

**Purpose:** Invitation for clinical experts from CDC to assist in the control of monkeypox in Congo

Dear Director,

Our country has experienced periodic episodes of monkeypox (variole de singe) in the Department of Likouasa. We now face a re-emergence of the maladie in the zone and we welcome the collaboration of CDC in the following response activities:

1. Training of health agents in monkeypox surveillance and epidemiology
2. Providing community sensitization and outreach for monkeypox
3. Investigation of risk factors and modes of transmission of monkeypox

To implement these activities the following experts have been invited during the period from 2-22 of July, 2015

Dr. Christopher Hsu, MD, PhD

Dr. Andrea McCollum, PhD

Ms. Whitney Davidson, MPH

Dr. Joelle Kabamaba (CDC-Kinshasa)

Dr. Beatrice Nguete (Kinshasa School of Public Health)

I am appreciative of the opportunity for collaboration,

Jean Philippe NGAROSSO