



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"

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA



Day 2: 9 July 2025

Time	Agenda Item	
9:00-9:10	Reflections/Recap of Day 1	
9:10 – 10:30	Session 4: Training and Capacity Building of the Health Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on WHO Guidelines for Severe NCDs (20 min) – Drs Bianca Hemmingsen/ Doris Chou • PEN-Plus training tools and curriculum overview (10 min)- Dr Yuka Makino • Country Experience 1: Integrated training and mentorship for PEN-Plus (10 min)- Malawi • Country Experience 2: Integrated training and mentorship for PEN-Plus (10 min) - Sierra Leone • Q&A (20 min) 	Prof Maimuna N. Mbaye
10:30- 11:30	Session 5: Medications, Diagnostics, and Technical Innovations in PEN-Plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of Operational Handbook for PEN-Plus Implementation (15 min) - Dr Armando • Advances in diagnostics, treatment, and monitoring technologies for severe NCDs (15min) - Dr. Colin Pfaff • Digital health solutions for managing severe non-communicable diseases (10min) – Pedro Oluwaseun Olufemi • Country Experience 1: Access to Medicines, Diagnostics, and Technical Innovations for PEN-Plus - Rwanda • Q&A (20min) 	Dr. Ana Mocumbi
11:30-12:00	Coffee break	
1200-13:30	Session 6: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Operational Planning for Achieving the PEN-Plus Regional Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global PEN-Plus indicators development process (20 min) - Dr Farshad Farzadfar • Country Experience 1: M/E Experience for PEN-Plus (10min) - Uganda • Country Experience 2: National Operational Planning Experience for PEN-Plus Scale-up (10min) -Kenya Q&A (20) 	Dr Mary Mayige
13:30-14:30	Lunch break	
14:30-15:30	Session 7: Case Finding and Strengthening Referral Pathways for PEN-Plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry points, case identification and linkage to PEN-Plus for Persons living with severe NCDs (15 min)- Dr. Remy Bitwayiki, • Country Experience: Strengthening case finding referral pathways and linkages with tertiary hospitals and specialized services for PEN-Plus (10 min) -Dr Fastone Goma • Country Experience: Strengthening case finding and referral pathways and linkages with teriaary hospitals and specialized services for PEN-Plus (10 min)- Dr John Ssentamu • Q& A (20 minutes) 	Dr Julie Makani
15:30-17:20	Session 8: Scaling PEN-Plus: Financing and Sustainability: The role of government and Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource mobilization strategies and multisectoral partnerships for NCD care in the African Region – Andrea Luciani • PEN-Plus Investment Case - Dr. Gene Bukhman • Innovative financing mechanism for severe NCDs - Kingsley Addai Frimpong • Q& A (20 minutes) 	Dr Joseph Kibachio
17:20-17.30	Recap of Day 2 / Closing of the Day 2	

