

Seminar

Characterizing and discovering pathogens in tropical regions with high-risk viral emergences. The example of Gabon platform (Western Africa)



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[Speaker introduction]

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[Abstract]

The unprecedented magnitude of Ebola virus disease epidemic in West Africa, the worldwide epidemic of Zika Virus and the importation of yellow fever cases in China from Angola have major health, humanitarian, economic and social consequences which emphasize on the global vulnerability towards that threats from developing countries and Africa. Therefore a thorough strategy is needed to improve significantly the health system's capacity to anticipate, respond and prevent epidemics in regions where risk of viral emergence is permanent. In that perspective, it is critical to establish an innovative preparedness approach where early detection of pathogen circulation becomes an absolute priority. During this presentation, the logistical challenges that we encountered during the implementation of this genomics platform at the CIRMF as well as during its use will be presented.