

SESSION 1. COVID -19

CO.001 – Covid-19: a great pandemic in history, symptomatic of a multisectoral societal crisis**Kakoma SJB****Keywords:** Covid-19; Pandemics, History, Societal crisis; Prospective

Introduction: There are phenomena and events that herald an upheaval in the established order, very beyond their impact on human experience at the time of their occurrence. This is the case with the current Covid-19 pandemic, which is part of a series of major pandemics in the history of mankind and has just demonstrated the vulnerability of our world by causing a major societal crisis, while prefiguring a multisectoral societal challenge to be taken up, the health sector representing only the tree that hides the forest. **Methodology:** We used a mixed approach: documentary, observational and prospective.

Results: The Covid-19 revealed many shortcomings in the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases (casualness, lack of anticipation, amateurism, clash of partisan theories, quarrels over nominations, commercialism, politicization of science, lack of political commitment and transparency, political blackmail, conspiracy, inconsistency of health systems, denial and selfishness supplanting late outbursts of generosity ...) and the iniquity as well as the perversity of the global socio-economic and financial system (profit at all costs in all circumstances, all-out speculation, primacy of interests over heart and reason ...), the rich becoming richer still and the poor remaining or becoming more so.

Conclusion: What to do then, if it is only to change the paradigm of societal life at all levels.