



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY, NACOSTI AND DU-ISERC TO HOST ANNUAL RESEARCH ETHICS CONFERENCE**

[**Nairobi, September 2022...**] Daystar University, the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), and Daystar University Institutional Scientific and Ethics Review Committee (DU-ISERC) will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Annual Research Ethics Conference from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The theme of the conference is: *Strengthening Research Ethics in the Global South*. This Conference seeks to fill the ethics and regulatory gap in the research and academic community in the global south. The conference will therefore assist to elucidate the role of Ethics, ISERCs and NACOSTI on matters Research permits and ethics.

The Conference, whose participants will include university lecturers, researchers, and graduate students from across the globe; will be officially opened on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by Prof. Hubert Gijzen PhD, the Director and Representative, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa. The three-day Conference will be officially closed on Friday by Dr. Evangeline Njoka MBS, the Secretary General/Chief Executive Officer, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO.

The Conference is intended to share information on research process and ethics, and disseminate research findings including emerging trends.

The host institutional CEOs of the Conference namely the Daystar University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Laban P. Ayiro and NACOSTI Director General / CEO, Prof. Walter O. Oyawa; are among the listed speakers.

There are four keynote speakers: Mr. Ambrose Rachier, an Advocate of the High Court, Prof. Kirana Bhatt, a professor of internal medicine and former chair of Bioethics at the University of Nairobi, and a Consultant at the Kenyatta National Hospital, Dr. Bernhards Ogutu Ragama, Senior Principal Clinical Research Officer at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Director and Scientific Team Leader of CREATES at Strathmore University, and Prof. Florence Oloo of Technical University of Kenya (TUK), and Co-director of CREATES at Strathmore University.

Thematic topics of discussion will include:

1. History of Research Ethics
2. Emerging technological trends and issues on research

3. Research Misconduct
4. The essence and procedures for research ethics clearance
5. Importance of Ethics in Research
6. Research Ethics and Publications
7. Demystifying Research Ethics
8. Protection of the Rights of Researchers, Human Subjects, Animals, Environment and Research Objects
9. The Role of Institutional Scientific Ethics Committees (ISERCs) in Research
10. Intellectual Property Rights
11. Cost of Research
12. The Challenges of Conducting Ethical Research
13. The Science of Communication and Dissemination of Research Findings
14. Commercialization of Research Output
15. Protection of research data

This will be a blended conference with physical and limited virtual attendance. The physical conference will be hosted at Daystar University, Nairobi Campus, with a site visit to NACOSTI.

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