



UGANDA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The 5th Annual National Research Ethics Conference (ANREC)
8 - 10 July 2013, Kampala-Uganda

Theme: Research Ethics in Cross-Cultural Settings: strengthening the interplay between researcher, community and supporting institutions

Background and rationale

Research involving humans as research participants is inevitable to support human development and progress. Knowledge generated in this regard provides the basis for decision making on matters which directly affect the health and wellbeing of people and their communities. To this end, research participants volunteer to bear the inherent burden of research in order to bring about a societal benefit. The premise of research ethics is to ensure that research participants are treated with dignity, and their rights, values, interests and welfare are respected.

Since 2009, the Uganda National council for Science and Technology (UNCST) has been organizing an Annual National Research Ethics Conference (ANREC) every July as a platform for interaction between the various actors in the research enterprise. The ANREC brings together researchers, regulators, policy makers, members of research ethics committees, civil society and research communities, to share experiences and discuss contemporary issues relevant for human subject's research in Uganda and the region.

The 5th ANREC will examine research ethics in cross-cultural contexts, focusing on the interplay between researchers, communities and supporting institutions. Given the cross-cultural nature of research communities, the researchers as well as research supporting institutions, often face a challenge of interpreting cultural practices and community norms, and integrating these in the research process to ensure respect for the research participants and the communities.

Aim

To strengthen the capacity of researchers, communities and support institutions in responding to the cultural norms and social practices that influence research in Uganda and the region.

Specific objectives

- a. To enhance researchers understanding of research ethics in cross-cultural settings to improve their practices and attitudes
- b. To empower communities to understand their rights and responsibilities in research in their cultural settings.

Conference arrangement

The conference will have formal and case study presentations, and group discussions. Exhibitions and poster presentations may also be made. The venue for the conference will be announced later. A call for abstracts has already been issued.

Participation

Participants are expected to come from Ugandan institutions, agencies and the community, including, but not limited to Institutional Review Committee (IRC) members, investigators, research regulators, policy makers, and opinion leaders. Participants are also expected from neighboring countries and guests from overseas. A total of 200 participants are expected.

Conference registration fee

The conference fee is one hundred thousand shillings (100,000/=) only. This fee caters only for tea/coffee breaks, water and lunches during the 2 days of the conference. Any other costs are to be met by the participant. The fee should be paid before 20th June 2013. Payment details are as follows:

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank Speke Road Branch.

Account Name: Uganda National Council for Science & Technology (UNCST)

Account number: 0105610632101.

Please, bring the pay slip to the UNCST Secretariat on Plot 6 Kimera Road, Ntinda behind Quality Super Market, upon which you will be registered for the conference, and a registration receipt issued.

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