



Dear Colleagues,

This week, The Global Health Network is at the EDCTP Forum in Kigali, Rwanda, with many colleagues and friends that are a part of this community to showcase the progress and impact of collaborative programmes and projects that are driving equity in where research happens, who leads and who benefits from the evidence.

Also, don't miss the upcoming workshop from The Global Health Network Africa on *Harnessing Generative AI for Healthcare Innovations - Lessons, Challenges, and Future Directions*.

Here's all the latest news and updates from The Global Health Network.

Events

Richard T. Johnson Lecture: Persistent Challenges in the Management of HIV-Associated CNS Infections in the Era of Antiretroviral Therapy

Date & time: 18 June 2025 | 14:00 UTC+1

In sub-Saharan Africa, central nervous system (CNS) infections continue to cause significant morbidity and mortality in people with HIV despite widespread availability of antiretroviral therapy. This lecture will discuss the drivers of these persistent challenges and recent advances in diagnostics and therapeutics for HIV-related CNS infections.

Register for livestream of Richard T Johnson Lecture | Persistent Challenges in the Management of HIV-Associated CNS Infections in the Era of Antiretroviral Therapy

Biobank Culture Research in Latin America

Date & time: 18 June 2025 | 15:00 – 17:30 UTC+1

Languages: Spanish, English and Portuguese

The Biobank Culture Research Hybrid Event, part of the collaboration between The Global Health Network Latin America – Brazil & Peru, will bring together researchers and institutions to discuss key developments and experiences in biobank culture research.

The event will feature presentations on twinning initiatives, biobank projects across Brazil and Peru, and insights into biobanking infrastructure and ethical-regulatory reviews.

Join online and learn how biobanking is advancing health research in Latin America.

Register: Webinar del Twinning The Global Health Network Latinoamérica (TGHN LAC) Brasil–Perú

Workshop: Harnessing Generative AI for Healthcare Innovations - Lessons, Challenges, and Future Directions

Date & time: 24 July 2025 | 9:00-15:00 UTC+1

The Africa AI Health Forum (AAIHF) aims to create a platform for exploring the innovative potential of AI in healthcare delivery across Africa. The maiden edition will focus on generative AI technologies, particularly chatbots, and their role in enhancing disease prevention, control, and surveillance, as well as improving health system efficiency and equitable access to care. The event will showcase real-world AI applications in public health, address implementation challenges, and propose scalable solutions for integrating AI into healthcare systems. Perspectives from funders, regulators, and key stakeholders within the AI-for-health ecosystem in Africa will also be highlighted. Ultimately, the forum seeks to establish a sustainable community of practice to drive ongoing collaboration and innovation in AI-driven healthcare solutions.

Register for the workshop on Harnessing Generative AI for health care Innovations - Lessons, Challenges, and Future Directions

NIHR Guiding Principles for community engagement and involvement (CEI) launch webinar - 15 July 2025

Learn about the NIHR's Guiding Principles for CEI at the launch webinar on 15 July, hosted by the NIHR and CEI teams from NIHR awards.

Register for a session to hear:

- how to use the Principles in practice
- how they can add value to your CEI and global health research
- how and why they were developed

[Register to join the Presentations from Africa and Asia session](#) - 9am to 10.30am (UTC+1)

[Register to join the Presentations from Africa and South America session](#) - 3.30pm to 5pm (UTC+1)

News

ODIN AGM 2025: Advancing Pathogen Surveillance in Africa

From 26 to 28 May 2025, the ODIN Consortium held its third Annual General Meeting at Lund University, Sweden, uniting experts from Africa and Europe to review progress and plan next steps in strengthening environmental pathogen surveillance in sub-Saharan Africa. Supported by Horizon Europe and Global Health EDCTP3, ODIN aims to build sustainable genomic surveillance systems using mobile labs and technologies like

nanopore and Illumina, while empowering local institutions through capacity building and equitable knowledge sharing.

Key discussions showcased advances in bioinformatics training, data management, and the integration of surveillance into public health systems, with a strong focus on Mpox detection and response. Engagement with key stakeholders, including the Gates Foundation and WaterAid, reinforced ODIN's potential as a scalable, impactful platform. The meeting also marked new partnerships, reaffirming ODIN's commitment to inclusive collaboration and health systems resilience aligned with SDGs 3 and 6.

ODIN & ODIN-Mpox AGM 2025 – Advancing Environmental Surveillance in Africa

Training for the Optimization of Responsible Antibiotic Use to Reduce Microbial Resistance in Argentina

More than 100 healthcare professionals participated in the in-person workshop on 'Implementation of Appropriate Antimicrobial Use Programs in Outpatient Settings' by The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), held at the Public Maternal and Child Hospital in Salta, Argentina. The workshop covered strategies to reduce bacterial resistance, shared local experiences, and proposed concrete actions from the Appropriate Antimicrobial Use Program.

The activity was led by provincial health authorities and featured specialists such as Dr. Viviana Rodríguez, from the Institute of Clinical and Health Effectiveness (IECS) and coordinator of the capacity-building project in infectious diseases at The Global Health Network LAC. Dr Viviana gave one of the workshop's keynote presentations and emphasized: "We need teamwork, both on the part of health professionals and the community's commitment, to avoid using antibiotics without a prescription and to do so only when necessary."

Implementation of Programmes for Appropriate Antimicrobial Use in Outpatient Care

Find out how to conduct community engagement to feed into your funding application

Research funders are now demanding that researchers engage with communities to inform their application for funding. Often though, at the application-writing and planning stages of research there is limited or no funding for upstream stakeholder, community or public engagement. This guide aims at inspiring ideas on how to conduct engagement to feed into a funding proposal, where limited resources and budget are available.

Low-cost and Upstream Engagement for Funding Proposals

The Global Health Network is at the EDCTP Forum

The Twelfth EDCTP Forum on the theme Better Health through Global Research Partnerships and brings together policymakers, researchers and stakeholders to advance global health through policy debates, scientific workshops and networking.

The Global Health Network will showcase the progress and impact across its programmes and knowledge hubs: Mesh, EDCTP, AMR, AI for Global Health, The Global Health Network Africa, and Women in Global Health Research. These hubs serve as dynamic catalysts, broadening engagement, uptake, and impact across health research disciplines, diseases and regions. Through mobilising knowledge between organisations, geographies, and disease areas, the work drives equity in where research happens, who leads, and who benefits from the evidence.

Twelfth EDCTP Forum

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