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Healthcare Policy & Investment



Healthcare Policy & Investment Conference Day 1 | Wednesday, 22 October 2025

Theme: Leading healthcare transformation: Policy, Investment, and Innovation for East Africa's future

Programme

Session 1

10:30 Opening remarks

- 10:40 VIP Keynote: Africa health strategy Vision 2030

 Mary Muthoni, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya
- 11:00 Keynote: The vision for universal health coverage in East Africa
 Prof Fredrick Were, Chairperson, Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists
 Council (KMPDC), Nairobi, Kenya
- 11:20 The future of healthcare investment

 Dr Daniel Yumbya, Director, Representing Africa at Large, International
 Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA), Nairobi, Kenya

Session 2

11:40 CEO Panel discussion - Creating sustainable organizations and powering highly effective leadership and governance: Policy and Implementation solutions

Moderator: Prof Salim Hasham, Special Advisor Africa, International Hospital Federation, Geneva, Switzerland; President & CEO, KKM Healthcare International, Florida, USA

Panellists:

Rashid Khalani, CEO, Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya Dr Toseef Din, CEO, M. P. Shah Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya Felix Osano, CEO, Nairobi Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya Dr Richard Lesiyampe, CEO, Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya

12:30 Break and visit to the exhibition

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Session 3

13:40 Charting the course: Leading healthcare organizations through the evolution of East Africa's healthcare landscape

Mr Michael Ouma, Executive Chairperson, Global Health Association of Kenya (GHAK), Nairobi, Kenya

14:00 Powered by Global Health Association of Kenya (GHAK) – Fireside chat Investing in health equity: A global health perspective on sustainable healthcare financing in East Africa

Moderator: Dorcas Magare

Dr Aliza Monroe-Wise, Consultant, **World Health Organization,** Chief Medical Officer, **CarePoint, Nairobi, Kenya**

14:45 Powered by WomenLift Health - Panel Discussion: Leading the Future: Women Transforming Health Leadership in East Africa

This session will spotlight women who are leading transformative health initiatives in East Africa and driving change through policymaking, investment, and innovation. It will explore how authentic, inclusive leadership can accelerate progress towards stronger, more equitable health systems.

Moderator: Judy Anyona, Program Lead, WomenLift Health, Nairobi, Kenya

Panellists:

Dr Job Makoyo, Country Director, Jacaranda Health, Nairobi, Kenya Dr Anne Musuva, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa, ThinkWell, Nairobi, Kenya

Pauline Irungu, Director, Policy & Public Affairs, Pfizer, Nairobi, Kenya Dr Margaret Njenga, CEO, Population Services Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

15:30 Assessing the significance of public-private partnerships in enhancing healthcare governance in Kenya

Dr Margaret Njenga, CEO, Population Services Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

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16:30 Closing remarks and end of conference
Prof Salim Hasham, Special Advisor Africa, International Hospital Federation,
Geneva, Switzerland; President & CEO, KKM Healthcare International,
Florida, USA

Digital Healthcare



Digital Health Conference Day 2 | Thursday, 23 October 2025

Theme: Digital health transformation: Driving innovation, closing gaps and improving outcomes

Programme

Session 1 Innovation

- 10:30 Opening remarks by the chair
 Prof Edward Kunonga, Director of Public Health Wellness, NEOM Health &
 Well-Being Authority, NEOM, Tabuk Region, KSA
- 10:40 Keynote: Kenya point of view
 Eng Antony Lenaiyara, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Health Agency, Nairobi,
 Kenya
- 11:00 Digital health innovation: Kenya's path forwardDr Fred Mutisya, Health Tech Lead, Qhala, Nairobi, Kenya
- 11:20 Breaking digital divides: Ensuring quality digitally enabled health services are accessible and available for rural and marginalized children
 Sean Blaschke, Senior Health Specialist, Chief Digital Health & Information Systems Unit, UNICEF HQ, Nairobi, Kenya
- 11:40 Global trends Innovation, closing gaps and improving outcomes Dr David Kariuki, CEO, Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), Nairobi, Kenya

Session 2 Closing gaps & improving outcomes

12:00 Panel discussion – Digital health driving factors in Kenya

Eng Antony Lenaiyara, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Health Agency, Nairobi,

Kenya

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Carolyne Njuguna, Director, East Africa Hub, Country Director, PATH, Nairobi, Kenya

12:45 Break and visit to the exhibition

Session 3 Digital Health for all - Call to action

14:00 Sponsored session – Mobile Health

How scaling up clinical research in Africa can benefit society and economy

Prof Dr Med Andreas Trojan, Chief Medical Officer & Founder, Mobile Health,

Zurich, Switzerland

14:30 Powered by WomenLift Health - Panel Discussion

Reimagining digital health through inclusive leadership: Women driving innovation, equity and impact for universal health coverage

This panel will provide a platform for women leaders and allies in digital health and AI to explore how inclusive leadership is critical to advancing the promise of digital transformation while closing equity gaps and driving meaningful, measurable impact

Moderator: Carolyne Njuguna, Director, East Africa Hub, Country Director, **PATH, Nairobi, Kenya**

Panellists:

Dr Ramona Koech, Director - Training, Capacity and Service Delivery, **T4Health**, **Nairobi**, **Kenya**

Yasmin Chandani, CEO, InSupply Health, Nairobi, Kenya Caroline Mbindyo, Chief Innovation Officer, AMREF, Nairobi, Kenya Carolyne Kamasaka, Senior Program Officer, Digital Health, PATH, Kampala, Uganda

15:15 Open Q&A Led by Prof Edward Kunonga

15:35 Digital health for all? - Who's at the risk of leaving behind

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Caroline Mbindyo, Chief Innovation Officer, AMREF, Nairobi, Kenya

16:00 To be confirmed

16:30 End of conference

Primary Healthcare



Primary Healthcare Conference Day 3 | Friday, 24 October 2025

Theme: Primary healthcare: Africa's path to universal health

Programme

Session 1

10:15 Opening remarks

Mary Muthoni, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya

10:30 Keynote – Reimagining primary healthcare in East Africa: A foundation for UHC

Dr Joseph Lenai, Director- Preventive, Promotive Health Services and Disease Control, **Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya**

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11:00 Primary healthcare networks as UHC pillar

Dr Salim Hussein, Head, Dept of Primary Health Care, **Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya**

11:30 Powered by Global Health Association of Kenya (GHAK) – Panel Discussion Global health security through primary healthcare: Building resilient health systems for universal coverage in East Africa

Moderator: Ms. Thalma Marita, Vice- Chairperson Partnership and Operations Global Health Association of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

Panellists:

Dr Luchuo Engelbert Bain, Head of International Programs, **African Population** & Health Research Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr Aliza Monroe-Wise, Consultant, **World Health Organization,** Chief Medical Officer, **CarePoint, Nairobi, Kenya**

Kenneth Ogendo, Director, External Affairs, Policy, Advocacy & Partnerships **Lwala Alliance, Nairobi, Kenya**

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Dr Mary Moussa, Head of Consulting, **Africa Health Business (AHB), Nairobi, Kenya**

12:15 Break and visit the exhibition

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- 13:15 Community healthcare strategy The end game, health for all

 Dr Maureen Kimani, Head, Division of Community Health Services, Ministry of
 Health, Nairobi, Kenya
- 13:45 Panel discussion Public-private partnerships in primary healthcare Dr Salim Hussein, Head, Dept of Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr Brian Lishenga, Chairman, **Rural & Urban Private Hospitals Association** (RUPHA), Nairobi, Kenya

Dr Maureen Kimani, Head, Division of Community Health Services, State Dept of Medical Services, **Ministry of Health, Kenya**

14:15 Powered by WomenLift Health: Panel Discussion
Women leading from the frontlines: Strengthening primary healthcare for universal health in Africa

This session will spotlight the critical role of women leaders in shaping PHC systems that are stronger, more inclusive, and truly responsive to all. It will explore how inclusive, gender-equitable leadership strengthens service delivery, fosters community trust, and accelerates progress toward UHC in Africa. Drawing on experiences from across the region, the panel will feature voices of women driving systemic change at various levels. It will also unpack the barriers to women's leadership in PHC and highlight strategies to cultivate and elevate their influence in shaping Africa's health future.

Moderator: Dr Sylvia Vito, Africa Head, EVA Pharma, Nairobi, Kenya

Panellists:

Elizabeth Onyango, Head, NCD Prevention & Control Section, **Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya**

Dr Angela Kathure Mule, Disease Commercialization Leader, **Roche, Nairobi, Kenya**

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Dr Muthoni Karanja, Head of Directorate for Healthcare Professionals, Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya
Dr Carolyne Mukuha, Founding Member, SQHK, Health Systems Consultant, Ilera Consulting, Nairobi, Kenya

15:00 Leadership, equity & integration – The future of primary healthcare

Dr Joseph Lenai, Director- Preventive, Promotive Health Services and Disease Control, **Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya**

15:15 Closing remarks and end of conference

Dr Abuya Norbert, Public Health Specialist, Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya

Our speaker line-up



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