

## AHC AFYAFEST

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 | Venue: Hyatt Regency, Westlands Nairobi, Kenya

### Programme

#### Objectives

To provide a multi-stakeholder platform that brings together youth innovators, higher education institutions, health professionals, private sector partners, and governments across Africa to:

1. Co-develop and showcase high-potential solutions addressing PHC access and quality.
2. Validate business models and product-market fit for scalable health innovations.
3. Promote regional collaboration and peer-to-peer learning across regions.
4. Connect innovators to policy actors, investors, and incubators for acceleration and scale.

#### Focus Areas / Hackathon Tracks

1	Maternal and Child Health,
2	NCDs & Mental Health
3	Climate & Health,
4	Global Health Security

#### 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- Arrival of international delegates
- Airport transfers and hotels check in

### Day 1: 26th August 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker	Moderators
8.30 – 9.00 am	Arrival and registration		Event MC
9.00 – 10.00 am	Opening session	<p>Remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Youth representative: Setting scene</b> -Youth for Afya Coalition</li> <li>○ <b>Prof Joachim Osur</b> - Vice Chancellor, Amref International University (AMIU)</li> <li>○ <b>Dr Githinji Gitahi</b> - Group Chief Executive Officer, Amref</li> <li>○ <b>Dr Edwina Apaw</b> - Program Manager for the Africa Health Collaborative, University of Toronto</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Emmanuela Alimlim</b> - Lead, Health Collaborative, Special Programs, The Mastercard Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Key-note speaker - 7min</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Kanini Mutooni</b> - Managing Director, Africa, Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Caroline Mbindyo</b> - Chief Innovation Officer
10:00 -11:00 am		<p><b>Plenary: Health as an economic sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Marie Christelle Igihozo</b> - Regional manager, East Africa and Bangladesh, Bridges for Billions: Young people as creators/solution bulilders</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Immanuel Momanyi</b> - Director Health Tech Hub. Health as an economic sector</li> <li>○ <b>Mr .Andrew Gwadiwa</b>- Associate Director - Lead, Social Business &amp; Investments - Boehringer Ingelheim: Health as an economic sector</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Florence Tembo</b>, Young Women in Action, Zambia</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Laura Mugambi</b> - ALU

11. 00 – 11.30 AM		Health Break			
Parallel Sessions: Breakout into 4 thematic tracks					
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Fireside chat	Maternal and child health	NCDs	Climate & Health	Global Health Security
	Speakers	Mr. Emmanuel Kamuhire - Founder, A-lite Uganda	Ms. Naom Monari- Founder, Benacare (Kenya)	Ms. Sarah Kosgei, Programme Manager, Public Health Security and Climate and Health, Amref Health Africa.	Eng. Wambui Nyabero - CEO, MedDevice Africa
		Mr. John Kutna- Program Manager, MNCH, Amref	Dr. Daphne Ngunjiri - CEO, Access Afya	Ms. Sharlin Mugo - Environmental Compliance and Executive Assistant, Drop Access	Dr. Loice Achieng- CEMA
		Dr. Job Makoyo- Country Director, Jacaranda Health	Dr. Catherine Kanari - Universal Health Coverage Lead		Dr. George Michuki - BioLinks
		Ms. Muzalema Mwanza - Safe Mother Hood Alliance (Zambia)	Mr. Moses Waweru -Senior Program Manager, Villgro	Ms. Charlot Magayi - Founder and CEO, Mukuru Clean Stoves	Dr. Gathai Mundia, Secretary General of the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya - Young Pharmacists Group
		Ms. Malkia John- Executive Director of Sauti Salama	Dr. Clara Mugambi Insuhold	Mr .Glenn Digollo - Founder, PeerCarbon	Mr. Boniface Mbuthia- Technical Programme Manager
		Mr. Jackson Mwatha, Head, Investments and Transaction Services, Villgro		Mr. Benjamin Barwa, Accelerator Program Lead, Villgro	Mr. Immanuel Momanyi, Advisory Services Lead/Director Health Tech Hub, Villgro
				Dr. Gloria Nashipae - Youth Afya Coalition	
	Moderators	Mr. Osaretin Obano- Executive Director, Africa Impact Initiative	Dr. Meggie Mwoka, Innovation Manager, Amref Health Africa	Mr. Dave Fenton- Assistant Director, External Relations, University of Toronto	Prof. Tammary- Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Amref International University
1:00 –2:00 pm		Lunch break			
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Founders circle	Getting to know each other (mentors and ventures)			
3.00 – 5.00 pm Breakout room	Studio time	Maternal and child health	NCDs	Climate & Health	Global Health Security



		<b>Entrepreneurs and Mentors</b> 1-1 sessions between entrepreneurs and enablers, AHC members, investors, and technical experts
6:00 -9:00 PM		<b>Formal Dinner</b>



## Day 2: 27th August 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker	Moderators
8.30 – 9.00 am	Check in to conference venue	----	----
9.00 – 12.30 pm	Quests (4 quests for each of the thematic areas) / Parallel Youth engagement session		
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch break		
2.00 – 2:45 pm  Plenary Room	Masterclass session: What is the right path for me: Investment readiness pathways 101 and Business Model considerations for an early-stage startup	Mr. Sewu-Steve Tawia - Jaza Rift	
15 min	Health break		
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Masterclass session: Maneuvering public sector for solution adoption; regulations	Mr. Sewu-Steve Tawia - Jaza Rift	
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Studio time	Entrepreneurs and Mentors  1-1 sessions between entrepreneurs and enablers, AHC members, investors, and technical experts	
6:00 -9:00 pm	AHC meeting  (closed session)		Mr. Dave Fenton - Assistant Director, External Relations, University of Toronto

## Day 2: Parallel Youth Event (HECO)

### Session Title: Beyond the Idea: Catalyzing Youth-Led Health Enterprises for Scale and Impact

Attendees: Youth Afya Coalition/AMIU students

Session Format: Interactive session combining a panel, storytelling, innovation showcase, and structured peer exchange.

Time	Segment Description
9:00 – 9:10 am	○ Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:10 – 9:55 am	○ <b>Power Panel:</b> From Passion to Enterprise
9:55 – 10:25 am	○ <b>Health Break &amp; Networking</b>
10:25 – 11:30 am	○ Building Investor-Ready Models – Crafting viable business models & funding strategies. ○ Navigating Policy & Regulation – Collaborating with government and navigating approval processes. ○ Strengthening Peer Support Systems – How youth can mentor, collaborate, and co-create.
11:30am – 12:30 pm	○ <b>Open forum and closing</b>

### Day 3: 28th August 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker	Moderator
9:00 – 10:45 am	Studio time		
10.45 – 11.00 am		Health break	
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	Pitch presentation- Exhibition booth style	----	Room judges
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch break		
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Final Pitch sessions Winner selected Award ceremony	<p>Jury: (proposal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Sharon Batamuriza</b>, Madiro, Fund Manager</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Rowena Luk-Africa</b> Health Ventures</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Caroline Mbindyo</b>- Chief Innovation Officer, AMREF</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. .Wilberforce Owusu-Ansah</b>- AHC HENT Pillar lead, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Elhadj Ahm Demba Ba Gahn</b>, Founder, Gahn Consulting.</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Paul Santerre</b>, Director of the Health Innovation Hub, University of Toronto</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Roneek Vora</b>, Sales and Marketing Director, Revital</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Rhoda Philip and Dr. Princess Acheampong</b>
4:00-4:30 pm	Awards Ceremony		
4:30-5:00 pm	Closing remarks	Youth entrepreneur representative	
Close of the AfyaFest			