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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to ASLM2018 in West Africa! In light of ongoing epidemics of global concern in Africa and globally, we welcome all of you – laboratorians, clinicians, healthcare workers, philanthropists, dignitaries, private sector representatives, funders, and others – to exchange information on all our efforts to prevent and control pandemics.

ASLM is the pan African

society that promotes the role of the laboratory as a key component of health systems and surveillance in Africa.

ASLM will continue to improve clinical and public health outcomes in Africa by enhancing professional laboratory practice, science and networks via various strategic pillars:

- >> Strengthening **laboratory networks** and systems to support the delivery of clinical and public health functions.
- >> Strengthening the **laboratory workforce** in Africa.
- >> Improving the **quality of laboratory services** towards accreditation based on national, regional and international standards.
- >> Promoting and supporting harmonized national and regional **regulatory systems** for diagnostic products, technologies and services.
- >> Strengthening **communication** platforms, advocacy, partnerships and collaboration among laboratory stakeholders in Africa.

We thank you for participating in this fourth ASLM conference! We are looking forward to engaging with you to learn how your initiatives are contributing to elevate laboratory medicine in Africa. We are excited to brainstorm about ways to improve collaboration towards obtaining universal health coverage and the International Health Regulations.

Welcome to ASLM2018!

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