontiano Kaleebu
Director MRC/UVRI Uganda Research Unit on AIDS
Deputy Director, Uganda Virus Research Institute

15:15 – 15:30 Identifying the scientific research priorities for evolving health needs: the case of infectious diseases and women's health Dr. Jutta Reinhard-Rupp
Head of Translational Innovation Platform for Global Health Research- Merck

15:30 – 15:45 Untreated infectious diseases and infertility prevalence in Africa: The importance of Prevention Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson
Past President of IFFS (International federation of Fertility Society)

15:45 – 16:00 The University of Cambridge Africa Initiative - Strengthening **the fight against** infectious diseases in Africa Prof. James Wood
Co-Director of Cambridge Africa Initiative, University of Cambridge

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee Break** All **Capital Hotel**

16:15 – 16:30 Infectious Diseases in Women and Cancer Prevention Prof. Nicholas Anthony Othieno-Abinya
Medical Oncologist and Professor of Medicine/Program Director for Medical Oncology Fellowship, University of Nairobi, Kenya

16:30 – 16:45 Bacterial Infections and antibiotic Resistant Diseases among Young children in low-Income countries Dr. Bich-Tram Huynh
Institut Pasteur, INSERM, University of Versailles Saint-Quentin

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| 16:45 – 17:00 | HIV and Clinical Trials in Sexual Workers in Africa | Prof. Serge Eholie Professor of Tropical and Infectious Diseases, Medical School of University Félix Houphouet-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire | | |
| 17:00 – 17:15 | Research perspectives in the area of communicable neglected diseases and its relation to women health | Prof. Manoel Barral-Netto Head of Research and Director of the Centro de Pesquisas Goncalo Moniz, Brazil – Awardee of UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea Award | | |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | Frontiers in Ebola Research in Africa | Prof. Vittorio Colizzi University of Rome | | |
| 19:00 – 22:00 | Merck Africa Research Summit - MARS 2016 Award Ceremony | All | Capital Hotel | |
| DAY 2 | 29th November 2016 (Tuesday) | | Capital Hotel, Addis Ababa | |
| 08:00 – 09:45 | Session 2: Building Life Science and Medical Research Capacity in Africa and promote Women participation in Scientific Research | | River Nile | Capital Hotel |

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| 08:00- 08:15 | Empowering Women in Research to improve Women Health - The case of cervical cancer | Prof. Clairette Volololonantenaina Institute Pasteur Madagascar |
| 08:15 – 08:30 | Building African research capacity through access to training programs (South- South Collaboration) | Prof. Iqbal Parker Director, International Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Cape Town Component |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | The triad model of education, training and research in biotechnology | Dr. B. Chandrashekar Director UNESCO Regional Centre for Biotechnology Education, Research and Training (India) |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Health Education for Girls and Women | Dr. John Vulule Chief Research Scientist at the Kenya Medical Research Institute |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | UNESCO-L’Oreal Program to empower women in research | Prof. Rashika El Ridi Professor, Cairo University, Egypt. UNESCO-L’OREAL Award Recipient |

09:30 – 09:45 Building Research Capacity to improve access to Healthcare in Africa. The case of Untreated infectious Diseases Prof. Oladapo Ashiru President of Africa Fertility Society

09:45-10:00 Q&A session All

09:45 – 11:00 Session 3: Enhancing Policy Environment and Mechanism to improve Research in Health: Opportunities and Challenges River Nile Capital Hotel

09:45 – 10:00 The African Renaissance in Biotechnology Prof. Endashaw Bekele Head of Ethiopia Biotechnology Task Force

10:00 – 10:15 WHO policies and strategies in Health Research in Africa Dr. Akpaka Kalu World Health Organisation (WHO), Addis Ababa

10:15-10:30 Ethical Guidelines for Conduct of Research in Africa- Dr. Steven Hildemann Chief Medical Officer, Merck Healthcare

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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Q&A session | | |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee Break | All | |
| 11:00 – 13:30 | Poster Exhibition Session | Chaired by: Jutta Reinhard Head of Translational Innovation Platform Global Health Research & Development | |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | LUNCH | All | River Nile |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | Workshops and The Launch of Merck Research on- line community www.merck-cap.com | River Nile | |

Workshops: Chaired by Ahmed Hamdy - Executive Secretary Scientific, Technology and Research Commission- African Union

GP1:
Mentoring workshop –
Empowering Women and Youth in
Research

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| Rose Leke | University of Yaoundé, Cameroon |
| Golbahar Pahlavan | Institute Pasteur - France |
| Andrew Kambugu | Infectious Diseases Institute- IDI, Uganda |
| Elijah Songok | Kenya Medical Research Institute |
| Clairette Volonantenaina | Institute Pasteur Madagascar |
| Ahmed Hamdy | African Union |

GP2:

Networking in Research,
Challenges and Opportunities,
The launch of Merck Research
and Healthcare On-Line
community

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| Ahmed Hamdy | African Union |
| Vittorio Collizzi | University of Rome, Italy |
| Rashika El Ridi | Cairo University, Egypt |
| Amany Asfour | Chair of ECOSOCC African Union, Egypt |
| B. Chandrashekar | Director UNESCO Biotechnology Centre India |
| Irukaku Okeke | Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria |

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Closing Remarks

All