

and dissemination of research data and to prepare for the road ahead in Africa's development as an international hub for research excellence and scientific innovation.

UNESCO-Merck Africa Research Summit - MARS 2017 will have scientific support from UNESCO (United Nations educational, scientific and cultural organization), African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC), the University of Cambridge, UK, University of Rome, and Merck.

The annual Summit aims to contribute to building research capacity in the African research community, with special focus on **"The Role of Scientific Research in responding to Cancer and Vaccines Development – Two emerging challenge in Africa"**. The Summit will also showcase innovative research taking place in projects, programs and initiatives across African universities, and by the wider African research community. The summit is a unique opportunity for Africa's young and talented scientists to share their research output and findings with the top echelon of scientists from Africa and abroad. It is also an opportunity for networking and career development. The Summit will presents a platform where young scientists will be able to discuss the enabling environment for better research among others. On other note the organizing committee will launch the **"Best Young African Researcher Award"** and the **"Best African Woman Researcher Award"** to recognize the outstanding contribution of African female scientist with aim to promote women in research and advance their contribution to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The annual Summit – **UNESCO-MARS** will address the vital role of research in the improvement and sustainable development of population health with specific emphasis on how to translate knowledge into action - the 'know-do gap' - to improve health and make an impact on society.

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African research institutes and Universities, although collaboration within Africa as well as outside is encouraged.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed.

Dead line 30th of August 2017

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