



# 8th MENA Influenza Stakeholders Networks Meeting

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# Meeting Program

## Day 1 – Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Al Hakem ballroom

8:00-8:15	Registration	
8:15-8:35	<b>Welcome Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salah Awaidy MENA-ISN Chairman</li> <li>• Valentina Picot Fondation Mérieux</li> <li>• Sk. Mamunur R. Malik WHO-EMRO</li> <li>• Siddhivinayak Hirve WHO-GENEVA</li> </ul>
8:35-8:50	<b>MENA-ISN- About the network</b>	Valentina Picot
8:50-9:20	<b>Keynote: Influenza programme in Eastern Mediterranean Region</b>	Sk. Mamunur R. Malik
<b>Meeting Session I</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Jalila Ben Khelil & Sk. Mamunur R. Malik		
9:20-11:20	<b>Influenza Country achievements (Part 1)</b>  (one presentation per country - 15 min max per country presentation)  <b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fawzi Derrar</b> (Algeria)</li> <li>• Samia Hammadi (Algeria)</li> <li>• <b>Hesham Tarraf</b> (Egypt)</li> <li>• <b>Abdoulreza Esteghamati</b> (Iran)</li> <li>• Masoud Mardani (Iran)</li> <li>• <b>Mahmoud Gazo</b> (Jordan)</li> <li>• Yousef Moh'd Rateb (Jordan)</li> <li>• <b>Malande Oliver Ombeva</b> (Kenya)</li> <li>• Ghassan Dbaibo (Lebanon)</li> <li>• <b>Nada Ghosn</b> (Lebanon)</li> <li>• <b>Suleiman Abusrewil</b> (Lybia)</li> <li>• Omar Elahmer (Lybia)</li> <li>• Mohamed Abugalia (Lybia)</li> </ul> <p><b>(Lecturer member in bold)</b></p>

11:20-11:50	Coffee Break	
<b>Meeting Session II</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Samia Hammadi & Yusuf Kamal Mirza		
11:50-12:20	<b>Influenza vaccination in high-risk groups: a revision of existing guidelines and rationale for an evidence-based preventive strategy</b> <b>High risk groups</b>	Melissa Andrew
12:20-12:50	<b>Impact of Vaccine Hesitancy and Strategies to Increase Influenza Immunization Acceptance</b>	Saad Omer
12:50-14:00	Group Photo and Lunch	
<b>Meeting Session III</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Marta Nunes & Ghassan Dbaibo		
14:00-14:20	<b>The rule of influenza in acute exacerbation of chronic respiratory diseases</b>	Mohamed Tagel Din
14:20-16:30	<b>Influenza Country achievements (Part 2)</b> (one presentation per country - 15 min max per country presentation) <b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jalal Nourlil (Morocco)</li> <li>• <b>Hicham Oumzil</b> (Morocco)</li> <li>• <b>Salah Al Awaidy</b> (Oman)</li> <li>• <b>Yusuf Kamal Mirza</b> (Pakistan)</li> <li>• <b>Jifri Al Anoud</b> (Saudi Arabia)</li> <li>• <b>Abdulrahman Algeer</b> (Saudi Arabia)</li> <li>• <b>Fatima Al Slail</b> (Saudi Arabia)</li> <li>• Marta Nunes (South Africa)</li> <li>• Tsakani Furumele (South Africa)</li> <li>• <b>Sibongile Walaza</b> (South Africa)</li> <li>• <b>Nissaf Ben Alaya</b> (Tunisia)</li> <li>• Jalila Ben Khelil (Tunisia)</li> <li>• F. Nur Baran Aksakal (Turkey)</li> <li>• <b>Serhat Unal</b> (Turkey)</li> <li>• <b>Mohamed Hassan</b> (UAE)</li> </ul> <p><b>(Lecturer member in bold)</b></p>
19:30	<b>Dinner at Sequoia Restaurant</b>	(Lobby meeting point at 19h)

**Day 2 – Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Al Hakem ballroom**

8:30-9:00	<b>Keynote: “A Checklist for Pandemic Influenza Risk and Impact Management: building capacity for pandemic response - 2018 Update”</b>	Siddhivinayak Hirve
<b>Meeting Session IV - MENA ISN Research agenda</b> <b>Chairs: Meral Akçay &amp; Siddhivinayak Hirve</b>		
9:00-9:30	<b>EMR future influenza research agenda</b>	Sk. Mamunur R. Malik
9:30-10:00	<b>Impact of maternal influenza A virus infection on fetal susceptibility to respiratory infections in early life and evaluation of intervention strategies by maternal vaccination</b>	Gulsah Gabriel
10:00-11:30	<b>MENA ISN Research agenda working group:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation baseline</b></li> <li>• <b>Group work &amp; discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>concept note presentation</b></li> <li>○ <b>Next steps &amp; way forward</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Meral Akçay  Moderator: Meral Akçay  Groups: 2 groups from meeting participants
11:00-11:30	<b>MENA ISN Roadmap</b>	Valentina Picot
	Closing remarks	
	<b>END</b>	
<i>12:00-13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	

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