Programme: **Monday 18 May**

2-3.30pm PARALLEL SESSION

The African Ophthalmology Council (AOC) Symposium: A Showcase of Pan-African Excellence in Research, Training, and Best Practices

Chair: Professor Ciku Mathenge and Professor Ogugua Okonkwo

2-2.05pm Introduction to the African Ophthalmology Council (AOC) and the theme of Excellence, Professor Ciku Mathenge, President of the AOC

2.05-2.15pm Best Practices and Innovations in Training: Creating a Tertiary Eye Institute in Africa, Professor Ciku Mathenge, Rwanda

2.15-2.27pm Building Vitreoretinal Capacity in Rwanda: Clinical Experience and Training, Dr Michael Mikhail, Rwanda

2.27-2.39pm Novel Tele-ophthalmology Models in Africa: Creating a Multimodal Database of Retinal Images in Africa, Dr Simon Arunga, Uganda

2.39-2.51pm Translational Research in Ophthalmology: Genetics for Inherited Retinal Diseases in Africa, Dr Lisa Roberts, Cape Town, South Africa

2.51-3.03pm Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachment in Africans: Opportunity for Collaboration, Dr Ogugua Okonkwo, Nigeria

3.03 – 3.15pm Endonasal Endoscopy in the Management of Congenital Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction in Tunisia, Professor Mehdi Fendri, Tunisia

3.15-3.28pm Interactive Panel Discussion: Q&A with all speakers on collaborative research opportunities and reversing brain drain

3.28-3.30pm Closing Remarks and AOC Invitation, Dr Michael Mikhail