

INVITATION to participate in the FUTURE

AFRICA and 1 HOPE Webinar Series **3**



The recommendation for the webinar series stemmed from a University of Pretoria proposal to the UNICEF Humanitarian Programme through its flagship programme “Generation Unlimited” to collaborate with the University on areas that can advance training and skills for the youth in humanitarian aspects. The UP proposal focuses on “Youth empowerment under health/economic crisis,” coordinated by Future Africa with participation of Humanities, Health Sciences, Education, Economic Sciences, Natural and Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Science.” In particular, the proposal focuses on Outcome Area 4 identified as “Covid-19 and other Emerging Science for Society Outcomes, specifically incorporating the One Health concept, defined as “a collaborative, multi-sectoral, and transdisciplinary approach working at the local, regional, national, and global levels – with the goal of achieving optimal health [and well-being] outcomes recognising the interconnection between people, animals, plants and their shared environment. Increasingly recognised nationally /globally by organisations /commissions and coupled with Covid-19, it is becoming clear that the OH approach “ has stimulated modern societies to rapidly adopt measures to save lives (humanitarian), protect livelihoods (social dynamics and human solidarity), and safeguard nature (ecosystem red lines) to reduce the risk of future pandemics (resilience, preparedness, precaution).”

Against this background, “the overarching long-term objective is to bring together various research teams at UP across disciplines and in many countries, who have relevant science [natural, social, health] activities that can be connected to address complex Covid-19 research questions in the immediate future with broader applications in the long term.” Specific short-term objectives (August 2020- December 2020) underpinning the One Health for Change cluster include: (1) organising cluster workshops; (2) strengthening workforce developments in association with African / other global networks; (3) launching a UP OH on-line platform (website) for information and education dissemination; (4) organising One Health webinars and training; (5) developing resource capacity focused on young career scholars and doctoral students that can drive multi/trans-disciplinary projects; and (6) supported by short-term mentorship programmes and multidisciplinary short-term research projects.

Informed by the definition that “transdisciplinarity integrates the natural, social and health sciences in a humanities context, and transcends their traditional boundaries,” the Future Africa - 1 HOPE (international One Planet for One Health Education initiative) webinar series focuses primarily on objectives #4 and # 5 above

Who can attend?

The Future Africa - 1 HOPE (international One Planet for One Health Education initiative) webinar series main aim is to build collaborative transdisciplinary (TD) research capacity of early career and doctoral students through a One Health & Well-Being lens.” More specifically, the series has four main goals:

- To meet and engage with a cross-section of multi-disciplinary experts linked with national, regional and global networks;
- To raise awareness of the urgent need to shift from disciplinary silos to address complex socially relevant issues (e.g., Covid-19, climate change, food security) by transcending and integrating disciplinary paradigms and engaging in participatory research;
- To identify transdisciplinary knowledge and research skills needed to co-produce relevant outcomes for society (p/see #2,#5,#6 above);
- To reconcile TD research, teaching/learning and scholarship.

1 HOPE is especially timely and relevant in this regard as it seeks to educate the next generation of global citizens about the criticality of ensuring the sustainability of the planet and all species - made especially poignant at this time of global Covid-19 upheaval. Its overall approach is to establish regional working groups (WGs) to promote and value the OHWB concept as the foundation for achieving the UN-2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) conducting regional needs analyses and developing pilot project proposals, including TD / OHWB research and education. To date WGs have been established in Africa and the Americas with other regions to follow in 2020/2021. WG members - supported by committed group facilitators- are drawn from education, community/civil society, government (intergovernmental/NGOs) and corporate sectors.

Early career and doctoral scholars, and advanced graduate students worldwide are encouraged to participate in the Future Africa - 1 HOPE (international One Planet for One Health Education initiative) webinar series.

Registration

FUTURE AFRICA and 1 HOPE Webinar Series | Invitation to participate: Webinar 3 of 3, 27 January 2021; 15:00 South Africa Time (SAST), ZOOM virtual platform

Pre-Registration will open for Early Bird registrants on Wednesday 23 January 2021 and end on Monday 25 January 2021, 23:59 South Africa Time (SAST). is available online by following the below link;

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVPjQ74Saj36QimiaRRb-lCt1BEMA4oe6-WV6k0nuiNeRBFw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have missed the registration deadline for the Future Africa – 1 HOPE webinar series, you will still be allowed to attend by following the logistical information email that will be sent on 10 November.

Important Dates for the Future Africa - 1 HOPE (international One Planet for One Health Education initiative) webinar series

11 November 2020 , 15:00 South Africa Time (SAST),	Webinar 1 of 3
02 December 2020 , 15:00 South Africa Time (SAST),	Webinar 2 of 3
27 January 2021 , 15:00 South Africa Time (SAST),	Webinar 3 of 3

Programme Chairs

Liesel Ebersöhn (*Director, Centre for the Study of Resilience, University of Pretoria, South Africa [SA]*)

George Lueddeke (*Chair, International One Health for One Planet Education Initiative [1HOPE], United Kingdom*)

For any questions, please email stephan.dippenaar@up.ac.za