

## Dear Sir/Madam

Western University, Canada and the National Health Ethics Committee, DRC in collaboration with the Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Affected by HIV and AIDS, are pleased to invite you to enhance the opening of the community workshop on the use of the Participant Research Ethics Toolkit (PRET) with your presence. This toolkit was developed in collaboration with Ebola survivors in the DRC, Guinea and Sierra Leone, to strengthen understanding of clinical research and the rights of research participants.

The workshops in Kinshasa on June 24 and 25, 2025 aim to ensure that communities that are most at risk of complications from Mpox infection (LGBTQIA+, PS, MSM, people living with HIV/AIDS) are properly involved in Mpox response planning, including its research aspects, represents an ethical and practical priority for the Mpox response in Africa, in line with the Africa CDC/WHO 2024 Response Preparedness Plan.

Date: June 24-25, 2025

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Venue: HOTEL AFRICANA PALACE** 

A warm welcome,

Done in [place].











