



2nd International Conference on PEN-Plus in Africa (ICPPA 2025)

"Advancing Implementation of PEN-Plus for Severe
NCDs in Africa: Technical Innovations, Operational
Insights, and Scalable Solutions"

08-10 July 2025

Abuja, Nigeria

PROVISIONAL AGENDA



Day 1: 8 July, 2025

Time	Agenda Item		Moderator
8:30-10:00	Registration		WCO Nigeria
10:00-11:00	Inaugural session • Introduction of distinguished guests: Moderator. (External MC) • Welcome remarks: Nigeria. TBD • Overview of meeting Objectives: WHO/AFRO. (Dr Kofi Nyarko, Team Lead NCDs) • Remarks by WHO/AFRO: UCN Director. (Dr Benido Impouma) • What is PEN-Plus (Video) (10 min) • Remarks by Helmsley Charitable Trust-.rep from Helmsley TBD • Remarks by WHO Nigeria Country Representative- Dr Walter Mulombo Kazadi. • Traditional dance • Solidarity message – PWLEs TBD • Keynote Address -Prof Muhammad Ali Pate, Minister for Health Nigeria		External MC TBD
11:00-11:30	Coffee break and group photo		
11:30 - 12:30	Session 1: PEN-Plus in WHO-AFRO: Updates and Progress Towards Regional Targets • WHO AFRO PEN-Plus Regional Strategy: Objectives and Milestones Overview; regional progress updates (10 min) - Dr Kofi Nyarko • Implementation of PEN-Plus Regional Strategy: Country Support and Progress (10 min)- Dr Armando • Prioritizing Severe NCDs: Context of NCDI Poverty Network (10 min)- Dr Neil Gupta • PEN-Plus and the Science of Integration (10 min) - Dr. Gene Bukhman • Q/A & Moderated Panel with Speakers (20min) ○ Dr Kofi Nyarko ○ Dr Armando ○ Dr. Neil Gupta ○ Dr. Gene Bukhman ○ Advocate –PLWE Nigeria		Dr Mya Ngon WCO Nigeria
12:30- 14:00	Parallel Session 2a: Country Progress Updates, Operational Insights, and Lessons Learned on PEN-Plus Implementation: • Countries' experiences: Benin, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Malawi, Tanzania (50 min:10 min/country). • Q&A 40 minutes	Parallel Session 2b: Country Progress Updates, Operational Insights, and Lessons Learned on PEN-Plus Implementation: • Countries' experiences: Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Niger, (50 min:10 min/country). • Q&A 40 minutes	Dr Sidi: Session 2a Dr Mogga: Session 2b
14:00-15:00	Lunch break		
15:00-16:30	Session 3a: Country Progress Updates, Operational Insights, and Lessons Learned on PEN-Plus Implementation	Session 3b: Country Progress Updates, Operational Insights, and Lessons Learned on PEN-Plus Implementation	Dr Atreyi: Session 3a Dr Emilia: Session 3b
15:00-16:30	• Countries experience: Cameroon, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (50 min:10 min/country) • Q&A 40 minutes	• Countries experience: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Lesotho (50 min:10 min/country) • Q&A 40 minutes	
17:00	Close of Day 1		

