Request for Approval under the "Conference, Meeting, Workshop, and Poster Session Registration Generic Clearance (OD)"
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TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Request an Invitation Online for the Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa) Virtual Symposium

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.

The meeting is open to the public. However, to ensure diverse participation across disciplines, areas of expertise, and geographic regions, as well as, limit chances of unwanted intrusion into the video conference, individuals are asked to request an invitation by submitting some general information on a registration website.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Respondents will be 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 all that applies)

[ ] Abstract   [ ] Application
[X] Registration Form   [ ] 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.

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

Personally Identifiable Information:
1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? [X] 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 [x] No

Gifts or Payments:
Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? [ ] Yes [X] No
Amount: _____
Explanation for incentive: (include number of visits, etc.)

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	10/60	67
Totals		**400**		**67**

Category of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Wage Rate*	Total Burden Cost
Individuals – American 100	17	$59	$1003.00
Individuals – African 300	50	$32	$1600.00
Totals	**67**		**$2603.00**

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 $1677

Staff	Grade/Step	Salary	% of Effort	Fringe (if applicable)	Total Cost to Gov't
Federal Oversight					
Public Policy Analyst	13/1	102,663	1%		$1027
Contractor Cost					
Contractor		65000	1%		$650
Travel					
Other Cost					
Total					$1677

*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 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?

Administration of the Instrument
1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
   - [X] Web-based or other forms of Social Media
   - [ ] Telephone
   - [ ] In-person
   - [ ] Mail
   - [ ] Survey form
   - [ ] Chart Abstraction
   - [ ] Other, Explain

2. Will interviewers, facilitators, or research coordinators be used? [ ] Yes [X] No