

Speakers and Description for Presidential Symposium 2022

ASHG Symposium Description: From participating in the development of the International HapMap and 1000 Genomes projects to the establishment of the African Society of Human Genetics and the Human Heredity and Health in Africa Initiative (H3Africa), the African genomics ecosystem has experienced tremendous growth. The increasing participation of African scientists and communities is transforming human genetics and genomics and is generating profound new insights and capacity to ask novel questions and advance human health. The 2022 Presidential Symposium will highlight this profoundly dynamic and diverse continent's major advances, new directions and goals, emerging scientific leadership, exciting investment in technology infrastructure, and more. How can and will genomics in Africa "spread its wings" and what areas are most exciting? Join a global community for an exciting dialogue about what African genomics is – and is becoming.

Moderators:

- Charles Rotimi, PhD, ASHG President
- Francis Collins, MD, PhD, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Speakers:

- Christian Happi, PhD, African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Disease, Ede, Nigeria
- Julie Makani, PhD, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS); Sickle Pan Africa Research Consortium (SPARCO), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Mayowa Owolabi, MD, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
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