

WAREN2026 CONFERENCE

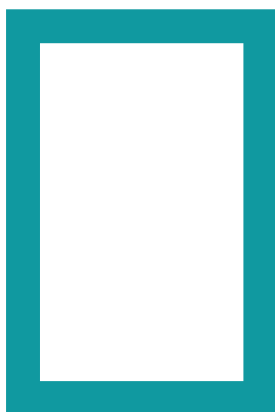
**Strengthening Research Ethics Capacity in West Africa
Through Global Partnerships**



Date
March 23rd–25th
2026

Time
From 9:00 AM
UTC/Ghana Time

Location
UGMC, Accra Ghana
In-person & Online



**PROGRAM****DAY 1: RESEARCH ETHICS AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP – Streamed on Zoom**

Ghana Time	Topic	Speakers
8:00 - 9:00	Registration	Conference secretariat
9:05 - 9:25	Akwaaba! official welcome to the Conference	Adjoa Boatemaa Bonsu (Moderator) 1. Vice Chancellor of UG/ Dean of UG-SPH (Host of the Conference)
9:30 - 9:50	Conference overview and expectations	Ms. Adjoa Boatemaa Bonsu (Moderator) 1. Prof. Paulina Tindana (WAREN Co-Chair, UG-SPH) 2. Prof. Veronica Njie-Carr (WAREN Co-Chair, GamREMTI)
09:55 - 10:15	WAREN: the journey	Ms. Adjoa Boatemaa Bonsu (Moderator) 1. Prof. Amos Laar (WAREN Convenor & PI of RITP Ghana) 2. Prof. Olugbenga Ogedegbe (WAREN Co-Convenor & co-PI of RITP in Ghana) - Online
10:20 - 10:40	Launch of WAREN Network: Strengthening regional collaboration in research ethics	Ms. Adjoa Boatemaa Bonsu (Moderator) 1. Vice Chancellor of UG/ WAREN2026 Conference Co-Chairs
10:45 - 11:45	Solidarity messages from partners <i>Three (3) minutes each</i>	Ms. Adjoa Boatemaa Bonsu (Moderator) Project Partners 1. Prof. Samuel Asiedu Owusu – UCC 2. Prof. James Abugri – UTAS 3. Dr. Adolf Kofi Awua – GAEC 4. Dr. Kyle Ferguson – Hunter College, CUNY 5. Prof. Olugbenga Ogedegbe – NYU Online National Delegates 1. Prof. Augustine Ocloo – GTEC 2. Prof. Isabella Quakyi – GAAS 3. Mr. Haruna Zaid – GHAAREC 4. Prof. Frederick Ato Armah – AAU 5. Prof. Fred Gbagbo – UEW 6. Prof. John Gyapong– ARUA



		<p>7. Dr. Dodzi Koku Hattoh – Ethics Lab – Department of Philosophy & Classics</p> <p>International Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Mercury Shitindo – ABN Online 2. Prof. Christopher Agulanna – Rep. SURER Project & ENRICH program 3. Mr. Francis Kombe – ARIN 4. Dr. Primus Che Chi – África CDC Online 5. Dr. Emel Johnson (Program Officer) – WAHO- Online 6. Dr. Samba Cor. Sarr (WANEC) - WAHO
11:50 - 12:50	Snack break and group photo	Name tags required
12:55 - 13:55	Panel 1: Building strong partnerships and common pitfalls - lessons from R25s in the Region	<p>Rev. Prof. Seth Ayettey (Panel Chair)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Veronica Njie-Carr - PI-GamREMTI 2. Prof. Christopher Agulanna - Rep. SURER Project & ENRICH Projects 3. Prof. Amos Laar – PI RITP Ghana
14:00 -14:40	Keynote: A major ethical shift needed in research ethics	<p>Prof. Charles Hayfron-Benjamin (Moderator)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Arthur L. Caplan – NYU Grossman School of Medicine – Online
14:45 -15:45	Panel 2: Ensuring integrity in collaborative research across networks	<p>Prof. Charles Hayfron-Benjamin (Panel Chair)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Mercury Shitindo - ABN - Online 2. Mr. Haruna Zaid - GHAAREC 3. Mr. Francis Kombe - ARIN
15:45 - 15:50	Reflections of the Day:	Dr. Adolf Kofi Awua – GAEC
15:50	Lunch: prepackaged and ready to go	Name tags required

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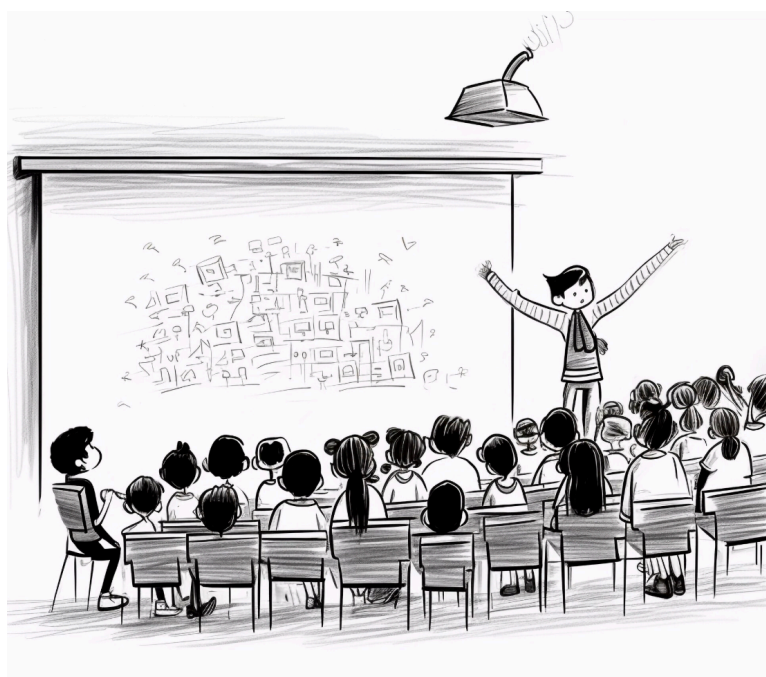
DAY 2: FINANCING AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT – Streamed on Zoom

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8:00-9:00	Registration	Conference secretariate
9:05 - 9:25	Recap of day 1 and expectations for day 2	Prof. Samuel Asiedu Owusu (Moderator)
9:30 - 10:30	Panel 3: Innovative funding mechanisms for bioethics and health research	Prof. Samuel Asiedu Owusu (Panel Chair) 1. Dr. Primus Che Chi - África CDC - Online 2. Prof. Olugbenga Ogedegbe (WAREN Co-Convenor & co-PI of RITP in Ghana) - Online 3. Dr. Emel Johnson – WAHO – Online 4. Dr. Samba Cor. Sarr - WAHO
10:35 – 11:35	Panel 4: Embedding research ethics in curricula and building capacity	Dr. Adolf Kofi Awua (Panel Chair) 1. Prof. Frederic Ato Armah – AAU 2. Prof. Augustine Ocloo – GTEC 3. Prof. John Gyapong – ARUA 4. Prof. Fred Gbagbo – UEW
11:40 –12:45	Snack break: Networking, photos, and posters viewing	Name tags required
12:50 – 13:50	Abstract session A in the plenary room (parallel session) Abstract #ORA01 Abstract #ORA02 Abstract #ORA03 Abstract #ORA04	Mr. Kwame Adjei (Moderator) 1. Lazaro Haule 2. Olufemi Paulinuse Hadeke 3. Gladys Kaba & Thomas Tagoe 4. Aminu Ibrahim
12:50 –13:50	Abstract session B in the annex room (parallel session) Abstract #ORA05 Abstract #ORA07 Abstract #ORA08 Abstract #ORA25	Mr. Silver Nanema (Moderator) 1. Abiodun Ogunola 2. Doris Boafoh 3. Nadia Anuse 4. Anthony Gyening Yeboah
13:55 –14:55	Abstract session C in the plenary room (parallel session) Abstract #ORA09 Abstract #ORA10 Abstract #ORA11 Abstract #ORA12	Prof. Samuel Asiedu Owusu (Moderator) 1. Mekdelawit Belayneh 2. Angela Asah 3. David Appiah 4. Raymond Athanas



13:55 –14:55	Abstract session D in the annex room (parallel session) Abstract #ORA13 Abstract #ORA14 Abstract #ORA15 Abstract #ORA16	Ms. Selina Tobil (Moderator) 1. Martha Nansereko 2. Aminu Ibrahim 3. Godrica Kotei 4. Doris Asandem
15:00 - 16:00	Lunch packed	All
16:05 – 16:45	Fireside chat: Promoting collaborative mentorship in bioethics for early career researchers	Dr. Kyle Ferguson (moderator) 1. Ms. Natalie Michaux – PGSC - Online
16:50 – 17:00	Award ceremony	Dr. Kyle Ferguson (Moderator) 1. Prof. Paulina Tindana – Award presenter 2. 2. Prof. Veronica Njie-Carr – Award Presenter
17:05 – 17:15	Reflections of the day	Prof. Samuel Asiedu Asiedou Owusu - UCC
17:20	Cocktail	All

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**DAY 3: WORKSHOPS - NOT streamed on zoom**

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8:00-9:00	Registration	Conference Secretariate
09:05 - 09:25	Presentation: Research ethics needs assessment- findings from Ghana	Mr. Silver Nanema
09:30 – 10:30	Moderated Discussion: Reporting standard and exchange of capacity building experience	Prof. Samuel Asiedu Owusu (Moderator)
10:35 – 11:35	Moderated Discussion: Road map for strengthening regional collaboration	Dr. Kyle Ferguson (Moderator)
11: 40 - 11:50	Conference closure: Fairwell message from the Conference Co-Chairs	1. Prof. Paulina Tindana (WAREN Co-Chair, UG-SPH) 2. Prof. Veronica Njie-Carr (WAREN Co-Chair, GamREMTI)
12:00	Snack and departure <i>Reminder: Conference accommodations check-out end at 13:00 pm Ghana time</i>	Name tags required

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