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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Colleagues,

With just a few weeks to go to the start of AORTIC 2017 we are looking forward to seeing you all in Kigali, Rwanda. We have included a number of exciting elements to the conference to enhance the experience of our delegates. Do come visit us at the AORTIC booth and let us know what you think of this new format and interactive activities we have planned for you.

All that is left now is to wish you all safe travels!

Signing off.

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#### SPECIAL CONFERENCE EDITION

What's new for AORTIC 2017?

- AORTIC Interactive Photo Wall
- Conference App!
- Interactive Map

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# AORTIC CONFERENCE DAY 1

## What to expect on the First day of AORTIC 2017 – Tuesday, 9 November 2017

Get an early start because it takes some time to get to the conference venue. Unless you're staying at the Radisson Blu Hotel connected to the convention centre, you will need to allow at least 20 minutes for the drive to the Kigali Convention Centre and another 5 to 10 minutes to pass through the centre's security and access control.

Remember: if you booked at one of the official hotels through our official conference accommodation partner Business Events East Africa (BEEA), you'll be on the complimentary daily transfer and won't have to worry about driving or parking.

Collect your name tag and conference bag. Registration is open from 07:00 – 17:00. Don't forget an ID or passport to confirm your identity. The Registration Desk is located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Kigali Convention Centre.

AORTIC is extremely proud that the Minister of Health of Rwanda will give the opening address. Followed by the announcement of the AORTIC Awards, and a Keynote by Professor Lynette Denny.

Choose from five concurrent sessions in each time slot to attend during the day.

Attend the Welcome Reception and Poster Session One in Foyer 1A from 16:30 to 18:00. Now's the time to catch up with old friends and colleagues from around the world. Drinks and snacks will be served. Poster presenters will be waiting to engage in dialogue on their topics.

Have an early night and get ready for Wednesday...

# AORTIC CONFERENCE DAY 2

## What to expect on the second day of AORTIC 2017, Wednesday, 8 November

**Attend one of the 5 Roundtable Discussions** from 07:15 to 08:20 in Foyer 1A. Coffee, tea, and a light snack will be served.

**Choose from four concurrent sessions** during the Morning Workshop Hour from 08:25 to 09:25.

**Attend the second day's Keynote Lectures:** "Ethnic-specific breast cancer risk estimates for screening and survival, and targeted therapies" by Dr Olufunmilayo Olopade, "The state of cancer

surgery in Africa: implication on outcomes" by Professor Richard Sullivan. The Keynote Lectures take place in the venue called MH3&4 from 09:30 to 10:30. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

If you're a paid up **AORTIC Member**, you're invited to attend the AORTIC Members' Tea in the Concourse from 16:30 to 17:00, followed by the AORTIC General Assembly in MH2. (Only paid up members).

If you're not an AORTIC Member, learn about all of the benefits and you can even sign up at the AORTIC booth (Stall 1 & 2).

Have an early night and get ready for Thursday...

## AORTIC CONFERENCE DAY 3

What to expect on the third day of AORTIC 2017, Thursday, 9 November 2017



**Attend one of the 5 Roundtable Discussions** from 07:15 to 08:20 in Foyer 1A. Coffee, tea, and a light snack will be served.

**Attend the Day 3 Keynote Lectures:** "Being a Minister of Health in Africa" by Nigerian Health Minister Professor Isaac Adewole and "The future of genomics in cancer management" by Professor Timothy Rebbeck. The Keynote Lectures take place in the venue called MH3&4 from 09:30 to 10:30. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Make the most of the time spent with colleagues and potential new collaborators. Extended transfer times and multiple networking opportunities throughout the day will allow for the valuable "in

between" conversations to continue a bit longer than before.

**Engage with the poster content at Poster Session Two** from 16:30 to 18:00 in Foyer 1A.

Poster presenters will benefit from a dedicated poster session at which they will have the full attention of participants. Drinks and snacks will be served, making it an enjoyable occasion to engage with the poster content and presenters.

**Enjoy a lively evening at the AORTIC 2017 Conference Dinner.** This spectacular dinner will be held at the Kigali Serena Hotel. Please note that it is a ticketed event so you'll need to plan ahead and purchase a ticket (and one for any guests you'd like to bring along). The recommended dress is semi-formal or traditional so if you've got special cultural attire that you'd like to show off, your colleagues would love to see it. Dinner and drinks highlighting Rwandan produce and cuisine will be served.

*Any questions or concerns? Or would you like to purchase a ticket for the Conference Dinner? Please get in touch on [info@aorticconference.org](mailto:info@aorticconference.org).*

# AORTIC CONFERENCE DAY 4

## What to expect on the last day of AORTIC 2017, Friday, 10 November 2017

**Attend a Roundtable Focus Group** from 07:15 to 08:20 in Foyer 1A. Coffee, tea, and a light snack will be served.

**Choose from four concurrent sessions** during the Day 4 Morning Workshop Hour from 08:25 to 09:25. Find the programme here <link to <http://aorticconference.org/programme/>>. The options include two Oral Abstracts sessions, focussing on radiation, HIV and cancer, and site-specific cancers. These sessions are great opportunities to hear from Africa's up-and-coming researchers, practitioners, and advocates.

**Attend the Day 4 Keynote Lectures** by Dr Martin Kistin of Project ECHO and Dr Fatou Aminata Lo, Acting Representative for UN Women Rwanda. The Keynote Lectures take place in the venue called MH3&4 from 09:30 to 10:30. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

**Enjoy a delicious cup of Rwandan coffee** and visit the exhibitors in the Foyers from 10:30 to 11:00, and again at lunch from 12:30 to 13:30. Please note that the exhibition closes at 14:45 today.

**Say farewell at the Closing Ceremony** from 16:00 - 17:00 in MH3&4.

Do you have post-conference plans? Why not consider a day tour of Kigali, or, if you have more time, a gorilla trek in Volcanoes National Park. The conference tour operator is offering a selection of tours; please visit the conference website Tours page for details.

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## AORTIC BOOTH ACTIVITIES

### AORTIC Booth Activities at AORTIC 2017 Stalls 1 & 2

- Meet the AORTIC team!
- Pin your location on our interactive map
- Learn to make an origami flower & dedicate this to someone you know has had cancer
- Keep in touch – share your business card!
- Input data in our online Africa Cancer Network Directory
- Interested in Radiation Oncology? Fill out our survey.
- Become a member
- Sign up for AORTIC newsletters – English, French or Portuguese
- Visit our photo wall – take photos & interact on Social Media. Post to #AORTIC2017!

- Suggest any new ideas or alternatively let the AORTIC Secretariat know what your most enjoyed session of the day was.

## AORTIC CONFERENCE MOBILE APP

### AORTIC Conference Mobile App for 2017

We are launching a conference app for the first time at an AORTIC conference. This app will give access to the programme and attendee list which we are sure will enhance attendees' experience and facilitate networking ease.

To download this:

- In your APP store, search for Events Air or "The Event App by EventsAir"
- Download it
- Enter the event code – aortic17

## AORTIC 2019

### AORTIC conference site 2019 – Maputo, Mozambique

We are happy to announce that AORTIC 2019 will take place in Maputo, Mozambique from 5 – 8 November 2019.

The Mozambique Ministry of Health has expressed

excitement at assisting AORTIC in bringing an event of international standards to Mozambique, a PALOP country in Africa.

Find out more by visiting the PALOP Exhibition!