

5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2026)
November 23-27, 2026

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SIDE EVENTS

Owning our story: science communication as part of Africa's health sovereignty
Tuesday, 24 November 2026, 12:30 – 14:00 PM
Unity Hall A

Speakers:
1. **Moderator:** Bonney Tunya, Head of Communication and Public Information, Africa CDC
2. Saran Koly, Director of Communications and Public Information, Africa CDC
3. Prof. Doudou Sow, Medical Doctor and Professor of Parasitology, Université Gaston Berger
4. **Linet Otieno, Head of Communication, DNDi**
5. Scovian Lilian, Independent Journalist, Science, Health, Education & Human Rights Reporting
6. Dr Eleni Ayele, Medical doctor, Internist, Leishmaniasis Research and Treatment Center (LRTC), University of Gondar, Ethiopia
7. Dr Sultani Matendechero, Senior Deputy Director, Ministry of Health, Kenya

After the Trial: Making Access Part of Clinical Research in Africa
Organised by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Access
Wednesday, 25 November 2026, 12:30 – 14:00
AU Champions Hub C
Prof. Samuel Kariuki, Continental Lead, Africa and Eastern Africa Director, DNDi, Kenya

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

Integrating Mpox/HIV Bidirectional Screening into Advanced HIV Disease Care: A Model for Outbreak Preparedness in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Tuesday, 24th November 2026, 18:30–20:00 PM
Medemer Hall A
Dr Justine Odionyi, Head of HIV Disease

SPECIAL SESSIONS

From Political Engagement to Markets: What Will It Take to Reach the 60% Production by 2040 Target?
Tuesday, 24 November 2026 10:45 Am - 12:15pm
Prof. Muyembe Hall
Dr. Monique Wasunna, Africa Ambassador | Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
Dr. Jean-Marie Okwo-Bele, Senior Advisor to DG· Africa CDC

Advancing End-to-End Research, Development and Innovation: Investing in Africa's Health Sovereignty [PART 1]
Track5: Unlocking opportunities for local manufacturing in Africa
Wednesday, 25th November 2026, 16:30–18:00 PM
Julius Nyerere Hall
Prof. Samuel Kariuki, Continental Lead, Africa and Eastern Africa Director, DNDi, Kenya

Advancing End-to-End Research, Development and Innovation: Investing in Africa's Health Sovereignty [PART 2]
Track5: Unlocking opportunities for local manufacturing in Africa
Friday, 27th November 2026, 08:30–10:00
Prof. Muyembe Hall
Ms. Thi Hanh Cao, Director, External Relations DNDi

DNDi booth #7
Find us at the exhibition hall for an exciting experience on virtual reality on the new treatment for sleeping sickness. You will also have the opportunity to interact with our team and learn more about what we have been up to lately. Bring a friend for some fun and games.

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