

# Theme: Accurate Laboratory Diagnostics— A Pillar of Quality Healthcare

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It is a pleasure to invite you join an expected 1500 participants at the First International Conference of the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) to be held December 4-7, 2012 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa.

### What is ASLM?

The African Society for Laboratory Medicine ([www.asflm.org](http://www.asflm.org)) was launched in March 2011 with the mission to: advance professional laboratory medicine practice, science, systems, and networks in Africa needed to support preventive medicine, quality care of patients and disease control through partnership with governments and relevant organizations.

The African Society for Laboratory Medicine is a Pan-African professional body, endorsed by the African Union, working with countries to advocate for the critical role and needs of laboratory medicine and networks.

### Who should attend ASLM2012?

The conference is open to laboratory professionals, clinicians, program managers, epidemiologists, researchers, students, and policy makers with an interest in advancing laboratory diagnostics for quality health care in Africa and elsewhere.

### Objective of ASLM2012

The objective of this meeting is to convene healthcare professionals and policy makers from Africa and around the world to present and discuss the latest developments and initiatives for strengthening national laboratory health systems and networks, diagnostics, and their impact on healthcare delivery and disease surveillance.

Specifically, the conference will provide a forum for:

- Problem-solving to improve access to, regulation of, and policy regarding quality point of care laboratory diagnostics
- Discussing ways to strengthen laboratory-based surveillance, biosafety, and biosecurity, and to reduce antimicrobial resistance
- Prioritizing and enhancing mobilization and utilization of resources for local capacity
- Operationalizing laboratory research to meet evolving disease needs in the 21st century
- Exchanging knowledge, skills, and best practices to improve access to high quality laboratory services
- Sharing experiences on establishing functional laboratory networks for disease-specific needs and for multiple diseases

### ASLM2012 Conference Format

The conference will consist of plenary sessions, symposiums, oral sessions and posters. In addition, pre- and post-conference workshops and satellite sessions will offer opportunities for training and networking.

