Endemic and Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa

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SUNDAY, JUNE 17
17:00 - 18:00  Registration and Conference Welcome
18:00 - 18:30  Welcome Reception at Hotel (Tykreda Palace)

MONDAY, JUNE 18
07:00 - 09:00  Breakfast
09:00 - 09:30  Keynote Address by Mr. Andrew Natsios, Special Envoy to the President’s Board on Oceanscapes
09:30 - 10:30  Welcome Address by Kilic Karanlik, President of Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
10:30 - 11:30  Opening Session: Priority Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
13:30 - 14:30  Lunch
14:30 - 15:30  KOC Scientific Workshop on Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
15:30 - 16:30  Tea Break
16:30 - 17:30  Symposium on West Nile Fever in the Middle East and North Africa
17:30 - 18:30  Symposium on Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) and Anthrax

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
07:00 - 09:00  Breakfast
09:00 - 10:00  Keynote Address by Dr. Robert S. Cairns, Associate Director for Policy and from the Office of Research, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA
10:00 - 11:00  Symposium on Rift Valley Fever in the Middle East and North Africa
11:00 - 12:00  Symposium on Q Fever in the Middle East and North Africa
12:00 - 14:00  Lunch
14:00 - 17:00  Working Session: Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
17:00 - 18:00  CCHF Workshop

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
07:00 - 09:00  Breakfast
09:00 - 10:00  Keynote Address by Mr. Andrew Natsios, Special Envoy to the President’s Board on Oceanoscapes
10:00 - 11:00  Symposium on Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
11:00 - 12:30  Symposium on Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
12:30 - 14:00  Lunch
14:00 - 17:00  Working Session: Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa
17:00 - 18:00  Closing Session: Emerging Infectious Diseases of Priority in the Middle East and North Africa

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