

THE 12TH ONCOLOGY NURSES' ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THEME: BUILDING A RESILIENT CANCER CARE WORKFORCE

VENUE: THE WESTON HOTEL - NAIROBI

DATE: 16TH – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

DAY 1: 16 TH SEPTEMBER 2026		
Session Chairperson: Joystacy K. Mutegi, ONS-K/ KUTRRH		
Time	Activity	Speaker/Moderator
7:15 am	Registration – Open the whole day	ONS-K Secretariat
8:00 am - 8:10 am	Kenyan & East African Community National Anthems	All
8:10 am - 8:20 am	Opening prayer	Volunteer
8:20 am – 8:30 am	Welcome remarks	Conference Chairperson, Pamela Were, ONS-K/ Affinity Oncology Centre
PLENARY SESSION I - DAY 1		
Prevention, Acute Care, and Genomics		
Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Creating Demand for Early Detection: The Transformative Role of Nurses in Cancer Prevention	Joseph Mutiku, NCCP
8:45 am - 9:00 am	The Current State of Oncological Emergency Services in Kenya: Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Fatuma Aden Affey, Garissa University
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Initiating Stem Cell Transplantation: Key Indications, Specialized Nursing Protocols, and Health System Readiness	Kristin Marie Ferguson (OCN), Director, Strategic Operations: Stem Cell Transplant, Washington, DC
9:15 am - 9:25 am	Q & A Session	All
9:25 am - 9:40 am	APN Decision-Making in Cancer Care: Diagnostic Interpretation and Treatment Planning	Jodi Hyman, Cancer Care Manitoba - Canada
9:40 am - 9:55 am	Cancer Genomics: Introduction to Genetic Testing & Implications of the Results	Dr. Sarah Obuya, MTRH/AMPATH
9:55 am - 10:15 am	Roche	Roche
10:15 am - 10:25 am	Q & A Session	All
10:25 am - 10:50 am	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
PLENARY SESSION II - DAY 1		
Access to Cancer Care		
Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator
10:50 am - 11:05 am	Radiotherapy Access in Africa: The Oncology Nurse as a Catalyst for Equitable Cancer Care	Dr. Catherine Nyongesa, President - AFROG
11:05 am - 11:35 am	Driving Access to Quality Cancer Medicines	Dr. Newton Siele, CEO - Philips Pharmaceuticals

PANEL DISCUSSION 1 – DAY 1 Innovations in Healthcare Training & Research Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator
11:35 am - 12:15 pm	Innovations in Healthcare Training	Dr. Ouma Oluga, PS - Medical Services, MOH
	Innovations in Regulations of Training	Dr. Lister Onsongo, CEO - NCK
	Innovation in Training – Global perspectives	Prof. Marg Fitch, University of Toronto
	Training Institution	Kenyan University Rep:
	National Cancer Institute – Kenya	CEO/ Board Chairperson
PLENARY SESSION IV - DAY 1 Opening Ceremony Master of Ceremony		
Time	Activity	Speaker/Moderator
12:15 pm - 12:25 pm	Address by ONS-K President	Roselyne Okumu (PhD, C), ONS-K/ JKUAT
12:25 pm - 12:35 pm	Address by East Africa CDC Director	Dr. Lucy Mazyanga, Director - East Africa CDC
12:35 pm - 12:55 pm	Keynote Address - Transformative Health Leadership: Harnessing Interprofessional Synergy to Drive Universal & Equitable Cancer Care	Dr. Jaqueline Kitulu, President - World Medical Association
12:55 pm - 1:15 pm	Opening Address: Cabinet Secretary - Ministry of Health	Hon. Aden B. Duale, CS - Health
1:15 pm - 1:25 pm	Group Photo	All
1:25 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch Break/ Exhibitions	All
BREAK OUT SESSION I - DAY 1 Leadership & Mentorship Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	International Leadership	Kristin Marie Ferguson (OCN), Director, Strategic Operations: Stem Cell Transplant, Washington, DC
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Preparing the Health Workforce for Global Health Leadership	Dr. Lucy Mazyanga, Director - East Africa CDC
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Mentorship	TBC
Panel Discussion		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Leading Self, Teams, Units & Organizations & Global Health	TBC
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Designated Mentor/ mentee sessions with students and young nurses in cancer care	- Dr. Diana Kasaman, AKUHN - Jody Hyman, Cancer Care Manitoba - Immaculate Wambugu, TNH
4:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
BREAK OUT SESSION II - DAY 1: ASTRAZENECA Breast/ Lung Cancer Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/Moderator

2:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Breast Cancer	Dr. Angela McLigeyo, CHS/AKUHN
	Lung Cancer	Dr. Omar
	The Hidden Burden of Lung Cancer: Psychosocial Distress and Functional Impairment Among Patients in	Madrine Muthoni Wanja, AMPATH
	The Shifting Face of Lung Cancer: Younger Women Diagnosed in Kenya	Micah Omolo, AMPATH
	An Implementation Science Approach to Lung Cancer Prevention in Kenya	Pamela Were, ONS-K/ Affinity Oncology Centre
	Genetic Counselling	TBC
4:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All

BREAK OUT SESSION III - DAY 1
Cervical Cancer Prevention & Treatment
Session Chairperson

Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Determinants of Uptake of Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine by Adolescent Girls Aged 9-14 Years in Pastoral Communities, Turkana North Sub-County, Kenya	Dr. Chrispine O. Ngwawe, Maseno University
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Factors Present in Late-Stage Presentation of Patients with Cancer of the Cervix at Ocean Road Cancer Institute	Mwanga Mhoka, Ocean Road Cancer Institute – Dar-es-Salaam
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Uptake of HPV Self-Sampling Test among Women of Reproductive Age Seeking Health Services in MTRH	Veronica W. Gachichio, MTRH College of Health Sciences
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Community Empowerment and HIV Service Integration Improve Cervical Cancer Screening and Early Detection	Esther Mwakazi, Moi Voi County Referral Hospital
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm	Q & A Session	All
3.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Scaling Evidence-Informed Cancer Prevention and Early Detection: Kenya's National Experience	Lilian Genga, NCCP
4.00 pm - 4.15 pm		
4.15 pm - 4.30 pm		
4.30 pm - 4.45 pm	Q & A Session	All
4:45 pm - 5:30 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All

DAY 2: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Session Chairperson:

Time	Activity	Speaker/ Moderator
7:30 am – 7:50 am	Registration	ONS-K Secretariat
7:50 am - 8:15 am	Welcome Remarks - Day 2 & Prayer	Joystacy K. Mutegei, ONS-K/ KUTRRH

PLENARY SESSION I – DAY 2

Palliative Care
Session Chairperson

Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
8:15 am – 9:15 am	The Guardians of Hope: Palliative Care Nurse-Led Cancer Care and the Impactful Bridge Between Patients	Gladys Nduku, KNH/ PANUSK
	TBC	David Musyoki, CEO - KEHPCA

	TBC	Kitui CTR Hospital Representative
	Q & A Session	All
PANEL DISCUSSION I – DAY 2 Policy, Advocacy & Strategic Partnerships Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
9:15 am - 10:30 am	Implementing Kenya's National Cancer Control Strategy: Partnerships that Deliver Better Cancer Outcomes	Dr. JP Bor, Head - NCCP
	Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination: Operationalizing WHO's 90-70-90 Targets in Kenya	TBC
	HPV Vaccination Scale Up & Stigma Reduction	Prof. Tammay, Amref University
	Advocacy, Cancer Prevention and Control	Phoebe Ongadi, CEO - KENCO
	County Govt./ WHO Rep	TBC
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
PLENARY SESSION II – DAY 2 Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Common Toxicities of Cancer Treatment & Management	Jodi Hyman, Cancer Care Manitoba
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Navigating the Breast Cancer Care Continuum: Strengthening Patient Pathways and Timely Access	Roselyne Okumu, ONS-K/ JKUAT
PANEL DISCUSSION II – DAY 2 Session Moderator		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
11:30 am - 12:10 pm	Panel Discussion - Patient Perspectives/ Lived Experience	- Lucy - Nana
	Financing care	SHA -TBC
	Q & A Session	All
PLENARY SESSION III – DAY 2 Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
12:10 pm - 12:25 pm	Cancer Grant Writing: Strategies for Structuring Winning Proposals and Securing Funding	Dr. Kevin Makori, Victoria Cancer Care & Research Centre
12:25 pm - 12:40 pm	Beyond Physical Treatment: Bridging Mental Health Gaps in Oncology Patient Care	Prof. Miriam Wagoro, Maseno University
12:40 pm - 1:00 pm	Keynote Address 2 - Geriatric Oncology: Addressing Unmet Needs and Unlocking Opportunities for Older Adults with Cancer	Prof. Kristen R. Haase, University of British Columbia
1:00 pm - 1:10 pm	Discussions	All
1:10 pm - 2:05 pm	Lunch Break/ Exhibitions	All
BREAK OUT SESSION I – DAY 2 Research & Manuscript Writing		

Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
2:05 pm - 3:50 pm	Manuscript Writing	Kristin Marie Ferguson (OCN), Director, Strategic Operations: Stem Cell Transplant, Washington, DC
		Prof. Marg Fitch, University of Toronto/ CANO /ACIO
3:50 pm - 4:05 pm	Q & A Session	All
4:05 pm - 4:35 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
6:45 pm - 11:00 pm	Gala Dinner	All Eligible
BREAK OUT SESSION II - DAY 2 Cervical Cancer & Palliative Care Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
2:05 pm - 2:20 pm	TBC	Phoebe Ongadi, CEO – KENCO
2:20 pm - 2:35 pm	Compassion Fatigue Among Oncology Healthcare Workers in Voi, Kenya	Rodah Driscilah Mwamburi, Moi Voi County Referral Hospital
2:35 pm - 2:50 pm	From Stigma to Strength: Storytelling as a Child Life Intervention in Pediatric Palliative Care	Hellen Achieng Apiyo, Shoe 4 Africa Children's Hospital (MTRH)
2:50 pm - 3:05 pm	Expanding Access to Palliative Care Through Coordinated Community-Based Services in a Rural Border County of Kenya: Experience from Trans Nzoia	Manuella Busara, Trans Nzoia County Referral & Teaching Hospital
3:05 pm - 3:20 pm	Suicide Risk Assessment Among Cancer Patients: The Role of Mental Health Nurses in Integrated Care	Rodah Driscilah Mwamburi, Moi Voi County Referral Hospital
3:20 pm - 3:35 pm	Long-Term Survivorship	Elizabeth Tarus, MTRH
3:35 pm - 3:50 pm	Understanding the Impact of Obesity on Chemotherapy Effectiveness	Isaac Onchomba Mokua, MTRH College of Health Sciences
3:50 pm - 4:05 pm	Myths on Chemotherapy	Florence Kandie, ONS-K/ MTRH
4:05 pm - 4:35 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
6:45 pm – 11:00 pm	Gala Dinner	All Eligible
BREAK OUT SESSION III – DAY 2 Geriatric Oncology Nursing & Radiation Oncology Nursing Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
2:05 pm - 2:20 pm	Challenges of Providing Geriatric Oncology Nursing Care in Low - and Middle-Income Countries: Perspectives and Opportunities for Improvement	Anne Ngelel, MTRH
2:20 pm - 2:35 pm	Advancing Cancer Care: A Nurse's Guide to Radiotherapy Techniques	James Ngure, Nakuru County Referral & Teaching Hospital
2:35 pm - 2:50 pm	The Nairobi West Hospital Slot	The Nairobi West Hospital
2:50 pm - 3:05 pm		

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3:50 pm - 4:05 pm	Nursing Considerations in Irradiation of Blood and Blood Products	Anne Ngelel, MTRH
4:05 pm - 4:35 pm	Health Break & Exhibitions	All
6:45 pm - 11:00 pm	Gala Dinner	All Eligible
DAY 3: 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026		
Session Chairperson		
Time	Activity	Speaker/ Moderator
7:30 am - 8.30 am	Registration	Secretariat
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Preliminaries & Welcome Remarks	Henry Kilemi, ONS-K/ Daystar University
PLENARY SESSION I - DAY 3		
Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
8:45 am - 8:55 am	Nursing Care Coordination in Improving Quality of Life in Onco-Renal Patients At The Mombasa Hospital	Fridah George, The Mombasa Hospital
8:55 am - 9:05 am	Lost Opportunities in Neuro-Oncology - Lessons from a Brain Tumor Case at Moi County Referral Hospital	Rodah Driscilah Mwamburi, Moi Voi County Referral Hospital
9:05 am - 9:20 am	Cancer Patients Want Dancer-Based Exercises: Why are Hospitals Not Offering it?	David Makumi - CEO, Faraja Cancer Support Trust
9:20 am - 9:35 am	Health-Seeking Behaviors Among Healthcare Workers Diagnosed with Cancer: Challenges and Coping Strategies	Dr. Abeid Athman, KUTRRH
9:35 am - 9:50 am	Patient-Centered Cancer Care	Dr. Lilac Watanga, JOOTRH
9:50 am - 10:00 am	Q & A Session	All
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Health Break/ Exhibition Session	All
BREAK OUT SESSION I – DAY 3		
Lung Cancer Diagnosis & Treatment		
Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Impact of Psychosocial support on treatment adherence among Lung cancer patients: Evidence from the	Lillian Jeruto, AMPATH
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Socioeconomic Support as a Catalyst for Equitable Lung Cancer Care: Insights from Western Kenya	Catherine Ronoh, AMPATH
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Lung Cancer at The Household Level: A Home Visit-Based Assessment In Western Kenya.	Ruth Chebet Ruto, AMPATH
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Bridging the Genomic Translation Gap - An Implementation Science Framework for Empowering Oncology Nurses in Hereditary	Sharon Njeri Githongo, GC Center
11:30 am - 11:45 am		
11:45 am - 12:00 pm		
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Q & A Session	All

BREAK OUT SESSION II – DAY 3 Session Chairperson		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker/ Moderator
10:30 am - 10:45 am	The Role of Colonoscopy in Early Detection of Colorectal Cancer at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital	Indagala Ndenga, MTRH
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Nurses' Role As Leaders in Advocacy and Implementation of Early Cancer Detection and Screening in Kenya	Margaret Mogaka, Kisii County Referral & Teaching Hospital
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Financing, Research and Policy	Nathan Kibet, MTRH
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Administration-Related Reactions in Clinical Trial Participants: A Single-Site Experience from Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi	Truphenah Mogire, AKUHN
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Dehydration in patients getting chemotherapy	Florence Kandie, ONS-K/ MTRH
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Institutional Impediments to Synthesizing Genomic Architecture and Tele-Oncology Paradigms	Nathan Kibet, MTRH
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Q & A Session	All
PLENARY SESSION II - DAY 3 Award & Closing Ceremony Session Chairperson		
Time	Activity	Speaker/ Moderator
12:15 pm - 12:35 pm	Award Ceremony	Conference Officials, Delegates & Guests
12:35 pm - 12:55 pm	Closing Remarks	ONS-K Executive Representative
12:55 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break/ Exhibitions	All
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Bona-fide ONS-K Members

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