Lessons from a Zika Network to Covid-19 response and beyond

This session will present how a consortium which was set-up to respond to one epidemic is leveraging the expertise held by teams within, to respond to another. Under the current pressure of Covid-19, panellists will have the opportunity to illustrate the power and role of ‘research networks’, and how within this framework, teams and skills fostered from one effort have laid the foundation for a stronger response in the face of a subsequent disease outbreak. Leading scientists from the ZikaPLAN consortia will reflect on what can be meaningfully carried forward from lessons with arboviruses, so as to avoid reinventing the wheel.

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Dr Lyda Osorio - Role of academia in Outbreak Response
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Celina Turchi - Zika pandemic versus COVID-19 pandemic: What have been the research challenges?
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