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DNAFORENSIC
SYMPOSIUM 

DNAFORAFRICA | 13-14 JUNE 2023 | CAPE TOWN

- WHERE JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND HUMANITY INTERSECT -

DAY 1 - PROGRAM - 13 JUNE 2023

TIME	Tuesday 13 June 2023	TOPIC	PRESENTED BY	THEMATIC AREA
07h30-08h15		Registration		All
08h15-08h30		Welcome and Opening Address	DNAforAfrica, ICRC, UNODC	All
08h30-09h00		Scientific Solutions for Complex DNA Cases	Prof. Bruce Budowle	Advances in DNA
09h00-09h30		DNA 'Face Off': Challenges and Opportunities of DNA for Forensic Facial Imaging as an Investigative Tool	Dr Kathryn Smith	Advances in DNA
09h30-10h00		The Somjust Programme: Enhancing Forensic Capacity in Somalia	Mr Yasin Farah	Advances in DNA
10h00-10h45		Panel Discussion A: Decoding the Challenges of Complex DNA Analysis and Highly Degraded Samples	Moderator: Dr Vanessa Lynch Panelists: Prof. B. Budowle, A/Prof. L. Heathfield, Ms A. Auckloo, Mr Y. Farah, Lt Col. S. Otto	Panel A: Advances in DNA
10h45-11h00		Comfort Break / Tea & Coffee		
11h00-11h30		Efficiency and Value Derived from Science Lead Investigations of Sexual Crimes	Prof. Robert Green	GBV Initiatives
11h30-12h00		Ensuring Accountability: Addressing Paternity Claims Involving Peacekeepers	Ms Carla Pessanha Loque	GBV Initiatives
12h00-12h30		Navigating the DNA Backlog: Lessons Learnt from the DNA Task Team for Optimal Management of GBVF Cases	Adv. Bonnie Currie Gwamo	GBV Initiatives
12h30-13h15		Panel Discussion B: Empowering Change: Global Toolkit for Essential Multisectoral Services in Combating Violence Against Women, Conflict Related Sexual Violence	Moderator: Ms Carla Pessanha Loque Panelists: Dr L. Naidoo, Adv. B. Currie-Gwamo, Prof. Robert Green, Ms J. Wessels	Panel B: GBV Initiatives
13h15-14h00		Lunch		
14h00-14h30		Cracking the Code: Zimbabwe's DNA Policy Framework to Combat Serial Sex Offenders	Mr Donald Mushove	DNA Policy
14h30-15h00		Developing a Forensic DNA Legislative Framework & Policy for Africa	A/Prof. Aaron Amankwaa	DNA Policy
15h00-15h30		The Imperative of Mandatory DNA Sampling in Homicide Cases for Advancing Justice	A/Prof. Ryan Blumenthal	DNA Policy
15h30-15h45		Comfort Break / Tea & Coffee		
15h45-16h15		The New Gqeberha FSL: A Forensic Turnkey Solution to Enhance DNA Capacity	Brig. Fikile Hlalele	General
16h15-16h45		Every Contact Leaves a Trace: How to Improve Media Coverage of Forensic Science	Dr Nechama Brodie	General
16h45-17h30		Panel Discussion C: Effective Communication of Scientific Evidence in the Criminal Justice System	Moderator: Dr Vanessa Lynch Panelists: Prof. B. Budowle, Lt. Col. S. Otto, Mr D. Mushove, Prof. G. Labuschagne	Panel C: Reporting Forensic Science
17h30-17h45		General Q&A, Closure	Dr Vanessa Lynch	All
17h45-20h00		Cocktail Function	UNODC	All

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DAY 2 - PROGRAM - 14 JUNE 2023

TIME	Wednesday 14 June 2023	TOPIC	PRESENTED BY	THEMATIC AREA
08h30-08h45	Welcome and Overview of Day 1		Dr Vanessa Lynch	ALL
08h45-09h15	Insights into Interpol's iFamilia DNA Database for Humanitarian Efforts in Africa		Dr Francois-Xavier Laurent	DNA Databases
09h15-09h45	South Africa's Forensic DNA Database: Navigating Challenges, Celebrating Successes and Charting the Future		Brig. Joe Smith	DNA Databases
09h45-10h15	Benefits of Implementing CODIS to Support DNA Databases in African Regions		Mr Anthony Wally	DNA Databases
10h15-11h00	Panel Discussion D: The Role of DNA Databases In Driving Humanitarian Aid and Justice Efforts in Africa		Moderator: Mr Tim Schellberg Panelists: Dr F. Laurent; Brig. J. Smith, Mr A. Wally, Ms A. Auckloo, A/Prof. A. Aamkwa	Panel D: DNA Databases
11h00-11h15	Comfort Break / Tea & Coffee			Break
11h15-11h45	Sharing Best Practices: Lessons Learned from the Mauritius FSL		Ms Asha Auckloo	DNA Case Work
11h45-12h15	Establishing Identity in Conflict and War: The Crucial Role of Forensic Genetics In Human Identification		Mr Stephen Fonseca	DVI
12h15-12h30	Insight to Africa's First Forensic Pathology Institute: a Holistic Approach to Human Identification		Dr Tumi Molefe	DVI
12h30-13h15	Panel Discussion E: Exploring Strategies to Identify the Deceased in DVI Cases		Moderator: Dr Vanessa Lynch Panelists: Panelists: Mr S. Fonseca, Dr T. Molefe, A/Prof. R. Blumenthal, Dr K. Smith	Panel E: DVI
13h15-14h00	Lunch			Break
14h00-14h30	International Accreditation and the Value of Collaboration		Mr Mark Mogle	Quality Assurance
14h30-15h00	Forging Africa's First Forensic Science Regulator In Zambia		Mr Innocent Makasa	Quality Assurance
15h00-15h15	AFSA: A New Era for Forensic Sciences in Africa		Dr Antonel Olckers	Quality Assurance
15h15-15h30	Comfort Break / Tea & Coffee			Break
15h30-16h00	DNA Hit of the Year: Spotlight on Cases that Exemplify the Power of DNA Databases		Mr Tim Schellberg	Case Study
16h00-16h40	Truth is Stranger than Fiction: The Story of Thabo Bester, "Facebook Rapist" and how DNA Played a Role in this Extraordinary Case		Prof. Gérard Labuschagne	Case Study
16h40-17h00	General Q&A, Closure		Dr Vanessa Lynch	All
17h00-18h00	Press Meet and Greet		All	All

