



FUTURE OF CANCER RESEARCH IN AFRICA SUMMIT: INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

Experts and changemakers from around the world will convene to turn ideas into action and build a shared vision for sustainable, Africa-led cancer research and training. Join a movement dedicated to lasting impact.

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Welcome



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Over the next 25 years, cancer deaths are expected to double in Africa. Science provides the foundation for confronting this challenge by driving innovation, strengthening research capacity, and informing effective policy and clinical responses. At the same time, the landscape of global support for cancer research and training in Africa is changing rapidly. Multi-sector engagement is needed to address the changing face of cancer and the programs needed to address cancer burdens on the continent. As a scientific community, we are now faced with the question of how to develop and sustain cancer research in response to this critical and growing public health crisis.

To this end, The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI), in partnership with the US National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Indiana University/AMPATH (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare), are convening an international summit to accelerate the sustainable development of cancer research and training in Africa. This gathering will unite leading voices from government, academia, industry, and non-profit organizations to chart a continent-led, globally supported course for the future of cancer research and education in Africa.

The Future of Cancer Research in Africa Summit is a catalytic platform to co-create a continent-led, globally supported plan for cancer control in Africa through research and training. Our mission is to align stakeholders across research, policy, and practice to develop and implement scalable, sustainable, and Africa-owned solutions that address the continent's accelerating cancer burden. This is not just another conference—it is a collective call to action to shape an actionable roadmap for change, with each of you serving as a partner in delivery. We are grateful and excited to have you with us at this summit, and look forward to working together over the next two days to develop a concrete roadmap for elevating and sustaining cancer research capacity in Africa.

Ahead of the Summit



Please read this brief before you arrive. It orients you to the summit's purpose, format, and expected outputs so we can move from dialogue to delivery on Day 1.

1. Why are we meeting?

Central question: How do we develop and sustain cancer research in Africa at a moment when cancer deaths are projected to double in 25 years and the global support landscape is shifting?

- **Scope:** The summit will focus on knowledge generation through research (rather than the provision of clinical care) and is organized around three interlocking questions:
 - Governance, operations, and compliance for Africa-owned, sustainable research.
 - Policy and financing reforms to sustain cancer science.
 - Training and workforce strategies for the next generation of African cancer researchers.
- **Framing:** Every discussion should consider strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and translate them into what can be done, from quick wins to long-term investments.

2. How this summit is different

This is a think tank, not a symposium. It is a working meeting designed to produce a concrete roadmap.

- **Short catalytic talks (≈15 minutes)** open each meeting block. Speakers are asked to frame ideas, priorities, and provocations, not deliver scientific lectures.
- **Panels** then sharpen the issues and identify tensions, drawing on diverse regional and sectoral perspectives.
- **Breakout working groups (A–D)** are where the real work happens. Groups will define priorities, name concrete actions, and identify leads, partners, and resources.
- **Plenary report-backs** consolidate each block's outputs into shared summit priorities.
- **Your role:** You are a partner in delivery, not an audience member. Come prepared to contribute ideas, commitments, and follow-through.

3. What we ask before you arrive

1. Review the agenda.
2. Come with 2–3 concrete ideas per key question. These can be framed as quick wins (0–18 months), medium-term builds (18 months–3 years), and long-term investments (3+ years).
3. For each idea, be ready to name a lead institution(s), likely partners, and rough resource needs.
4. Consider what you or your network can offer. We will create a set of actionable ideas but also identify key players who may be able to implement them.

4. What we will produce together

By the close of Day 2, we will have agreed on a focused agenda of near-term, achievable initiatives, establish working groups, and formalize partnerships. Specifically:

- **Summit statement of goals and outputs:** the top priorities and needs to elevate and sustain cancer research capacity in Africa, with recommendations on how to achieve them, how to fund them, what governance and oversight is required, what operational activities are needed, and how the workforce should be developed and retained with a prioritized list summarized at the meeting close.
- **White paper:** synthesizing findings, recommendations, and commitments across all three questions, for submission to a high-impact journal or policy outlet.
- **Policy brief (4–6 pages):** distilled, actionable recommendations targeted at African health ministries, the African Union, and international funders.
- **Research agenda:** a prioritized list of 3–5 critical needs in each domain (governance/operations, policy/financing, workforce), suitable for launching as pilot or feasibility programs.
- **Working group charters:** formal mandates, membership, and timelines for the post-summit groups that will carry forward implementation.
- **Partnership register:** a living record of institutional and funder commitments with accountability timelines and named leads.
- **Opportunities to lead:** Participants will be able to volunteer to lead or contribute to any of the above outputs.

5. Ideas to bring to the summit (your additional thoughts are welcome!)

- What is the single biggest barrier — governance, financing, or workforce — that you would remove first, and how?
- What is one quick win (implementable within 18 months) that would visibly shift the trajectory?
- What long-term investment or structure (e.g., a network, endowment, regulatory reform, training platform) is worth committing to now, even if returns take years?
- Where can global, regional, or intra-African cooperation replace duplicated single-country effort?
- What role should patients, advocates, survivors, and communities play in shaping Africa-relevant research questions?

6. Reading List

[Cancer workforce-a global crisis: a Lancet Oncology Commission.](#)

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Summit Overview



The key question we hope to address over the next two days is: ***How do we develop and sustain cancer research in Africa at a moment when cancer deaths are projected to double in 25 years and the global support landscape is shifting?*** This summit will focus on knowledge generation through research and is organized around three interlocking questions:

- Question 1: How can Africa-owned, sustainable cancer research be enabled through stronger governance, operations, and compliance?
- Question 2: What policy and financing reforms are needed to maximize the impact and sustainability of cancer science in Africa?
- Question 3: What training and workforce strategies are needed to build and sustain the next generation of African cancer researchers?

Each question frames a half-day block with a keynote, breakout working groups, and a plenary report-back. Discussions should consider strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, and we will translate these discussions into what can be done, from quick wins to long-term investments. By the close of the summit, we will have identified near-term initiatives, established working groups, and formalized committed partnerships.

Proposed Deliverables

By the conclusion of the summit, participants will have agreed on a focused agenda of near-term, achievable initiatives, established working groups and governance structures, and formalized committed partnerships with clear next steps for implementation and resourcing. The outcome will serve as a blueprint for collective action that is driven by African leadership, backed by global partnerships, and designed for measurable progress in cancer control.

The summit is designed as a think tank, rather than a symposium. It is a working meeting designed to produce a concrete roadmap. Over the next two days, we will generate the following concrete outputs:

Summit statement of goals and outputs:

The top priorities and needs to elevate and sustain cancer research capacity in Africa, with recommendations on how to achieve them, how to fund them, what governance and oversight is required, what operational activities are needed, and how the workforce should be developed and retained with a prioritized list summarized at the meeting close.

White Paper:

Synthesizing findings, recommendations, and commitments across all three questions, for submission to a high-impact journal or policy outlet.

Policy Brief (4–6 pages):

Distilled, actionable recommendations targeted at African health ministries, the African Union, and international funders.

Research Agenda:

A prioritized list of 3–5 critical needs in each domain (governance/operations, policy/financing, workforce), suitable for launching as pilot or feasibility programs.

Working Group Chapters:

Formal mandates, membership, and timelines for the post-summit groups that will carry forward implementation.

Partnership Register:

A living record of institutional and funder commitments with accountability timelines and named leads.

Opportunities to Lead:

Participants will be able to volunteer to lead or contribute to any of the above outputs.

Agenda

Day 1 — September 3, 2026

13:00-13:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Nkem Khumbah (AAS) | Satish Gopal (NCI)

13:15-13:40

Setting the Stage: What Are the Barriers to Impactful Cancer Research in Africa, and How Can They Be Addressed?

Timothy Rebbeck, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute / Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Key Question 1

How can Africa-owned, sustainable cancer research be enabled through stronger governance, operations, and compliance?

13:40-14:30

Keynote 1: How Can We Enable Africa-Owned, Sustainable Cancer Research?

Keynote 1 sets the aspirational tone for the summit, delivered by speakers whose combined perspectives span continental scientific leadership and on-the-ground program-building in Africa. (15-minute highlight talks).

Moderator: Hannah Ayettey Anie, Korle-Bu Teaching Hosp., Accra, Ghana

- **Speaker 1: What Are the Key Research Needs for Africa?** Kunle Odunsi, Fellow of The African Academy of Sciences, (virtual), University of Chicago, USA
- **Speaker 2: Research Capacity Building: Leading with Care.** Githinji Gitahi, African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Nairobi, Kenya
- **Speaker 3: Sustaining Research in Africa.** Sharon Prince, Fellow of The African Academy of Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa

14:30-15:00

Panel 1: Framing the Problem: Research Governance, Operations, and Compliance

This panel frames the three-question structure for the entire summit. Panelists address governance, compliance, and infrastructure realities across diverse institutional contexts.

Moderator: Dorothy Nyong'o, African Cancer Foundation, Kisumu, Kenya

- Sunday Ene-Ojo Atawodi, Fellow of The African Academy of Sciences, Ahmadou Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria
- Elias Melly, NCI Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya
- Tinashe Adrian Mazhindu, African Institute of Biomedical Science and Technology, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Sarah Murithi, AMREF Health Africa and University of Maryland, Baltimore USA

15:00-15:30

Break

15:30-16:00

Keynote 2: Setting the Stage — Sustainable Research Operations and Governance

Keynote 2 is focused and operational — it orients participants to specific governance, compliance, and infrastructure challenges that the breakout groups will address.

15:30-16:00

Moderators: Adrian Gardner, AMPATH/Indiana University, Indianapolis USA and Luicer Anne Ingasia Olubayo, Roche, Switzerland.

- **Speaker 1: Governance in Support of Research.** Frederick Chite Asirwa, International Cancer Institute, Nairobi
- **Speaker 2: Research Operations.** Veronica Manduku, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya

16:00-16:45

Breakout Session 1 – Working Groups on Key Question 1

4 parallel groups. See Breakout Session 1 structure and assignments below.

Key Question 1: How can Africa-owned, sustainable cancer research be enabled through stronger governance, operations, and compliance?

Mandate: Each group will identify: (1) the two most critical governance or operational barriers to sustainable cancer research in your region; (2) one concrete structure, mechanism, or policy that could be implemented within 18 months; and (3) the lead institution, partners, and resources needed to launch a pilot.

All attendees will be assigned a letter Groups A–D on their name badges. This letter will identify their breakout group membership. Moderators will guide the discussion; rapporteurs will report back from each group's discussion.

The four breakout groups approach the question from different angles:

Group	Topic	Moderator	Rapporteur
A	Institutional governance: leadership structures, IRB/ethics coordination, accountability frameworks.	Fatimah Abdulkareem, University of Lagos	Phoebe Ongadi, KENCO
B	Operational compliance: regulatory harmonization, data sharing, sample logistics, MTA/ DUA processes.	Rob Bristow, University of Manchester, UK	Fatou Jallow, US NCI, Bethesda USA
C	Financial and administrative infrastructure: grant management, fiscal accountability, indirect cost recovery.	Warren Phipps, Hutchinson Center, Seattle, USA	Adrian Gardner, AMPATH
D	Continental coordination: the role of AAS, AORTIC, and regional networks in shared governance frameworks.	Caroline Kisia, Project ECHO Africa	Mishka Kohli Cira, US NCI, Bethesda USA

16:45-17:30

Plenary Report-Back – Breakout Session 1

Rapporteurs from each group present key findings. Plenary discussion to identify consensus priorities and draft action items.

17:30

End of Day 1

Evening: Summit Dinner: Carnivore Restaurant, Langata Rd, Nairobi 00100 Kenya

Day 2 — September 4, 2026

Key Question 2

What policy and financing reforms are needed to maximize the impact and sustainability of cancer science in Africa?

9:00-9:10

Introduction to Key Question 2

John Kinuthia, Kenyatta National Hospital and University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya

9:10-10:00

Keynote 3: Policy and Financing Gaps for Cancer Research in Africa

Catherine Kyobutungi, Fellow of The African Academy of Sciences, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya

10:00-10:45

Breakout Session 2 — Working Groups on Key Question 2

4 parallel groups. See Breakout Session 2 structure and assignments below.

Key Question: What policy and financing reforms are needed to maximize the impact and sustainability of cancer science in Africa?

Mandate: Each group will identify: (1) the most significant policy barrier and the most significant financing barrier; (2) a novel or underutilized financing mechanism that could be piloted; and (3) a specific policy change — at national, continental, or international level — that would have the greatest near-term impact.

The four groups approach the question from different financing and policy angles:

Group	Topic	Moderator	Rapporteur
A	National government policy: ministry-level commitments, national cancer strategies, domestic public funding.	Wiltshire Christian Nicolai Johnson, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, Johannesburg, South Africa	Beatrice Ochieng, Ministry of Health National Cancer Control Program
B	International funder alignment: coordination among NCI, CRUK, Wellcome, and other major funders to reduce duplication and increase institutional overhead recovery.	Satish Gopal, NCI, Bethesda, USA	Jenny Morgan, AMPATH
C	Industry and private sector engagement: pharmaceutical partnerships, in-kind contributions, and corporate sustainability as financing streams.	Jacqueline Wambua, Roche, Nairobi, Kenya	Zipporah Ali, Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association
D	Novel and diaspora financing: African diaspora philanthropy, blended finance vehicles, and endowment models.	Elias Melly, NCI-Kenya, Nairobi	Benda Kithaka, Kilele Health

10:45-11:30

Plenary Report-Back — Breakout Session 2 | Group Photo

Rapporteurs present; plenary discussion to identify policy and financing consensus priorities. **Moderator:** Nkem Khumbah, AAS

Key Question 3

What training strategies are needed to build and sustain the cancer research workforce in Africa?

This session brings together established and early-career cancer researchers to examine what it takes to build sustainable research careers in Africa. Participants will discuss strategies to strengthen training and research education, build institutional capacity, mentor and nurture early-career scientists, and engage stakeholders to address cancer control in Africa.

12:00-12:05

Introduction to Key Question 3

Sudha Sivaram, NCI

12:05-12:25

Keynote: A Vision for Cancer Research Training in Africa

Wilbroad Mutale, University of Zambia

12:25-12:40

Lancet Commission on Cancer Workforce:

Patrick Loehrer, Indiana University/AMPATH

12:45-13:30

Aspiring for a Scientifically Fulfilling and Economically Viable Cancer Research Career in Africa: An Achievable Goal or a Dream?

Facilitators: Ahlam Nasser, John Peterson

Panelists: Anita Yafeh Mfuh Lukong, Marriam Mponda, Ronald Fisa, Musliu Tolani, Modibo Diarra, Colleen Witty, Asteria Kimambo (D43 PI Training Program), Sharon Prince, Akindele Olupelumi Adebisi (Fellows of The African Academy of Sciences)

Questions for discussion:

- 1) If you could change one or two things about how cancer researchers are supported to conduct research in Africa, what would they be?
- 2) What are some challenges to getting protected research time in your institutions? Can you think of ways in which these have been addressed?
- 3) What are some mentorship structures and approaches that have worked for you? What challenges remain?
- 4) Is a cancer research career an economically viable and sustainable choice in Africa today? How can we ensure more early career scientists pursue cancer research careers?

13:30-14:30

Lunch

14:30-15:50

Breakout Session 3 - Working Groups on Key Question 3

Key Question: What training strategies are needed to build and sustain the cancer research workforce in Africa?

Mandate: Each group will identify: (1) one significant barrier to achieving sustainable research training programs; (2) one innovative training program with indicators to measure impact/success; and (3) a specific policy change — at national, continental, or international level — that would have the greatest near-term impact.

The four groups approach the question from different research training objectives – training models and approaches, institutional capacity and mentorship, career trajectories, and stakeholder engagement.

Group	Topic	Moderator	Rapporteur
A	Training models and approaches	Elia Mmbaga, Muhimbili University for Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS); Joel Yarney, University of Ghana	Kate Klein, Northwestern University
B	Institutional Capacity Building and Mentorship	Xiao-Ou Shu, Vanderbilt University; Fatimah Abdulkareem, Obafemi Awolowo University	Nashivai Kivuyo, MUHAS
C	Cancer Research Career Trajectories in Africa	Daudi Jjingo, African Center for Bioinformatics, Makerere University; Lifang Hou, Northwestern University	Peter Sabakaki, Makerere University
D	Stakeholder engagement to advance research training: Opportunities for context-relevant research training	Mamoudou Maiga, Northwestern University; Nelly Mugo, KEMRI	Isaac Amoah, University of Ghana

15:50-16:15

Plenary Report-Back – Breakout Session 3

Rapporteurs present; plenary discussion to identify policy and financing consensus priorities. **Moderator:** Nkem Khumbah, AAS

16:15-16:30

Break

16:30-18:00

Panel 3: Summary – Key Projects, Initiatives, and Actions

Panel 3 closes the summit, synthesizing cross-cutting themes, confirming working group mandates, and presenting the partnership commitment register.

Part 1: Summary Report from breakouts: Key priorities and goals with pragmatic project proposals that are low-cost, high impact endeavors to begin to address these goals.

Part 2: The panel will debate these and provide a summary set of recommendations. **Moderators:** Nkem Khumbah, AAS; Timothy Rebbeck, DFCI/Harvard.

- Prof. Sharon Prince, Fellow of The African Academy of Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Frederick Chite Asirwa, International Cancer Institute, Nairobi.
- Wiltshire Christian Nicolai Johnson, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Miriam Mutebi, Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya

18:00

Summit Close

Summit Attendees

As of August 21, 2026

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Hormenu Thomas	Ghana	University of Cape Coast, Ghana
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Omar Abdihamid	Kenya	Garissa Regional Cancer Center, Kenya
Zipporah Ali****	Kenya	African Palliative Care Association, Uganda
Emily Barsito	Kenya	National Cancer Institute of Kenya (NCI-K), Kenya
Naftali Busakhala	Kenya	Moi University, Kenya
Joyfrida Chepchumba	Kenya	Ministry of Health, Kenya
Fredrick Chite Asirwa*	Kenya	International Cancer Institute, Kenya
Githinji Gitahi*	Kenya	AMREF Health Africa, Kenya
Prisca Githuka	Kenya	Pink Hearts Cancer Support Foundation, Kenya
Fredrick Joel	Kenya	National Cancer Institute of Kenya (NCI-K), Kenya
Nkem Khumbah*	Kenya	African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Kenya
Julius Kibichi	Kenya	National Cancer Institute of Kenya (NCI-K), Kenya
Nicholas Kiprop	Kenya	African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Kenya
Benda Kithaka****	Kenya	Kilele Health Association, Kenya
Anne Korir	Kenya	Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya
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Veronica Manduku*	Kenya	Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya
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Christine Mugo-Sitati	Kenya	University of New Mexico / Project ECHO Africa, United States
Sarah Murithi***	Kenya	AMREF Health Africa, Kenya
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Joseph Silomalo	Kenya	African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Kenya
Hannah Simba	Kenya	African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Kenya
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**Moderator

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**** Rapporteur

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Desmond Williams	Kenya	US Embassy, Kenya
John Chapola	Malawi	University of North Carolina, United States
Marriam Mponda***	Malawi	University of North Carolina (UNC) Project Malawi, Malawi
Lusayo Simwinga	Malawi	University of North Carolina Project-Malawi, Malawi / United States
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Sunday Atawodi***	Nigeria	Federal University Lokoja, Nigeria
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Musliu Adetola Tolani***	Nigeria	Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) / Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Nigeria
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Wiltshire Christian Nicolai Johnson**	South Africa	African Union Development Agency (NEPAD), South Africa
Sharon Prince*	South Africa	University of Cape Town, South Africa
Summaiya Haddadi	Tanzania	Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania
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Nashivai Kivuyo****	Tanzania	Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania
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Fredrick Elishama Kakembo	Uganda	Makerere University, Uganda
Grace Kebirungi	Uganda	Makerere University / Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Uganda and United States
Gloria Nakabiri	Uganda	Fred Hutch Cancer Center / African Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Data-Intensive Sciences, United States and Rwanda
Magdalene Namuswe	Uganda	Fred Hutch Cancer Center, United States
Peter Ziribagwa Sabakaki****	Uganda	Fred Hutch Cancer Center, United States
Joel Walugembe	Uganda	Makerere University, Uganda
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Clement Gwede	United States	H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, United States
Leila Helu	United States	Harvard University, United States
Sacha Howell	United States	University of Manchester, United Kingdom
Fatou Jallow****	United States	National Cancer Institute (NCI), United States
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Kate Klein****	United States	Northwestern University, United States
Patrick Loehrer Sr.*	United States	Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center, United States
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Matthew Painschab	United States	Indiana University School of Medicine, United States
John Peterson**	United States	Moffitt Cancer Center, United States
Warren Phipps**	United States	Fred Hutch Cancer Center, United States
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Sudha Sivaram*	United States	National Cancer Institute (NCI), United States
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