



REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING RESEARCH ETHICS

Date: 24th to 26th May 2022

Conference Theme

Strengthening Research Ethics Capacity and Networks

Jointly hosted by:

- **European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)**
- **University of Nairobi (UoN)**
- **The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI)**
- **Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH)**

Call for Abstracts

Research Ethics Committees (RECs) are critical in ensuring quality research by protecting the welfare of research participants. The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) ensures that research conducted in Kenya meets the highest international and national ethical standards. The Commission does this through the National Scientific and Research Ethics Committee - formerly National Bioethics Committee that accredits RECs and facilitates capacity building of members to ensure competence in reviewing research proposals. In this regard, NACOSTI in partnership with the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital received funding from the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) to build the capacity of newly established RECs in a project titled "Strengthening Research Ethics Committees in Kenya (STReK)." The goal of this conference is to share experiences and lessons learnt with other RECs; to encourage best practices in research ethics oversight and enhance networking. This will be achieved through keynote addresses, abstract driven sessions, panel discussions.

The STReK Conference Organizing Committee is calling for submission of abstracts in English from original research work, literature review, or opinion pieces. The abstract should be limited to **250 words** on any of these sub-themes:

- 1) Research ethics review and oversight
- 2) Research involving vulnerable populations
- 3) Research during pandemics/emergencies/epidemics
- 4) Digitization of ethics review process
- 5) Data protection in Research
- 6) Capacity building in research ethics
- 7) Management and administration of RECs
- 8) Contemporary issues in research ethics

The Abstract should include:

- i.) Introduction
- ii.) Objectives
- iii.) Methodology
- iv.) Results/discussion
- v.) Conclusion

Language and Participants

The conference will be conducted in English and is open to REC members and Researchers.

Conference Dates

The virtual conference will take place from **24th to 26th May 2022**.

Important Dates

Deadline for receiving abstracts: **20th April 2022**

Deadline for receiving the verdict of reviews: **30th April 2022**

Abstracts in **PDF format** should be sent to: strekconference@nacosti.go.ke

Conference Costs and Payments

Registration and conference costs have been catered for by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) grant, therefore it is at **NO COST** to participants. Register for the conference using this link: <https://bit.ly/3xc1bm>