

AORTIC 2025 - Hammamet, Tunisia: 2- 5 November 2025					
Advancing Cancer Care Across Africa: Equity through empowering Research and Education					
Legends	CONCURRENT SESSION	KEYNOTE SESSION	ABSTRACT SESSION	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM	
DAY 1 SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER					
Time	Plenary	Hall 2	Hall 3	Hall 4	Hall 5
07:30 - 08:30		AMPATH Kenya at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital/Moi University Breakfast Symposium Eldoret (Kenya) Scaling Advanced Flow Cytometry for Pediatric Leukemia Diagnosis in LMICs: Experience from AMPATH at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital Moderator: Tony Boova Steven Kussick Highly Effective Implementation of 10-color Diagnostic Flow Cytometry at the AMPATH Research Laboratory in Eldoret, Kenya Teresa Lotodo Scaling Flow Cytometry Services for Pediatric Leukemia Diagnosis: Partnerships and Sustainability Lessons from the AMPATH Laboratory in Eldoret, Kenya Festus Muigai Clinical utility of flow cytometry in Paediatric oncology at MTRH			
08:30 - 09:30	AFRICAN ONCOGENETICS NETWORK (Supported by Dana Farber) Facilitators: Timothy Rebbeck (USA) & Ysor Hamdi (Tunisia) & Achille Manirakiza (Rwanda) Moderators: Timothy Rebbeck (USA) & Prisca Adejumo (Nigeria) Wijdene Mahfoudh (Tunisia) State of the Art of Cancer Genomics in Africa (10 Minutes) Ysor Hamdi (Tunisia) & Achille Manirakiza (Rwanda) The African Oncogenetics Network (15 Minutes) Raffaella Casolino (Switzerland) WHO Cancer Genomics Program (15 Minutes) Timothy Rebbeck (USA) Hammamet Declaration: Advancing Cancer Genomics in Africa (5 minutes) Q&A (15 minutes)	Is Caring Beyond Cure Possible in African Cancer Care? PALLIATIVE CARE (SIG) Facilitator: Christian Ntinzira (Rwanda) Christian Ntinzira (Rwanda) TBA Esther Dina Bell (Cameron) TBA Moiria Leng (UK) TBA	ADVOCACY SIG Facilitator: Julie Torode (Switzerland) Julie Torode (Switzerland) Introducing the plans of a new advocacy special interest group. Its role in supporting the AORTIC mission and vision and how you can get involved (10 Minutes) Lewis Roberts (USA) AORTIC as a convener on cancer research and education & training - position statements as a first step (10 Minutes) Katie Wakeham (UK) World Radiotherapy Awareness Day (5 Minutes) Julia Franz (USA) Building the cancer knowledge of primary healthcare workers (5 Minutes) TBA African Oncogenetics Network - a political declaration and white paper(5 Minutes) Hela Hammami VOICE project, building advocates readiness to advocates on policy (5 Minutes) Panel discussion on factors for success (20 mins) Moderator: Venus Mushininga (Zimbabwe)	CANCER IN CONFLICT AREAS (SIG) Facilitator: Nazik Hammad (Canada) Chairs: Nazik Hammad (Canada) Richard Sullivan (UK) Nazik Hammad, (Canada) Introduction(3 minutes) Dispatches from across Africa, Samiratoru Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) Fatoumata M Sidibé (Mali) Ntumsi Tontu (Cameron) Nahla Gafer (Sudan) (30 minutes) Bague Abdoul Halim (Burkina Faso) Cancer surgery in conflict zones (7 minutes) Omar Abdihamid (Kenya) Cancer and climate change: AORTIC Policy Statement(7 minutes) Nazik Hammad (Canada) Research and policy agenda for the SIG (5 minutes) Questions and concluding remarks (10 minutes)	AORTIC Hematology Oncology Research Group (AORTICHORG) Facilitator: Marcus Inyama Asuquo (Nigeria) Sam M. Mbulaiteye (USA) Genome-wide association results linking the Chr21q.22.12 locus with pediatric Burkitt lymphoma in Africa (20 Minutes) Christopher K. Williams (USA) Some epidemiological features of leukaemia and lymphoma in Nigerian children and young adults, 1978-1986 (20 Minutes) Matthew Painschab (USA) Multicentric Castleman disease trial results (20 Minutes)
09:30 - 11:00	CANCER GENOMICS (SIG) / BASIC RESEARCH Facilitators: Ysor Hamdi (Tunisia) Solomon Rotimi (Nigeria) Dorra Hmida Ben Ibrahim (Tunisia) TBA Tsion Minas (USA) Prostate Cancer Genomics in Africa Joseph Lachance (USA) Pan-African GWAS reveals heterogeneous genetic architectures of prostate cancer across Africa	HEPATOPANCREATOBIILIARY (SIG) Facilitator: Lewis Roberts (USA) TBA Hepatocellular Carcinoma TBA Liver transplantation M Elhajri (Tunisia) TBA	Context to Methods: Making Adaptation Measurable—Keeping Fidelity Int IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE (SIG) Facilitators: Nwamaka Lasebikan (Nigeria) Francis Makhoka (Kenya) Katharin Rendle Protecting the Mechanism: What Must Not Change (and How to Prove It) - Keeping Fidelity Intact Eche Ezeanolue Designing What Changes—and What Mustn't: From Context to Adaptation You Can Measure? Hanan Bouaziz From Evidence to Action: Leadership Lessons in Implementing Oncology Interventions Catherine Oladoyinbo (Nigeria) TBA	RADIATION ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitators: Surbhi Grover (USA) Adedayo Joseph (Nigeria) Sheela Hanasoge (USA) Liver Radiotherapy/SBRT (20 minutes) Melinda Mushonga (Zimbabwe) Lung Radiotherapy/SBRT (20 minutes) Njoki Njiraini (Kenya) Pediatric Radiotherapy (20 minutes) Carol Benn (South Africa) Intra-operative Radiotherapy (15 minutes) Fidel Rubagumya Peer Review/Chartrounds (20 minutes) Nejla Fourati Radiotherapy in Africa: Focus on the Tunisian Experience (20 minutes) Adedayo Joseph Radiation Oncology SIG (5 minutes)	Unveiling Psycho-Oncology in Africa: Practice, Progress, Gaps, and the Role of IPPOS PSYCHO-SOCIAL ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitator: Chioma Asuzu (Nigeria) Chioma Asuzu (Nigeria) Introduction and Progress in Psycho-Oncology in Africa Joyce Terwase (Nigeria) Gaps and Challenges in Psycho-Oncology in Africa Chukwuemeka Odiaka (Australia) The Role of International Psycho-Oncology Society in Africa IPPOS Khedija Meddeb (Tunisia) Sexual Functions in Cancer patients respecting cultural, ethical and religious difference
11:00 - 11:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK AND EXHIBITION				
11:30 - 13:00	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitator: Haimanot Kasahun (Ethiopia) Moderators: Chineneye Inwaji Nazik Hammad Introduction to speakers (10 Minutes) Haimanot Kasahun (Ethiopia) The Atlas of Dermatologic toxicities of systemic therapy in Africa: us about us (10 Minutes) Christopher Booth (Canada) Exercise and colon cancer recurrence (10 Minutes) Verna Vanderpuye (Ghana) Supportive care during systemic therapy: it matters more than you think (10 Minutes) Yehoda Martel (USA) Guidelines concordance in systemic therapy (10 Minutes) Wala ben Kridis (Tunisia) BRCA1/BRCA2 germline mutations in patients with breast/ovarian cancer: Insights from Sfax (10 Minutes) Q&A (20 Minutes)	SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitators: Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Olusegun Isaac Alatisé (Nigeria) Ryan Fields (USA) Role for Surgical Oncology Training in Optimum Cancer B10 (10 minutes) Michael Mwachiro (Kenya) Surgical Oncology Program in East Africa – Journey Thus Far (10 minutes) Nanji Sulaiman (Kenya) Developing Surgical Capacity Training Program in Africa: Queens and WACS Initiatives (15 minutes) Emmanuel Exome Olusegun Isaac Alatisé Credentialing for Surgical Oncology Training Fellowship – WACS Experience (15 minutes) Ryan Fields (Tunisia) Surgical Oncology Training in North Africa (10 minutes) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Surgical Oncology Special Interest Group (10 minutes) Q&A (15 minutes)	Transforming Diagnostics: Digital Pathology and AI Partnerships in Africa PATHOLOGY (SIG) (Supported by USCAP) Facilitator: Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) Kenneth Landgraf (USA) ASCP telepathology network description, lessons learned Shaheen Sayed (Kenya) CRC AI validation project Alex Mirem (Tanzania) Residency exchanges, digital pathology collaborations at KCMC Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) Closing remarks	CLINICAL RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME (CRMP) (Supported by Princess Margaret/MD Anderson) Facilitator: Rebecca Wong (Canada) Chairs: Ndlovu Ntokozo Nwamaka Lasebikan Ndlovu Ntokozo Nwamaka Lasebikan Welcome remarks(5 Minutes) Rebecca Wong (Canada) The CRMP Journey – For whom, how and why does it work (15 Minutes) Silas Mafuhure Patterns and factors associated with disease recurrence in breast cancer patients: a five-year single institution study (15 Minutes) Sagna Diayar Determining the incidence of taxane induced peripheral neuropathy in patients with breast cancer initiated on a taxane at Tygerberg hospital (9 minutes) Daluchukwu Obi Breast relatives screening (9 minutes) Dereje Bogale Lung & EGFR (9 minutes) Yusuf Suiro Prostate cancer ADT & QoL (9 minutes) Hudson Nyondo Prostate RT & proctitis (9 minutes) <i>Search for a suitable 1.8 Radiation therapy in Cameroon (9 minutes)</i>	NURSING ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitators: Florence Manjuh (Cameroon) Beatrice Ohaeri (Nigeria) Moderators: Florence Manjuh (Cameroon) Beatrice Ohaeri (Nigeria) Prisca Adejumo State of Oncology Nursing in Africa Naomi Ohene Oti Bridging Borders and Disciplines: Strengthening Oncology Nursing Collaboration Across Africa Chizoma Ndikom Mapping Evidence, Informing Practice: An Interactive Session on Scoping Reviews
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK				

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14:00 - 16:00	Africa's Clinical Trial Landscape: Reflections and Strategic Planning Clinical Trial Special Interest Group (SIG) Facilitator: Abiola Ibraheem (USA) Chairs: Abiola Ibraheem (USA) Karim Khallout (Tunisia) Abiola Ibraheem (USA) Welcome and Stage Setting (10 Minutes) Panel Session One: Reflection on Current Clinical Trial Training Programs in Africa (40 Minutes) Moderator: James Alaro Panelists: Priya Ranganathan, CREDO Jennifer Dent, BVGH Timothy Rebbeck, MADCAP Menghis Bairo, BIOSAWA Peter Kingham, ARGO Panel Session Two: Clinical Trials in Africa: Highlighting Our Strengths (40 minutes) Moderator: Adedayo Joseph Panelists: Karim Khallout Vibhooti Ashar Atara Ntekim	African Cancer Coalition grantees conduct multi-format learning activities and campaigns to grow awareness and improve cancer facility standards for care (Supported by ACS) Justine Swindell Welcome (10 minutes) Kokou Amegan-Aho Diriba Fufa Hordofa Joyce Zalwango Case Studies (35 minutes) Panel discussion and Q&A (10 minutes) Anu Agrawal Closing remarks (3 minutes) Creating an Enabling Environment for Patient Navigation in LMICs (Supported by ACS) Anu Agrawal ACS Leadership in Global Patient Navigation (3 minutes) Erica Krisel The Power of Patient Navigation (10 minutes) Jenna de St. Jorre Introduction to the SPARK Initiative (5 minutes) Panel Discussion: Patient Navigation Implementation and Sustainability in Africa (25 minutes) Moderator: Kristie McComb Panelists: Sitna Mwanzi Uchechukwu Shagaya Anu Agrawa Audience Q&A (15 minutes) Moderators: Erica Krisel & Jenna de St. Jorre Anu Agrawal Moderator (25 minutes)	GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCERS (SIG) Facilitators: Kunle Odunsi Kathleen Schmeler Lamia Naija (Tunisia) Surgery of recurrent disease (12 Minutes) Khadija Warfa (Kenya) Adaptation of international guidelines in Africa (12 Minutes) Paul Kamfwa (Zambia) Setting up cervical cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment services in Zambia(12 Minutes) Ricardina Rangelro (Mozambique) Becoming one of the three first Gyn Kunle Odunsi (USA) Oncs in Mozambique and on starting a research program (12 Minutes) Towards creating a federated pan-African biobank and data commons for gynecologic cancers (12 Minutes)	CLINICAL RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME (CRMP) (Supported by Princess Margaret/MD Anderson) Facilitator: Rebecca Wong (Canada) Melinda Mushonga Residency to early Career Radiation Oncologist: CRMP the necessary bridge (15 minutes) Desalegn Abera Outcomes of EBRT Boost for cervical cancer in a resource limited setting: A retrospective study (15 minutes) Dany Bodo Early clinical response after chemoradiotherapy with external beam radiotherapy boost in locally advanced cervical cancer in Cameroon (9 minutes) Ruth Manwele Cervix fractionation and local failure, Ruth Manwele (9 minutes) Mariam Uledi Breast radiotherapy & fractionation (9 minutes) Feleke Hailmariam Diagnostic accuracy of perioperative MRI for staging and predicting mesorectal fascia involvement in rectal cancer at Tikur Anbessa Hospital –a retrospective study(15 minutes) Mohamed Kadar Head and neck CRT and nutrition (9 minutes) Khawla Aquame Pancreas cancer and radiotherapy (9 minutes) Aba Scott Observations from our Alumni (2 minutes) Mentoring in LMIC – Thoughts for the future, Mentoring in LMIC – Thoughts for the future (15 minutes)	WOMEN IN GLOBAL ONCOLOGY (SIG) Facilitators: Nazik Hammad (Canada) Melinda Mushonga (Zimbabwe) Nazik Hammad (Canada) Introduction (2 Minutes) Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy (Malaya) The Power of Perspective: Women's Roles in Advancing Cancer Care and Research (15 Minutes) Panel Discussion (30 Minutes) Melinda Mushonga (Zimbabwe) Women leadership in oncology: the numbers we have so far Panelists: Verna Vanderpuye Miriam Mutebi Fidel Rubagumya Gladwell Kiarie Naomi Oti Women in nursing oncology (10 Minutes) Samiratou Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) Women in public Health and cancer epidemiology (12 Minutes) Eveline T. Mayaah (Cameroon) Perspectives of women engaged in Advocacy: Barriers and recognition (12 Minutes) Haimanot Kasahun Social Barriers to Career Advancement Early Career (7 Minutes) Khadija Warfa Mid Career (7 Minutes) Verna Vanderpuye Late Career (7 Minutes) Yehoda Martel Perspectives of Women in the Diaspora (7 Minutes)
17:00 - 19:00	AORTIC 2025 OPENING WELCOME CEREMONY				
	MC – Hannah Ayetthey (Ghana) (2 mins) Keynote Lecture 1 Folakemi Odedina (USA) Equity by Design: Reimagining Cancer Research and Care in Africa through Immersive Technology and Community Power (20 mins) Belmira Rodrigues (South Africa) Presentation of gift to the Keynote Lecturer (2 mins) Hannah Ayetthey (Ghana) AORTIC 2025 Programme Director/ AORTIC Secretary General (4 mins) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) AORTIC 2025 Programme Chair/ AORTIC President (3 mins) Karim Khallout (Tunisia) AORTIC 2025 Local Organising Committee Chair (3 mins) Tunisia National Anthem (4 mins) Welcome by Tunisian VIP (TBA) (6 mins) Hannah Ayetthey (Ghana) Introduction (1 min)				
17:00 - 19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION AND POSTER SESSION ONE				
19:00 - 20:00	AORTIC COUNCIL MEETING (Closed)				

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08:00 - 09:00	Advancing GU Cancer Care in Africa: From Global Innovations to Local Impact Facilitator: Folakemi Odedina (USA/Nigeria) Folakemi T. Odedina (USA) Session Overview (3 minutes) Serigne Gueye (Senegal) GU oncology new therapies, such as immunotherapy, targeted agents, combination regimens (12 minutes) Frank Chingwundoh (UK) Overview of latest global advances in GU cancers and relevance to Africa (12 minutes) Chidibere Ogo (Nigeria) Building biomedical research and clinical trial infrastructure in African centres for GU cancers (12 minutes) Abidemi Omonisi (Nigeria) Establishing a GU cancer biobank in West Africa: feasibility and early results (11 minutes) Q&A (10 minutes)	ADVANCING HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL NETWORK AND COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTRES (Supported by Princess Margaret Cancer Center Global Oncology Program) Facilitator: Danielle Rodin (Canada) Keith Stewart (Canada) UHN Mansoor Saleh (Kenya) AKU A Olusegun (Nigeria) ARGON	MRI LITERACY / RADIOLOGY Facilitator: Rebecca Wong (Canada) Habiba Mizouni MR status in Africa (12 Minutes) Claudia Ortega What a clinician need to know about MR sequences (12 Minutes) Rebecca Wong MR applications in radiotherapy practice – towards the future (4 Minutes) Heal Turki MRI applications in radiotherapy practice in Africa (7 Minutes) Habiba Mizouni Claudia Ortega Rebecca Wong Hela Hammani Turki Disease site focused examples with discussion (10 Minutes each Presenters)	Facilitator: Khalid Elbairi (Morocco) Moderators: Julide Torode (UK) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Khalid Elbairi (Morocco) Yosr Hamdi (Tunisia) Welcome and overview of the ACLI program and its ambitions (8 mins) Tinashe Mashindu (Zimbabwe) Irina Jacinto (Angola) Examples of impact in shaping careers and research portfolios (16 mins) Khalid El Bairi (Morocco) Report back on the key themes of the ACLI alumni survey on reshaping the ACLI program (8 mins) Omar Abdihamid (Kenya) Introducing the new draft ACLI approach and call for applicants in 2026 (8 mins) <i>Interactive discussion for shaping the final plans</i>	AORTIC Hematology Oncology Research Group (AORTICHORG) Facilitator: Marcus Inyama Asuquo (Nigeria) Lorenzo Leoncini DNA methylation profiles of Burkitt lymphoma and their role in defining tumour subtypes (20 Minutes) Marcus Inyama Asuquo (Nigeria) Cancer-Associated Anaemia: Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Management with a focus on Patient Blood Management (20 Minutes) Ousmane Koulibaly Epidemiology and management of haematology and oncology in children and young adults (20 Minutes) (French)
09:00 - 10:30	Health as an Investment for All Africans: What is the Contribution of Cancer Prevention and Control? A stimulus dialogue co-hosted by AORTIC and Roche Africa, best cancer as an exemplar of change for impact Facilitator: Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Welcome and opening remarks (5 mins) H.E. Mustapha Ferjani M.D. Health as an investment - the Tunisian perspective (15 mins) Maturin Tchoumi (South Africa) Introducing new socioeconomic data on the impact of cancer in Africa (10 minutes) Zainab Bagudu-Shinkafi (Nigeria) The patient perspective on levers for change and financial protection (10 minutes) Kofi Nyarko (Congo) Strengthening health systems with a focus on quality outcomes (10 minutes) Elias Melly (Kenya) Building community health literacy and harnessing cultural beliefs (10 minutes) Moderator-led interactive discussion with audience H.E. Mustapha Ferjani (Tunisia) Maturin Tchoumi (South Africa) Zainab Bagudu-Shinkafi (Nigeria) Kofi Nyarko (Congo) Elias Melly (Kenya) Hesham Elghazaly (Egypt) <i>(10 minutes)</i>	HIV-MALIGNANCIES: Long-term research partnerships for advancing science and building capacity in HIV and cancer (NCI facilitated) Facilitator: Randlak Alaro Moderators: Gregory Kirk (Uganda) Elizabeth Chiao (USA) Gregory Kirk (Uganda) HIV and HCC in Africa: The H2A Consortium (10 mins) Q&A (5mins) Gad Murenzi (Rwanda) Einstein/Rwanda/DRC Consortium for Research in HIV/HPV Malignancies (10 mins) Q&A (5mins) Kathleen Schmeler (Mozambique) The AVANÇO Research Consortium: A Mozambique/Brazil/Texas Alliance to advance novel and affordable technologies for the prevention and diagnosis of cervical cancer in women living with HIV (10 mins) Q&A (5mins) Owen Ngalamika (Zambia) Kaposi Sarcoma in the Era of ART in Africa Program (KEAAP) (10 mins) Q&A (5mins) Discussion and Comments from Panel Panellists: Greg Kirk (Uganda) Gad Murenzi (Rwanda) Kathleen Schmeler (Mozambique) Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) Julius Mwaisselage (Tanzania) Owen Ngalamika (Zambia)	PALOP Facilitator: Lúcio Lara Santos (Portugal) Lúcio Lara Santos (Portugal) ONCOGIR: Education and Care in Oncology - PALOP: Lusophone Africa Paulo Salamanca (Angola) Teleroncology – pilot project in Lubango (Angola) Bubacar Embalo (Guinea-Bissau) Implementation of the Oncology Service in Ssô Tomé and Príncipe Luidmila Moreira (São Tomé and Príncipe) Implementation of the Oncology Service in Ssô Tomé and Príncipe Pamela Borges Cape Verde Prevalence of hereditary gene mutations in Cape Verdean breast cancer patients Ricardo Pinto (Portugal) Improvement of Early Breast Cancer diagnosis in Mozambique: Preliminary results	BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION IN LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS Facilitator: Sulma Mohammed (USA) Moderator: Sulma Mohammed (USA) Beth Virmig Late-stage presentation of breast cancer: opportunities for traditional/faith healer and orthodox provider collaboration David R Nelson Creating Partnerships to Address the Rising Prevalence of Liver Cancer in Eastern Ethiopia Dejana Braithwaite Rising Tide: Lung Cancer Burden in Africa: Implications for Tobacco Control, Early Detection, and Health Policy Ramzi G Salloum Participatory Implementation Science to Address the Rising Tobacco Burden in Africa Discussion	A Research Education and CEEP Recruitment Workshop Facilitator: Amr Soliman (USA) Presenters: Amr Soliman (USA) Introduction Pooja Yerram (Tanzania) TBA (15 Minutes) Breana Wayne (Egypt) TBA (15 Minutes) Sriravan Tummarakota (Tanzania) TBA (15 Minutes) Chacha Mwita (Tanzania) TBA (15 Minutes)
10:30 - 11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK AND EXHIBITION				
11:00 - 12:00	German Society of Gynaecologic Oncology AGO Facilitator: Eva Kantelhardt (Germany) Chairs: Eva Kantelhardt Adamu Addissie Eva Kantelhardt 15 years AGO interdisciplinary partnership with colleagues in Africa to jointly enhance Gynae-Oncology capacity (3 minutes) Veronica Afework Hiwot Yeshitila Enhancing breast cancer surgery in Ethiopia (5 minutes) Tadesse Urgie Enhancing Gynae-Oncology care in Ethiopia (5 minutes) Aragaw Tesfaw Enhancing breast cancer care to the primary health care system in Ethiopia (5 minutes) Friedemann Rabe Breast Cancer stage, therapy and outcome in population-based cancer registries (5 minutes) Marcus Bauer Breast Cancer Immunology in sub-Saharan Africa (5 minutes) Alex Mremi Update on cervical cancer screening (5 minutes) Daria Hammerschmidt Ovarian Cancer stage, therapy and outcome in population-based cancer registries (5 minutes)	ACCESS TO MEDICINES Supported by Medicines Patent Pool Facilitator: Sophie Thievenaz (Switzerland)	Africa's Edge in Practice: Pragmatic Adaptation, Guardrailed Fidelity, NIH Team Spotlights & Transferable Practices (Co-convened by NCI) Facilitators:Nwamaka Lasebikan (Nigeria) Francis Makokha (Kenya) Anne Montgomery TBA Katharin Rendle TBA Ngosi Idemili-Arono TBA Eche Ezeanolue TBA Juliet Iwelunmor TBA Imran O. Morhason Bello TBA Hanan Bouaziz TBA Catherine Oladoyinbo (Nigeria) TBA	LIGHTNING TALKS - 1 <i>Moderator: Yosra Berrazoga, Tunisia</i> Lajnef Ines (Tunisia) LT-001 Between Support And Influence: Oncologists' Views On Pharmaceutical Industry Relations In Tunisia (3 mins) Moses Gatimu (Kenya) LT-002 From Distant Journeys to Local Hope: Improving Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Kitui County, Kenya (3 mins) Alem Gebremariam-Abraham (France) LT-003 Physical Activity, Cardiometabolic Diseases, And Cancer Risk: Evidence From The Epic And Uk Biobank Prospective Cohort Studies (3 mins) Summaiya Haddadi (Tanzania) LT-004 Understanding Cervical Cancer Patient Navigation Needs To Inform Intervention Development (3 mins) Margaret Lubwama (Uganda) LT-005 The Burden Of Infections In Patients With Cancer In Sub-Saharan Africa: A Call To Integrate Infectious Diseases Expertise For Comprehensive Management Of Cancer In Sub-Saharan Africa In The Era Of Antimicrobial Resistance (3 mins) Samiratou Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) LT-006 Building African Cancer Advocacy Capacity: Early Lessons From The Voices Of Impact For Cancer Equity Project (3 mins) Aisha Mustapha (Nigeria) LT-007 Beyond The Scalpel: Navigating Gynaecologic Oncology Through Research, Fellowship, Survivorship And Advocacy (3 mins) Mathhediso Mohlala (South Africa) Applying Natural Language Processing To Match Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Biomarkers And Assess Testing Rates In The South African Pathology Registry (3 mins) Ijeoma Ifeorah (Nigeria) LT-009 High-Risk Human Papillomavirus Types	LIGHTNING TALKS - 2 <i>Moderator: Imen Chabchoub (Tunisia)</i> Regina Wachuka Mbugua (Kenya) Characterization Of KIF20B As A New Prognostic Biomarker And Therapeutic Target For Breast Cancer (3 mins) Ricardo J. Pinto (Portugal) LT-022 Integrating Ancestry In Big Data Analysis Uncovers BLM-Centred DNA Damage Repair Pathway Dependency And Pevonedistat Sensitivity In Sub-Saharan African Triple Negative Breast Cancer (3 mins) Jean-Tristan Brandenburg (South Africa) LT-023 Evaluating The Transferability Of Polygenic Risk Scores For Breast Cancer Prediction In South African Populations (3 mins) Jean Pascal Demba Drop (Senegal) LT-024 Implication Of The BRCA1 C.815_824dup Variant In Breast, Prostate, And Liver Cancers In Senegalese Patients (3 mins) Isabel du Randt (South Africa) LT-025 Host Genetic Determinants of High-Risk Human Papillomavirus Infection in a Cancer Cohort of African Ancestry (3 mins) Federica Inturrisi (France) LT-026 Heterogeneity By Ancestry In Cervicovaginal Hpv35 Prevalence (3 mins) Peter Kazembe (Malawi) LT-027 Transcriptomic Analysis Of Human Endogenous Retroviruses In Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma Patients In Malawi (3 mins) Peace Ayeni (Switzerland) LT-028 The South African Cervical Cancer Screening Cohort: Incidence Of Invasive Cervical Cancer In 8 Million Women Screened In South Africa (3 mins)
12:00 - 13:00	KEYNOTE SESSION 2 Nomonde Mbatani (South Africa) Overcoming barriers to cervical cancer prevention in Africa: A call to Action,				
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH & NETWORKING EXHIBITION				

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13:30 - 14:30		AMGEN Lunch Symposium Health workforce capacity in Africa –journey towards UHC Moderator: Jon Hicks (Amgen) 13:30 - 13:35 Welcome and introduction, Ponda Motsepe-Ditshego (Amgen) 13:35 - 13:50 Health workforce in Africa today: challenges, progress, and the road ahead, Lydia Aziato (GH) 13:50 - 14:30 interactive panel discussion: Lydia Aziato (GH) Julie Torode (UK) Caroline Kissa (KE) Sunny Okoroafor (NG)	T25 Lunch Symposium Innovative Radiation Therapy Solutions for Africa Without Compromise Moderator: Vincent Ronf�� Speaker: Samir Mouatassim		
14:30 - 15:30	AORTIC-ASCO SYMPOSIUM Facilitators: Yehoda Martel (USA) & Nazik Hammad (Canada) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Opening Remarks (5 Minutes) Lynn Schuchter (USA) The Art and Science of Translation: Improving Cancer Outcomes Worldwide (5 minutes) Verna Vanderpuye (Ghana) Measuring quality improvement of care delivery, translation of ASCO QOPH in global and African settings (10 Minutes) Alex Mutumbo (Congo) ASCO Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Council Report: Impact and opportunities for future growth (7 Minutes) Nwamaka Lasebikan (Nigeria) Current status of implementation science in Africa (15 Minutes) Discussion (18 Minutes)	PATIENT ADVOCACY Moderators: Christian Ntzmira (Rwanda) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Navid Madani (USA) Bearing Witness: The Human Face of Cancer Advocacy (10 mins) Emma Mrabet (Tunisia) TBA (10 mins) Lidia Shapira (USA) Cancer survivorship: what do physicians need to know (15 mins) Marilys Corbex (USA) How to put people first and amplifying patient voices in the age of commercial influences? (10 mins) Christian Ntzmira (Rwanda) African models for cancer supportive care and survivorship (10 mins)	BREAST CANCER Facilitator: Nesrine Chraiet (Tunisia) Moderator: Hannah Ayettey (Ghana) Nesrine Chraiet (Tunisia) Low Breast cancers: what is new (15 Minutes) Pamela Borges (Cabo Verde) Breast Cancer in Cabo Verde: A 24-Year Retrospective Study of Clinical Presentation, Treatment, and Outcomes at Agostinho Neto University Hospital (15 Minutes) Ismail Siala (Libya) Early Triple Negative Breast Cancer (15 Minutes) Q&A and Discussion (15 Minutes)	CLINICAL RESEARCH (Co-convened by NCI) Facilitator: Randiak Alaro	EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA Facilitator: Kandali Keita (Tanzania) Kandali Keita (Tanzania) Welcome & Overview (2 minutes) Andrew Odhiambo (Kenya) Beyond the Clinic: Harnessing Social Media for Oncologist Education & Engagement (15 Minutes) Nazima Dharsee Patient Education and Social Me (10 Minutes) Kandali Keita (Tanzania) Q&A led by (5 Minutes) Conclusion (3 Minutes) Grace Program Kosj Yamoah (USA) (25 Minutes)
15:30 - 17:00	Care for HER: Redefining Diagnosis and Optimizing Treatment in HER2+ Breast Cancer (Supported by ROCHE)	Cancer in Crisis – Findings of the Lancet Oncology Commission on the Human Crisis in Cancer and its implications for cancer prevention and control in Africa (Co-hosted by Institute of Cancer Policy, King's College London and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto) Gary Rodin (Canada) Key Findings of the Commission Report and its Implications for Global Cancer (15 Minutes) Miriam Mutebi What the Commission Report means for the Future of Cancer Control in Sub Saharan Africa (15 Minutes) Panel discussion: Solutions in low-resource countries and the required cancer community response from an African perspective (40 mins) Moderator: Richard Sullivan Panelists: Karla Unger-Saldafia (Mexico) Mac Skelton (Iraq) Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy (Malaysia) Omar Abdihamid (Canada) Samira Ouedrago (Burkina Faso) Gary Rodin (Canada) Interactive discussion with the audience (20 mins) Closing Remarks	BASIC TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE Facilitator: Sulma Mohammed (USA) Moderators: Bolni Marius Nagalo Francis Makokha Sulma Mohammed Manel Haj Mansour (Kenya) Harnessing Immunotherapy for Cancer Prevention in Africa (15 minutes) Bolni Marius Nagalo (USA) Novel Immunotherapy for Liver, Biliary, and Pancreatic Cancers (15 minutes) Jennie Williams (USA) Translational Research: Bridging Laboratory Discoveries to African Communities (15 minutes) Bodour Salthia (USA) Liquid Biopsies as Translational Tools for Advancing Cancer Immunotherapy in Africa (15 minutes) Abubakar Bello (Nigeria) Building Capacity for Immunotherapy Trials in Africa (15 minutes) Chiswili Yves Chabu (USA) Immunoprevention and early detection of lung cancer in Africa:The LUNG-GUARD Platform (15 minutes) Discussion (30 minutes)	JCE SCIENTIFIC WRITING WORKSHOP Facilitator: Amr Soliman (USA) <i>Workshop participants are encouraged to email their draft manuscripts to workshop leader (Dr. Amr Soliman) 3-4 weeks before the workshop for feedback at the following email address asoliman@med.cuny.edu</i>	BIG Cat Facilitator: Frederic Biemar (USA) Opening Remarks (5 minutes) Imran O. Morhason-Bello Epigenetic alterations of cervical high-risk HPV infections in cervical cancer development: Learnings from an exploratory study funded by AACR in Nigeria (22 Minutes) Ijeoma Ifeiorah Understanding HPV Molecular Diversity and Evolution in Women Living with HIV in Nigeria: Scientific Insights and Career Lessons (22 Minutes) Rebecca Compaore Proteomic Profiling Reveals Apolipoprotein Signatures for Early Detection of HBV-Driven Hepatocellular Carcinoma (22 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)
17:00 - 17:15	REFRESHMENT BREAK & NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION				
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07:00- 07:45			BEACHFRONT WALK		

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08:00 - 09:00	PRECISION MEDICINE Moderator: Yosr Hamdi (Tunisia) Karima Oualla (Morocco) TBA Hend Chaker (Tunisia) Precision Oncology Meets Health Economics: Pathways to Sustainable Implementation Rokhaya Ndiaye (Senegal) TBA	EXPERT PANEL: Policy Power: Aligning 2025-2030 Regional, and National Agendas for Cancer Control in Africa Facilitator: Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Opening Remarks (8 min) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Welcome, session framing, and importance of policy alignment (2 min) Zainab Bagudu (Nigeria) Global perspective and commitment to supporting African-led cancer control (5 min) TBA What Cancer Policy Looks Like from the Front Lines: A Young Oncologist's, (3 min) Adelard Kakunze Status of NCCP regional policy alignment, Kofi Nyarkoko (5 min) Integration of cancer in Africa's public health agenda (5 min) Layne Robertson Translating policy in Africa (5 min) Theoneste Maniragaba (Rwanda) Policy to practice for cervical cancer elimination Panel Discussion (25 min) Layne Robinson Commonwealth Adelard Kakunze Africa CDC Theoneste Maniragaba (Rwanda) Ministry of Health Official Prisca Githuka (Kenya) 4 Civil Society/Patient Advocate 5 Young Oncologist Panelist TBD	INTEGRITY LANDSCAPE OF CANCER RESEARCH IN AFRICA: FROM RETRACTIONS TO POLICY Facilitator: Khalid El Bairi (Morocco) Moderator: Khalid El Bairi (Morocco) Fidel Rubagumya (Uganda) Conflicts of Interest with Pharmaceutical Industry in African Oncology Omar Abdihamid (Kenya) Methodological Rigor and Integrity of Phase III Trials in Oncology Conducted in Africa Khalid El Bairi (Morocco) Integrity Landscape of Cancer Research in Africa: From Retractions to Policy	LUNG CANCER Facilitator: Nesrine Mejri (Tunisia) Jerry Ndumbalo (Tanzania) How to select patients for pre/peroperative therapy in early stage NSCLC (20 mins) Njoki Njiraini (Kenya) Reality of management of stage IIb-c NSCLC in African context (20 mins) Nesrine Mejri (Tunisia) Different IO adaptations in mNSCLC in limited resources setting (20 mins)	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Building a Network for Francophones in Global Oncology (Supported by Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) & The Ottawa Hospital, Canada) Facilitators: Marc Gaudet (Canada) Jean-Marc Bourque (Canada) With the following objectives: -Strengthen collaboration among Francophone oncology centers and professionals across Africa, Canada, and Europe -Identify common priorities where collaborative action would have the greatest impact. -Lay the groundwork for a sustainable Francophone network to advance equity in global cancer care
09:00 - 10:30	Radiotheranostics - Towards an action plan to address access gap in Africa Facilitator: Rebecca Wong (Canada) Moderator: Rebecca Wong (Canada) May Abdel- Wahab Radiotheranostics from a global perspective (15 Minutes) (in person) Keamogetsewe (Kamo) Ramonaheng Building radiotheranostics program in South Africa – Lessons learned (15 Minutes) (online) Keith Stewart Building radiotheranostics programs from an academic perspective (15 Minutes) (in person) James Scognack Building an isotope ecosystem (15 Minutes) (online) Rebecca La Boa The Oncidium Foundation Initiatives to expand access to radioligand therapy in the region (5 Minutes) (in person) Round table discussion (15 Minutes)	20 BEST OF THE BEST - Part 1 Moderator: Nukunté David Lionel Togbenon (Benin) Lindor Qunaj (USA) O-001 Baseline Bone Mineral Density (Bmd) In Black South African Women Newly Diagnosed With Breast Cancer (7 Minutes) Donald Tobaiwa (Zimbabwe) O-002 Broadening The Lens: Collaborative Policy Approaches For Advancing Lung Cancer Diagnostics In Zimbabwe's National Cancer Control Plan (2025–2030) (7 Minutes) Wala Ben Kridis (Tunisia) O-003 Correlations Between Cd155 And Breast Cancer Prognosis (7 Minutes) Ricardo J. Pinto (Portugal) O-004 Whole Exomic Profiling Of Angolan And Cape Verde Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Cases (7 Minutes) Adewale Abdulwasu Aderounmu (Nigeria) O-005 Characterizing Colorectal Liver Metastases In Nigeria: A Prospective Multicenter Database Review (7 Minutes) Olusegun Isaac Alatisie (Nigeria) O-006 A Customized Colorectal Cancer Early Diagnosis Program In Nigeria Can Identify Patients With Advanced Adenomas And Early-Stage Cancer (7 Minutes) Arfaoui Abir (Tunisia) O-007 Targeting Breast Cancer Stem Cells: A Promising Therapeutic Strategy (7 Minutes) Mariem Chouchen (Tunisia) O-008 Prediction Of Radiation-Induced Leukemia Risk In Nuclear Medicine Healthcare Professionals Using Deep Learning (7 Minutes) Amadou Soumaila (Niger) O-009 Mission Impact Au Niger En 2010, Quel Est Le Niveau De Mise En Œuvre Des Recommandations Prioritaires Apres La Reunion D'evaluation D'octobre 2020? (7 Minutes) <i>Bozica Kallab (UKA) O-010 The 1000 Global Kollorochin Bioscience Building</i>	Cancer Registration in Sub Saharan Africa (AFCRN) Facilitator: Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) Moderator: Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) Cesaltina Lorenzoni (Mozambique) The AFRCN - What it is and does? (8 minutes) Natasha Abraham (SA) Childhood Cancer Registration (8 minutes) Francis Zerd (Tanzania) Developing a national registry programme(8 minutes) Dybbri TEONSA (Burkina Faso) Collecting information on stage and survival in pBCRs (8 minutes) Dikarlo Plamena (Germany) Treatment and follow up studies in SSA (8 minutes) Gladys Chesumbai (Kenya) Globocan – How are the national estimates made (8 minutes)	AFRICAN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ONCOLOGY RESEARCH (ALTOR)	Shared Power, Shared Progress: Advancing Cancer Research in Africa Facilitators: Miriam Mutebi, Kenya & Randiak Alaro Moderators: Precious (Malawi) Brenda (Botswana) Three Lightning Talks (20 min) Global Partnerships, Local Impact: A Vision for U.S.–Africa Cancer Collaboration TBA Transformative Funding Models for African-Led Cancer Innovation, TBA From Transaction to Transformation: Scientific Collaboration Across Continents TBA Panel Discussion (30 min) Moderators: Precious (Malawi) Brenda (Botswana) Annet Nakaganda TBA Almaz Negash Role of Mentorship, Dual Identity, and Investment Abdul Samad Rabu Building Sustainable, Locally Owned Research Systems Keynote speakers Miriam Mutebi TBA Closing & Call to Action (5 min)
10:30 - 11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK AND EXHIBITION				

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11:00 - 12:00	Research for Impact: C/Can Cities as Knowledge Hubs Facilitators: Chris Chukwunyeri Meritxell Mallafré-Larrosa Chris Chukwunyeri Welcome and Opening (5 Minutes) Meritxell Mallafré-Larrosa The C/Can's research initiative: Advancing locally-led implementation research (5 Minutes) Ernest Kwasi Adjel Case study 1: TBA (5 Minutes) Catherine Nyongesa Case study 2: Nairobi needs assessment (5 Minutes) Q&A with case study presenters Moderated by Meritxell Mallafré-Larrosa (5 Minutes) Panel Discussion: Leveraging partnerships to strengthen research ecosystems in C/Can cities (30 Minutes) Moderators: Chris Chukwunyeri Meritxell Mallafré-Larrosa Panelists: Nwamaka Lasebikan Adedolapo Fasawe Andrew Hockey Elias Melly Miriam Mutebi Closing Remarks: Strengthening Africa's research ecosystem: C/Can's commitment to the AORTIC journal (5 Minutes)	MEDICAL TOURISM IN AFRICA Facilitators: Fidel Rubagumya (Rwanda) Nazik Hammad (Canada) Fidel Rubagumya (Rwanda) The Status of Medical Tourism for Cancer Treatment in Africa (15 Minutes) Sarah Kutika Patient Perspective, Ethical Considerations, and Health Equity(15 Minutes) Nazik Hammad (Canada) The Economics and Research Gaps in Oncology Medical Tourism (20 Minutes) Q&A (10 minutes)	Mind Over Malignancy: Addressing Mental Health in African Cancer Care Facilitator: Christian Ntzimira (Rwanda) Christian Ntzimira (Rwanda) TBA Yosra Berrazaga (Tunisia) TBA TBA	IBA Sponsored Industry Symposium Srinivas Chilukuri Strategic Steps Toward Proton Therapy in Africa: Insights from the Indian Experience	Moderator: Eulade Rugengamanzi (Rwanda) Lacy Hubbard (USA) LT-041 Integrating Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening at the Primary Care Level: The 2-in-1 Model in Low-Resource Settings (3 Mins) Sophie Hilda Lemoupa Makajo (Cameroon) LT-042 Home- Versus Hospital-Based Hpv Self-Sampling For Cervical Cancer Screening in Rural West Region Of Cameroon: A Cluster Randomised Controlled Trial (3 Mins) Solomon Asmare Endalew (Ethiopia) LT-043 Factor Analysis Of Determinants Influencing Cervical Cancer Survival: A Population-Based Study in Addis Ababa Ethiopia (2019–2023) (3 Mins) Eben Aje (Nigeria) LT-044 Unmasking Laterality: Clinicopathological Insights Into Nigerian Colorectal Cancer, A Five-Year Report From A Busy Oncology Centre In Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Mins) Tinashe A Mazhindu (Zimbabwe) LT-045 Retrospective Analysis Of The Lung Cancer Burden In Zimbabwe (3 Mins) Judith Mwansa-Kambafwile (South Africa) LT-046 Epidemiology Of Uterine Cancer In South Africa: 1986 To 2023 (3 Mins) Eliane Rohner (Switzerland) LT-047 Association of CD4 counts and HIV viremia with incident anal cancer diagnosis among people with HIV in South Africa (3 Mins) Maureen Billiga Tendwa (South Africa) LT-048 Comparative Analysis Of Radiation-induced Proctitis In Hypofractionated Versus Conventional Pelvic Radiotherapy For Cervical Cancer: Evaluating Incidence Risk, And Mitigation Strategies. (3 Mins) Amon Chirwa (Malawi) LT-049 Rituximab for multicentric Castleman disease (in Malawi) (3 Mins)
12:00 - 12:30	KEYNOTE SESSION 3 Adamu Addisie (Ethiopia) Implementing access, timeliness and quality cancer care for improved patient outcome in Africa				
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION / AORTIC COUNCIL MEETING (CLOSED)				
13:00 - 14:00		Varian Lunch Symposium Driving Efficiency and Innovation in Oncology Michael Stead (Varian) Moderator: José-Manuel Valentim (Varian) Riana Jackson Halcyon and IDENTIFY: Driving Precision and Confidence in Thoracic Radiotherapy Jacra van Staden Creation and Using RapidPlan in a Clinical Setting			
14:00 - 15:00	Piloted Interventions that Strengthened Health Systems to Improve Access to Cancer Care in sub-Saharan Africa (Supported by the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation) Facilitator: Christable Semondile (South Africa) Christable Semondile (South Africa) Welcome and Opening Remarks Thina Mathivha (South Africa) Improved Health Infrastructure and care coordination Lawrence Atundo (Kenya) Supporting Access to Health Services Usangiphile Buthelezi (South Africa) TBA Maseabata Ramathebane (Lesotho) Enhancing Human Resource Capabilities in Healthcare Themba Ginindza (South Africa) Generating Appropriate Body of Knowledge for Decision Making Questions, R. Answers/Discussions	HYPOFRACTIONATION IN AFRICA: WHAT IS NEW? Facilitator: Luca Incrocci (The Netherlands) Moderators: Luca Incrocci (The Netherlands) Wil Ngwa (USA) Abba Mallum (South Africa) Hypofractionation for prostate cancer: Final results of the HypoAfrica study Samuel Adeneye (Nigeria) Technical implementation of hypofractionation in African Centres Solomon Kibudde (Uganda) The HypoAfrica study for breast cancer, Onyinye Balogun (Gabon) HypoAfrica for cervical cancer: A feasibility study Lotfi Kochbati (Tunisia) Financial aspects of hypofractionation	COMMON SENSE ONCOLOGY (Supported by Queen's University) Session 1 – Introduction to CSO and African Priorities Facilitator: Omar Abdihamid (Kenya) Nazik Hammad Opening Statement (3 Minutes) Chris Booth History and Mandate of CSO (12 Minutes) Omar Abdihamid CSO Clinical Trials Checklist (10 Minutes) Verna Vanderpuye The African Context for CSO (10 Minutes) Fidel Rubagumya Cancer Policy in Africa: The Rwanda Case (10 Minutes) All Panelists Questions and Answers (15 Minutes)	ONCOLOGY PHARMACY - Bridging the Gap: Ensuring Equitable and Affordable Access to Cancer Medicines and Vaccines in Africa Facilitator: Samiratou Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) Anthelme Kouessi Agbodande (Benin) Access to essential medicines in palliative care: strengthening the supply chain and training prescribers (10 Minutes) Adel Hamdi (Tunisia) Making cancer medicines accessible in Africa: policies, regulation, and partnerships (10 Minutes) Salome Meyer (South Africa) How civil society can drive access to innovative and affordable cancer vaccines and medicines (Online - English) (10 Minutes) Venus Dadirai Mushinga (Zimbabwe) Pioneering local solutions to improve access: lessons from Zimbabwe's oncology supply chain and services (10 Minutes)	ESOPHAGEAL CANCER Facilitator: Akwi Asombang S Zarra (Tunisia) Upper gastro intestinal malignancy M Mwachiro (Kenya) TBA Lucio Lara Santos TBA

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09:00 - 10:00	IMPLEMENTING CANCER CARE INTO THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM Supported by Addis Ababa University Facilitator: Eva Kantelhardt (Germany) Chairs: Adamu A Blandina Mmbaga Moderators: Abigya Wondimagegnehu Tilahun (Ethiopia) Muluken Gizaw (Ethiopia) Sefonias Getachew Eric Kroeber Integrating eHealth into primary cancer care (10 Minutes) Muluken Gizaw Cervical cancer screening: challenges and opportunities (5 Minutes) Abigya Wondimagegnehu Tilahun (Ethiopia) Integrating psychosocial service into routine cancer care in Ethiopia Care (5 Minutes) Elima Jedy-Agba (Nigeria) Improving Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Rogathe Machange Capacity among community leaders to increas cervical cancer screening (5 Minutes) Gugulethu Tshabalala (South Africa) Traditional healers' perceptions (5 Minutes)	DATA SCIENCE Facilitator: Surbhi Grover (USA) Moderator: Surbhi Grover (USA) Rebecca Wong Cultivating clinical research & data science applications through mentoring (10 Minutes) Oluwatosin Ayeni Behind the Scenes: Establishing a Cervical Cancer Database in Radiation Oncology at the University of the Witwatersrand (10 Minutes) Solomon Kibudde Cervical Cancer Radiotherapy Trial in Uganda: Operational Challenges and Lessons Learnt (10 Minutes) Reginina Rangoiro Outcomes in Mozambique: Impact of an International Gynecologic Oncology Training Program (10 Minutes) Katherine Rendle Role of Implementation science in clinical research (10 Minutes) Q&A (10 Minutes)	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: STATUS OF NCCP IN AFRICA	Navigating the new funding landscape: Addressing challenges/barriers in research, mentorship, training, with the focus on developing actionable solutions based on lessons learned. Exploring and leveraging opportunities to strengthen and sustain equitable global health collaborations Panel Moderator: Rebecca DeBoer (USA) Panelists: Elia J. Mmbaga (Tanzania) Timothy Rabbeck (USA) Ghassan Abou-Alfa (USA) Folakemi Odedina (USA) Verna Vanderpuye (Ghana) Katherine Van Loon (USA) Q&A (15 minutes) Closing remarks (5 minutes)	20 BEST OF THE BEST - PART 2 Moderator: Matteo Bottegghi (Italy) Nashivai Kivuyo (Tanzania) O-013 Trends In Clinicodemographic Characteristics Of Breast Cancer: A 7-Year Analysis From Tanzania (7 mins) Eric Sven Kroeber (Germany) O-014 Cancer Patient-Reported Barriers To Surgery In Nine Sub-Saharan African Countries – A Survey Among Population-Based Registries (7 mins) Carole Metekoua (South Africa) O-015 Integration Of HIV-Status In Cancer Surveillance: A Call For Action (7 mins) Carole Metekoua (South Africa) O-016 Most Common Cancers By HIV Status And Sex In South Africa (7 mins) Mahmoud Denguir (Tunisia) O-017 Nulliparity's Unexpected Gift: Reproductive History Rewrites Triple Negative Breast Cancer Risk In A High-Consanguinity Tunisian Cohort (7 mins) Mercy Mitel (Kenya) O-018 Implementation And Impact Of A Virtual Multidisciplinary Tumor Board In Rural Kenya (7 mins) Alex Mremi (Tanzania) O-019 Prostate Cancer: The Burden, And Its Correlation With Prostate Specific Antigen Among Screened African Men In Tanzania (7 mins) GHASSAN ABOU-ALFA (USA) O-020 Hepatocellular Carcinoma Across Africa: Patterns Of Care (7 mins)
10:00 - 10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK AND EXHIBITION				
10:30 - 11:30	LIGHTNING TALKS - 5 Moderator: Houda Belfekih (Tunisia) Nashivai Kivuyo (Tanzania) LT-101 Molecular Subtyping And Risk Stratification Of Breast Cancer Patients In Tanzania (3 mins) Mamello Sekhoacha (South Africa) LT-102 Genetic Signatures For Distinguishing Chemo-Sensitive From Chemo-Resistant Responders In Prostate Cancer Patients (3 mins) Nwamaka Ngozika Lasebikan (Nigeria) LT-103 Precision Oncology In Africa: Progress And Challenges (3 mins) Hela Ayouni (Tunisia) LT-104 Assessing The Effectiveness Of Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy In Sparing The Axillary Lateral Vessel Thoracic Junction As An Organ At Risk For Predicting Breast Cancer-Related Lymphedema After Regional Nodal Irradiation (3 mins) Hela Ayouni (Tunisia) LT-105 An Assessment Of The Feasibility And Dosimetric Advantages Of Generalized Equivalent Uniform Dose-Assisted Optimization In Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy For Ultra-Hypofractionated Breast Irradiation (3 mins) Francis Hasford (Ghana) LT-106 Clinical Radiology Medical Physics Training In Ghana: An Iaea Success Story To Support Cancer Care In Africa (3 mins) Abba Mallum (South Africa) LT-107 Hypofractionated Radiotherapy As A Potential Alternative To Conventional Treatment For Cervical Cancer In Resource-Limited Environments: A Prospective Comparative Analysis (3 mins) Omar Nouri (Tunisia) LT-108 Impact Des Techniques Innovantes Sur Les Resultats Therapeutiques Du Cancer Du Col De L'uterus Localement Avancé (3 mins) <i>Kwidi Serey (Tunisia) LT-109 The Impact Of Controlled Breasition On Cardiac</i>	ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES IN AFRICA Eucharria Mushosho (Zimbabwe) Facilitators: Kofi Adesi Kyei (Ghana) Michelle Madzudo (Zimbabwe) Building a stronger RTT community in Africa: insights from a survey Paulo Yoram Furahini (Tanzania) Improving Radiation Services in Africa, the Role of the Radiation Therapists Caesar Oburu Barare (Kenya) Assessment of the issues confronting services and Planning in Radiotherapy: The Role of RTT. Solomon Nartey (Ghana) Process of Implementation and Change Management within the Oncology Fraternity: the RTT's Role	Cancer care: Where are we in Africa: Partnerships, collaborative efforts and the role of local professional societies Facilitator: Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Moderators: Jerry Ndumbalo (Kenya) Sitna Mwanzi (Kenya) Introduction to AORTIC collaborations and societies supported (7 mins) Munir Awol Ethiopian Society of Hematology and Oncology (ESHO), (7 mins) Gladwell Kiari (Kenya) Kenya Society of Haematology and Oncology (7 mins) Hesham Elzaghy & Nermean Moustapha Egyptian Cancer Society (7 mins) Jerry Ndumbalo Uganda Cancer Society (7 mins) Building intersociety collaborations : Discussion (20 mins) Moderator: Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Sitna Mwanzi Gladwell Kiarie Hesham Elzaghy Nermean Moustapha Jerry Ndumbalo Waleed Arafat (Ethiopia)	Blood In My Stool_ Stories of Colorectal Cancer Patients in Nigeria (Documentary) Moderator: Hannah Ayettey (Ghana) Mercy Sopuruchi Agui (Nigeria) Video: 45 (mins) Q&A / Discussion (15 mins)	LIGHTNING TALKS - 6 Moderator: Precious Makondli Nazima Dharsee (Tanzania) LT-121 Metastatic Patterns And Hormone Receptor Status Among Breast Cancer Patients In Tanzania (3 mins) Mary Jue Xu (Tanzania) LT-122 Prevalence Of Human Papillomavirus And Associated Risk Factors Among Patients With Head And Neck Cancer At A National Referral Center In Tanzania (3 mins) Darya Kizub (USA) LT-123 Outcomes of a two-year multi-level program to improve breast cancer early diagnosis in Côte d'Ivoire (3 mins) Noela Almada (Tanzania) LT-124 Survival Rates Of Vulva Cancer And Associated Factors Among Women Attended At Ocean Road Cancer Institute From January 2019 To December 2021 (3 mins) Carol Benn (South Africa) LT-125 Partnership Between Breast Oncology Surgical Services and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Unit Reduces Complications And Improves Outcomes (3 mins) Martina Byttner (Sweden) LT-126 Major Differences In Stage Of Cancer Diagnosis, Disease Presentation, And Outcomes For Patients With Pathological Fractures In Cape Town And Stockholm (3 mins) Asma Felfoul (Tunisia) LT-127 Desmoid Tumor : A Diagnostic And Therapeutic Challenge (3 mins) Asma Felfoul (Tunisia) LT-128 Anterior Resection Syndrome Of The Rectum: Predictive Factors (3 mins) Julie Ann Francis (Canada) LT-129 Bridging Continents: A Collaborative Approach to Developing Surgical and Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship in West Africa (3 mins) <i>Commonwealth (Gambia) LT-129 Survival And Estimated Impact Of</i>
11:30 - 12:00	CLOSING CEREMONY (AORTIC 2027 ANNOUNCEMENT) MC Hannah Ayettey (Ghana) Karim Khallout (Tunisia) AORTIC 2025 Local Organising Committee Chair (4 mins) 11:36 - 11:38AORTIC 2025 Programme Director / SG Hannah Ayettey AWARDS (2 mins) Miriam Mutebi (Kenya) Christopher Williams – Christopher Best Abstract Award (2 mins) Sergine Gueye – James & Jimmie Holland Best Abstract (2 mins) Verna Vanderpuye – Lynette Denny Best Abstract Award (2 mins) Hannah Ayettey Introduces new site AORTIC 2027 Video (10 mins) Handover to Florence Manjuh to introduce KESHO President KESHO President (AORTIC 2027 LOC Chair) on stage – Welcome to Kenya (2 min) Introduction of AORTIC 2026-2027 Council Address of the AORTIC President, Cesaltina Lorenzoni, for closing the AORTIC 2025 Conference (5 mins) Official Closure of the AORTIC 2025 Conference <i>TO BE ANNOUNCED</i>				