



KENYA NATIONAL AMR CONFERENCE 2026

SERENA BEACH, MOMBASA, KENYA

21–22 January 2026

Theme: Data that counts: Working together to tackle AMR in Kenya

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2026

The State of AMR in LMICs — Challenges and Context

08:00 - 09:00

REGISTRATION OPENS

Informal networking, welcome kits and name badges

09:00 - 09:15

WELCOME NOTE

- Prof. Jay Berkley: Welcoming remarks and conference introduction
Housekeeping rules – Led by the hotel

09:15 - 09:45

KEYNOTE 1: THE GLOBAL STATE OF AMR AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR LMICs

The current global landscape of AMR and its unique implications for LMICs.

Chair: Dr Caroline Tigo

Speaker: Prof Sam Kariuki, Africa Continental Lead and Office Director DNDi

09:45-10:30

TEA BREAK & NETWORKING/POSTER

10:30-11:00

OPENING CEREMONY

MODERATORS: DR IRUNGU KAMAU NPHI / DR MICHUKI MAINA KWTRP

- **Prof. Edwine Barasa:** Executive Director, KEMRI Wellcome Research Programme (KWTRP)
- **Prof. Jay Berkley:** KEMRI Wellcome Research Programme (KWTRP)
- **Dr. Sophie Uyoga:** Ag. Director, Centre for Geographic Medicine Research-Coast (CGMRC)
- **Dr. Abdullahi Ali Ibrahim, CBS :** Chairman, KEMRI Board of Directors
- **Dr. Swabah Omar :** CEC for Health – Mombasa County Government
- **Dr. Kamene Kimenye:** Acting Director, NPHI
- **Dr. Patrick Amoth:** Director General for Health

11:00-11:30

SHORT PRESS BRIEFING AND PHOTO SESSION

11:30-13:00

PLENARY 1: AMR SURVEILLANCE - FROM DATA TO POLICY

Strengthening surveillance systems and data to advance AMR policy

Chair: Dr Sam Aketch, visiting scientist, KWTRP

- **Dr Emmanuel Tanui:** National Antimicrobial Resistance Focal Point,KNPHI
- **Dr Caroline Tigoi:** Post Doctoral Research Scientist, KWTRP
- **Dr Loice Ombajo:** Co-Director CEMA
- **Dr Lilian Musila:** Principal Scientist USAMRD-A

13:00-14:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

14:00-15:30

PLENARY 2: CLINICAL REALITIES OF AMR

AMR dynamics across the care continuum: from the hospital to the community

Chair: Dr Christina Obiero, Postdoctoral Clinician Scientist, KWTRP

- **Dr Adeel Shah:** Consultant Paediatrician, Aga Khan University Hospital
- **Dr Christine Manyasi:** Neonatologist, Mbagathi County Hospital
- **Dr Lydia Okutoyi:** Director of Safety and Quality, Kenyatta National Hospital
- **Mr Ogalo Ogwen:** Executive Chairperson, Confraternity of Patients Kenya, (COFPAK)

15:30-16:00

TEA BREAK AND POSTERS

16:00-16:40

PLENARY 3: FINANCING THE AMR AGENDA

Evolving Global AMR Funding Priorities: Implications and Strategic Opportunities for LMICs

Chair: Judd Walson - Johns Hopkins University

Keynote Speaker: Dr Nicole Benson, Gates Foundation (Virtual)

- **Dr Carol Ruffel:** Head of Joint Office, Southern Africa, Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP)
- **Dr. Tracy Muraya:** ReAct Africa
- **Prof. Jay Berkley :** Kenya Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP)
- **Prof Ehimario U. Igumbor :** CEO IFAIN (VacAMR)

16:40-17:30

OPEN Q & A SESSION ON FUNDING AND WRAP-UP

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Solutions, Science & Sustainability

08:30-09:00

COFFEE & NETWORKING

09:00-09:30

KEYNOTE 2: AMR DIAGNOSTICS AND LARGE-SCALE DATA FOR ACTION

Strengthening AMR response through laboratory diagnostics and high-throughput data integration

Chair: Dr Kiplangat Sigei, Medical Affairs Manager, Anglophone Africa, BioMérieux

Speaker: Dr Ann Amulele, Post Doctoral Research Scientist, KWTRP

09:30-10:45

PLENARY 4: AMR STEWARDSHIP IN PRACTICE

Case studies from hospitals, communities, and veterinary settings (One Health)

Chair: Dr Fredrick Ouma, Research Directorate KNPHI

- **Dr Dishon Muloi:** Molecular Epidemiologist and Veterinarian, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- **Dr Romona Ndanyi:** AMR Focal Point Animal Health
- **Dr Lydia Momanyi:** Nakuru County Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme
- **Prof Ehimario U. Igumbor :** CEO IFAIN (VacAMR)

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COFFEE AND POSTERS

11:15-12:30

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: PROBLEM SOLVING FOR IMPACT

Interactive sessions where participants work in groups to propose solutions and action plans for critical AMR gaps. Output will inform conference commitments.

Track 1: Strengthening Laboratories and Surveillance **(venue: Room A)**

Moderator: Christina Obiero, KWTRP and Dr Leonard Kingwara, Technical Lead for Genomic and Molecular Surveillance, National Laboratory Services Department

Track 2: Vaccines to Control Respiratory Pathogens and Antimicrobial Resistance **(venue: Room B)**

Moderator: Dr Caroline Tigoi, Dr Kate Gallagher and Prof Ehi, CEO International Foundation Against Infectious Diseases in Nigeria (IFAIN)

Track 3: One Health Collaboration **(venue: Room C)**

Moderator: Dishon Muloi, ILRI and Dr Romona Ndanyi, Deputy Director of Veterinary Services, Directorate of Veterinary Services, Kenya

Track 4: AMR stewardship and IPC in hospitals **(venue: Room D)**

Moderator: Dr Emmanuel Tanui and Dr Michuki Maina

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12:30-13:00

KEYNOTE 3: EVIDENCE SPOTLIGHT – KEY STUDIES IN AMR

Highlight examples of key studies advancing understanding of AMR

Chair: Dr Loice Ombajo, Co-Director, Centre for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis (CEMA)

Speaker: Dr Christina Obiero, Postdoctoral Clinician Scientist, KWTRP

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PLENARY 5: WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT AMR (NPHI LED SESSION)

Strengthening national AMR strategies through structured evidence use, coordinated data sharing, and robust governance mechanisms

Chair: Dr Irungu Kamau, Senior Deputy Director of Medical Services, KNPHI

- **Dr Fred Ouma:** Research Directorate, KNPHI
- **Dr Leonard Kingwara:** Head Laboratory KNPHI
- **Dr Romona Ndanyi:** AMR Focal Point Animal Health
- **Dr Emmanuel Tanui :** KNPHI
- **Dr Tracie Muraya:** React Africa
- **Dr Gavin Orangi:** Makueni County AMR Focal Point

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PANEL DISCUSSION: BRIDGING RESEARCH AND POLICY FOR IMPACT

Explore how researchers and policy makers can work together to identify priorities and align research outputs with policy needs

Chair: Prof James A. Berkley

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- **Dr Carol Ruffel:** Head of Joint Office, Southern Africa, GARDP
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WAY FORWARD

Chair: Dr Michuki Maina

16:30-17:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

Conference Organising Committee & Ministry of Health Leadership

EVENT PROGRAMME