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Dear Colleagues,

Are you involved in cancer research? You're invited to help build a collaborative global cancer research community.

Also, the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) is offering 30 scholarships to support African applicants taking their first step into postgraduate study through the University of Oxford's fully online Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research.

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

Upcoming Events

The "Engaged Institution": Transforming policies and academic culture for science in society

Date and time: 1 April 2026 | 12:00 - 13:30 BST

**The "Engaged Institution":
Transforming policies and academic
culture for science in society**

1 April 2026 | 12:00 BST | 12:00 WAT | 13:00 CAT | 14:00 EAT

Embedding Community and Public Engagement at the heart of African research institutions

Speakers:

Deborah Nyirenda, Group Head for Community Engagement and Bioethics Research Group at Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Programme (MLW)

Noni Mumba, Head of Engagement, KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP)

Charles Ogejo, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) specialist, Science for Africa

Chair:

Lillian N. Mutengu, Senior Programme Manager, Science Communication and Engagement, Science for Africa Foundation



Register



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The traditional "ivory tower" model of scientific research is increasingly being replaced by

a paradigm that values inclusivity, trust, and societal relevance. While Community and Public Engagement (CPE) has garnered attention as a critical element of the research ecosystem, its implementation often remains peripheral in research functions. In this second webinar of a four-part series, we sustain discussion on how to "Institutionalise" CPE within the African research context. This webinar will explore the necessary "systemic turn" required to shift CPE into a structural, sustainable part of the scientific research system - from organizational strategy, to developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and building the evidence base through Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL).

Register for the webinar: The "Engaged Institution": Transforming policies and academic culture for science in society

Protecting Women and Girls from the Impact of Climate Change

Date and time: 16 April 2026 | 08:00 - 09:30 BST

Climate change is a growing threat to global health, but its effects are not felt equally. Heat-related health risks are especially important during pregnancy, when exposure to extreme heat has been linked to preterm birth, stillbirth, low birth weight, preeclampsia, and gestational diabetes. Yet the biological pathways and social factors shaping these risks are still not fully understood.

This webinar will introduce the Heat in Pregnancy–India Consortium, a multidisciplinary research programme examining how extreme heat affects pregnant and lactating women. The consortium brings together three strands of work: population-level epidemiological analysis of heat and pregnancy outcomes; individual-level assessment of heat, humidity, air pollution, and physiological responses during and after pregnancy; and research into women's lived experiences alongside policy responses. Together, these findings aim to strengthen the evidence needed for climate-resilient maternal and newborn care.

Register for the webinar: Protecting Women and Girls from the Impact of Climate Change

From Hypothesis to Implementation: Designing Rigorous Clinical Trials in Gestational Diabetes

Date and time: 8 April 2026 | 12:00 GMT

The next Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative (HeLTI) early career researcher and trainee seminar will feature Dr. Lulu Wang, M.D., Physician, Obstetrics & Gynecology Hospital of Fudan University.

This seminar will explore how to better translate a scientific idea into a high-quality clinical trial in the field of gestational diabetes. Gestational diabetes represents a growing global health challenge that affects both maternal and fetal outcomes. Treatment decisions often rely on high-quality clinical evidence. Therefore, well-designed clinical trials are essential to evaluate new interventions, optimize management strategies, and improve pregnancy

outcomes. To join visit:

HeLTI Webinars and Events

News

Scholarships available for the University of Oxford's fully online part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research

Invest in your career and become an expert in global health research with the University of Oxford - the world's leading university. Now in its third year, the fully online Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research continues to empower health professionals and researchers worldwide to design, conduct, and report high-quality health research to address and eradicate diseases prevalent in low-resource settings.

This part time course is suitable for busy professionals who want to keep working or cannot travel, and aims to tackle inequities in health research leadership.

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Learn more:

Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research

Calling cancer researchers: Help build a collaborative global cancer research community

The Global Cancer Research Hub invites you to share your views on the barriers and gaps that exist across cancer care, from screening and diagnosis to treatment and clinical research.

By capturing perspectives on priority cancers, challenges, capacity needs, and opportunities, the survey aims to highlight areas where training, infrastructure, and policy support can strengthen cancer care and research, and to identify potential partners for collaborative action. The results from the survey will help inform future resources and activities on the Global Cancer Research Knowledge Hub. It takes an estimated 10-15 minutes.

[Access the survey here: Global Cancer Research Knowledge hub](#)

New course module: Ethical, legal, and practical concerns for data reuse

The latest module in the *Data and Sample Governance for Biomedical Research* course, Ethical, legal, and practical concerns for data reuse, is now available.

This free, online course is designed for researchers, data stewards, ethics committee members, funders, and policymakers working to enable equitable, cross-national partnerships and build transparent, responsible, and responsive governance for biomedical data and sample reuse.

This course was developed by the European Clinical Research Alliance on Infectious Diseases (ECRAID) and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism for Cohorts and Trials Project (CoMeCT), the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO), CERCLE – the Coalition for Equitable Research in Low-Resource Settings, the World Health Organization’s Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO TDR), and The Global Health Network, to address a growing gap between the increasing need to reuse biomedical data and samples and the skills required to govern that reuse responsibly.

Data and Sample Governance for Biomedical Research

Strengthening early research skills through in-person Health Research Bootcamp in Colombia

The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and partners delivered a face-to-face workshop titled *Health Research Bootcamp* as part of their efforts to strengthen health research capacity in the region.

Medical students from universities across Cali, Colombia, participated in this in-person workshop, which emphasised collaborative work, peer learning, and the development of concrete outputs. The workshop aimed to provide practical tools to enable participants to join research groups or initiate small research projects, grounded in a strong and responsible research foundation.

For more information and to access the presentations (available in Spanish), visit:

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