

**Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB#: 0925-0648 Exp., date: 05/2021)**

**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa) Virtual Symposium Platform Feedback Survey

**PURPOSE:**

As a part of the launch of the Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa) program, NIH is hosting a DS-I Africa Virtual Symposium Platform. This online resource includes an online networking community that allows participants to: learn about the funding opportunity announcements; network with other participants across disciplines, sectors, and geographies; and explore potential collaborations. The Virtual Symposium Platform will include several keynote videos and interactive webinars with panels of leading data scientists. Access to these online tools and events are free and open to the public.

This online survey will be available after the Virtual Symposium to collect feedback from participants on meeting the goals of the Symposium.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:**

Respondents will be participants of the Virtual Symposium who are versed in data science from various sectors: academic, government, private sector, NGO, and multinational organizations. The majority will be English-speaking persons from Africa and/or the United States.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

**Personally Identifiable Information:**

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected?  Yes  No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974?  Yes  No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published?  Yes  No

**Gifts or Payments:**

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants?  Yes  No

**ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS and COSTS**

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Time per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Individuals	400	1	5/60	33
<b>Totals</b>		400		<b>33</b>

Category of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Hourly Wage Rate*	Total Burden Cost
Individuals - American 200	33	\$59	\$1,947
Individuals - African 200	33	\$32	\$1,056
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$3,003</b>

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: The General Public rate was obtained from <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes251071.htm>. For American Respondents only.

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$1,677

Staff	Grade/Step	Salary*	% of Effort	Fringe (if applicable)	Total Cost to Gov't
<b>Federal Oversight</b>					
Public Policy Analyst	13/1	102,663	1%		\$1027
<b>Contractor Cost</b>					
Contractor		65000	1%		\$650
Travel					
Other Cost					
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$1,677</b>

\*the Salary in table above is cited from <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2020/DCB.pdf>

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents**

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?  
 Yes  No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The Virtual Symposium is hosted on a website that requires registration. The website will have the survey available and only participants who previously registered for the Symposium will be able to access and complete the survey. Our respondents are only participants in the Symposium and since they have to register for the website, we can control who will be able to respond to the survey request.

**Administration of the Instrument**

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)  
 Web-based or other forms of Social Media  
 Telephone  
 In-person  
 Mail  
 Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used?  Yes  No