



# Conference Agenda

South African Standard Time

Hybrid Format  
Online & In-person

19 OCT / DAY 01	Sessions
09:00 am- 10:00am	WPA Members Council Meeting (WPA members only)
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Coffee Break
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Inauguration of the Conference Andrew Spiegel (Chair, WPA) Regina Kamoga (Founding Director, WPA), Hussain Jafri (CEO, WPA)
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Session-1   Access to Healthcare</b> Chair: <b>Dr. Ames Dhai</b> , World Medical Association/South African Medical Research Council, South Africa Moderator: <b>Candace Henley</b> , Global Colon Cancer Association, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Patient Journey in Access to Healthcare <b>Boitumelo Ramasodi</b>, Global Colon Cancer Association, South Africa</li><li>2. UHC: Moving Towards Better Health <b>Dr. Mondher Letaif</b>, World Health Organization, Egypt</li><li>3. Collaborating for Access to Healthcare <b>Andre Gitembagara</b>, International Council of Nurses, Rwanda</li><li>4. Driving Quality Care in UHC <b>Dr. Relebohile Ncha</b>, International Hospitals Federation, South Africa</li></ul>
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Session-2   Panel Discussion: Patient Engagement in Regulatory Issues</b> Chair: <b>Carsten Engel</b> , The International Society for Quality in Healthcare, Ireland Moderator: <b>Andrew Spiegel Esq.</b> , Chair WPA, USA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Vanessa Msengezi</b>, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, South Africa</li><li>2. <b>Dr. Wendy Cupido</b>, Roche Pharmaceuticals, South Africa</li><li>3. <b>Dr. David Nahamya</b>, NDA Uganda</li><li>4. <b>Regina Namata Kamoga</b>, Community Health and Information Network (CHAIN), Uganda</li></ul>
12:15 pm – 01:00 pm	<b>Session-3   Panel Discussion: Capacity Building &amp; Cultivating NextGenPatient Advocacy Leaders</b> Chair: <b>Karla Ruiz de Castilla</b> , Esperantra, Peru Moderator: <b>Emma Andrews</b> , Pfizer, USA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Aviva Nassimi</b>, Reputation Communications, Pfizer, USA</li><li>2. <b>Farida Mwatia</b>, Patient Advocacy Manager, Pfizer</li><li>3. <b>Regina Namata Kamoga</b>, CHAIN, Uganda</li></ul>
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Group Photo   Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	<b>Session-4   Self-Care</b> Chair: <b>Anas Nofal</b> , Axios, UAE Moderator: <b>Inge Dhamanti</b> , Center of Excellence for Patient Safety and Quality, Indonesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Self-care Implementation Framework <b>Dr. Manjulaa Narasimhan</b>, World Health Organization, Switzerland</li><li>2. The Global Self-Care Movement: Embracing Wellness on a Global Scale <b>Nicola Brink</b>, Self-care Association, South Africa</li><li>3. Self-care in chronic conditions <b>Jolanta Bilinska</b>, Patient Safety Foundation, Poland</li></ul>
03:00 pm – 04:30 pm	<b>Session-5   Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare</b> Chair: <b>Edmund Lau</b> , Psoriasis Association of Singapore, Singapore Moderator: <b>Nicole Sheahan</b> , Global Colon Cancer Association, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. AI in Healthcare: What the Future holds <b>Anupam Kashyap</b>, CureMD, USA</li><li>2. Ethics, Promises &amp; Perils of AI <b>Ravi Prasad</b>, University of California, Davis, USA</li><li>3. Navigating AI: Patient Insights &amp; Experiences <b>Victor Moreno</b>, Global Allergy &amp; Airways Patient Platform, Austria</li></ul>
04:30 pm – 05:00 pm	<b>Session-6   Social Media for Patient Organization</b> Chair: <b>Ibrahima Madougou Moubarak</b> , Ligue Nigérienne de lutte contre le cancer, Niger Moderator: <b>Vildana Mujkic</b> , Association of Patients with Allergies, Asthma and Atopic Dermatitis, Bosnia & Herzegovina <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Social Media for Patient Organization <b>Ravi Ruparel</b>, Platform Worldwide, United Kingdom</li></ul>
05:00 pm	Coffee Break End of Day-1



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20 OCT   DAY 02	Sessions
09:00 am – 10:00 am	<div><b>Session-7   Patient Safety</b> Chair: <b>Shin Ushiro</b>, Kyushu University Hospital, Japan Moderator: <b>Helen Haskell</b>, Chair, WPA Patient Safety &amp; Quality Council, USA</div> <div><div><div>1.</div><div>Introduction: Patient Experience Around the World - Thoughts Behind the Global Patient Safety Action PlanObjectives</div><div>Neelam Dhingra, Joint Commission International, USA</div></div><div><div>2.</div><div>Overview of The Global Patients Safety Action Plan</div><div>Dr. Ayda Taha, World Health Organization, Switzerland</div></div><div><div>3.</div><div>The Saudi Experience in Patient Empowerment</div><div>Mecciya Majrashi, Saudi Patient Safety Center, Saudi Arabia</div></div></div> <div><b>Panel Discussion: Roles of Patients, Family and Community Around the World</b> Panelists:<div><div>1.</div><div>Regina Namata Kamoga, Executive Director, CHAIN, Uganda</div></div><div><div>2.</div><div>JS Arora, National Thalassemia Welfare Society, India</div></div></div>
10:00 am – 10:20 am	<div><b>Session-8   Launch of Patient Stories Books</b> Chair: <b>Bettina Borisch</b>, World Federation of Public Health Associations, Switzerland Moderator: <b>Hussain Jafri</b>, CEO WPA, USA</div> <div><div><div>1.</div><div>Patient Stories Books: From Awareness to Action - EducatingChildren for Safer Healthcare Practices</div><div>Lais Junqueira, Elsevier Publications</div></div></div>
10:20 am – 11:20 am	<div><b>Session-9   Panel Discussion: Patient-Centered Care: Supporting ThoseWho Care for Us</b> Chair: <b>Dr. Relebohile Ncha</b>, International Hospital Federation/NationalDepartment of Health, South Africa Moderator: <b>Tonya Winders</b>, Global Allergy &amp; Airways Patient Platform, USA Panelists:<div><div>1.</div><div>Andre Gitembagara, International Council of Nurses, Rwanda</div></div><div><div>2.</div><div>Bob Mash, World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), South Africa</div></div><div><div>3.</div><div>Bettina Borisch, WFPHA, Switzerland</div></div><div><div>4.</div><div>Dr. Ames Dhai, World Medical Association/South African Medical Research Council, South Africa</div></div><div><div>5.</div><div>Danjuma Adda, Centre for Initiative and Development, Nigeria</div></div></div>
11:20 am -11:50 am	Coffee Break
11:50 am –12:30 pm	<div><b>Session-10   Caregiving</b> Chair: <b>Prof. Wojciech Drygas</b>, Patient Safety Foundation, Poland Moderator: <b>Penney Cowan</b>, Founding Director, World Patients Alliance, USA</div> <div><div><div>1.</div><div>Embracing Carers, a Global Initiative to Build Awareness and Recognition of Carers</div><div>Tone Brauti Fritzen, Merck KGaA Darmstadt, Germany</div></div><div><div>2.</div><div>Navigating the Caregiving Journey: Challenges, Rewards, and Resilience</div><div>Anil Patil, Carers Worldwide, United Kingdom</div></div></div>
12:30 pm – 01:30 pm	<div><b>Session-11   Fundraising Basics and Build Your Donor Base Through Community Events</b> Chair: <b>Fatima Seedat</b>, South African Depression &amp; Anxiety Group, South Africa Moderator: <b>Jolanta Bilinska</b>, Patient Safety Foundation, Poland</div> <div><div><div>1.</div><div>Fundraising Basics and Build Your Donor Base Through Community Events</div><div>Nicole Sheahan, Global Colon Cancer Association, USA</div><div>Francisco Freyria Sutcliffe, Fundación FUTEJE, Mexico</div></div></div>
01:30 pm -02:30 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm – 06:00 pm	African Regional Meeting
06:00 pm	Coffee Break
End of Conference	





# African Regional Meeting

## Strengthening the Patient Voice in Africa

**Goal:** Bring together patient advocates and key stakeholders to share knowledge, experiences, and strategies for addressing patient needs in Africa.

20 OCT   DAY 02	SOUTH AFRICAN STANDARD TIME
2:30 pm	Opening Session
02:30 pm – 02:35 pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Andrew Spiegel, Chair, WPA
02:35 pm – 02:45 pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Hussain Jafri, CEO, WPA
02: 45 pm – 03:00 pm	<b>Overview of the Meeting</b> Regina M.N. Kamoga, Founding Director, WPA
03: 00 pm – 03:15 pm	<b>Access to Quality and Safe Care</b> Keynote Speech: African Union (AU) Vanessa Msengezi, Policy Advocacy Officer, African Union, South Africa
03: 15 pm – 04:00 pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Challenges and opportunities in accessing quality and safe care in Africa; Role of key healthcare Stakeholders</b> Session Moderator: Rebbeca Chirenga, Women in Communities, Zimbabwe Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr. David Nahamya, NDA Uganda</li><li>2. Bada Pharasi, IPASA, South Africa</li><li>3. Fatima Seedat, SADAG, South Africa</li><li>4. Ernest Konadu, NCCRM, Ghana</li></ol> <b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
04:00 pm – 04:30 pm	<b>Advocacy: Understanding the Patient Advocacy Landscape in Africa</b> Case Study: Sharing Successful Advocacy Models or Best Practices for Shared Learning Fatima Seedat, SADAG, South Africa
04:30 pm – 05:00 pm	<b>Research and Data Collection for Evidence-Based Advocacy</b> Case Study: Using National Open Database to Generate Evidence for Patient Safety Advocacy - Uganda Case Cecilia Nantume, CHAIN, Uganda
05:00 pm – 06:00 pm	<b>Group work</b> Questions for 04 groups: East, west, North and South Africa <b>1. Advocacy</b> Group Leader: Ebenezer Ad Adams, SASNET, Ghana <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss barriers to patient advocacy in Africa and how these can be addressed.</li><li>• Strategy for Member recruitment to increase membership in Africa.</li></ul> <b>2. Collaboration</b> Group Leader: Tchounzou Robert, HIPS, Cameroon <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can we leverage partnerships with healthcare stakeholders for effective patient advocacy in Africa?</li><li>• Action Planning: Stakeholder mapping – identify key stakeholders, their roles and strategy for engagement.</li></ul> <b>3. Capacity Building</b> Group Leader: Boitumelo Ramasodi, Global Colon Cancer Association, South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify key areas for capacity building for patient advocates in Africa.</li><li>• What strategies can be implemented to ensure sustainable capacity building for patient advocates in Africa?</li></ul> <b>4. Research and data collection</b> Group Leader: Dukeshimana Patient, NCD Alliance. Rwanda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What challenges exist in collecting and using reliable data to support evidence-based advocacy efforts in Africa? How can these be addressed?</li><li>• How can patient advocates be more involved in research to ensure it meets the needs of the patient?</li></ul>
06:00 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>End of Conference</b>