CFAR-GHS International Retreat: Strengthening UCSF Cross-Disciplinary Research Collaboration in East Africa

October 10, 2012

AGENDA

8:30 Welcome, Meeting Aims  
Warner Greene

8:40 Update on GHS  
Jaime Sepúlveda

9:00 GHS Priority-Setting: Update on Vertical Pillar of HIV Research  
Paul Volberding
  - Gaps, opportunities and implications for basic, clinical/translational, policy/prevention research

9:15 CFAR Update on Strategic Plan following Recompetition  
Warner Greene
  - CFAR’s international program with focus on East Africa

9:30 Panel: In-Country Presence and Operational Support  
Moderator: Colin Boyle
  - Update on UC policies on international activities  
  Greta Schnetzler
  - UC Foreign Affiliate Office: update on registration in Kenya & Tanzania  
  Georgina Lopez
  - Alternative models: MU-UCSF operation in Uganda  
  Tamara Clark

10:00 Break

10:15 Examples of Collaborative Projects in East Africa  
Moderator: Diane Havlir
  - Building a Collaborative Basic and Translational Science Capacity at the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda  
  Stefanie Sowinski
  - Epidemiology and Service Integration: International Epidemiological Database to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA)- East Africa IeDEA Consortium  
  Jeffrey Martin
  - Clinical/Implementation Science: Sustainable East Africa Research on Community Health (SEARCH)  
  Diane Havlir
  - Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration in Malaria Control  
  Phil Rosenthal
  - The Global Health Group: East Africa and Beyond  
  Richard Feachem
  - Malignancies: Building a Cancer Registry in Tanzania  
  Bob Hiatt
  - Community Development and Research Training in Kenya: Organic Health Response  
  Chas Salmen
  Craig Cohen, Karen White
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AGENDA (continued)

11:45 Q&A, Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Craig Cohen

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Strategic Discussion and Breakout Groups  
Moderator: Colin Boyle

Suggested issues for discussion:

A. What are the largest barriers that hinder UCSF from achieving its potential for innovation and impact in HIV in East Africa?
   • e.g., funding, people/ skills, ideas, information, how we organize/ coordinate/ communicate, internal processes, etc.

B. If we overcame those barriers, what new ideas and opportunities could we exploit?

C. What small set of actionable ideas should we pursue to overcome these barriers and exploit these opportunities?
   • e.g., RFAs for multidisciplinary projects, changes in policies, more centralized in-country resources, etc.

D. How can we most effectively enhance the relationship between CFAR, ARI, and GHS?

2:45 Break

3:00 Report back/Final Summary

4:00 Adjournment/Reception