

Program Schedule

GACOPA East Africa Scientific Conference



Venue: Elilly International Hotel
Addis Ababa



Date: April 27–30, 2025

| Day 0 – April 27, 2025 (Health Facility Visit) | Activity | Session facilitators/ Coordinators |
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| Half Day (1pm-5pm) | Learning Visit to Yikatit Hospital Janmeda Health center (Arada Sub city) Amoraw Health Center (LemiKura Sub city) | Mr Alemu – Hospital CEO & PHOA-E – Past Board Member Dr Getachew Eldeyohannes- PHOA-E -Board Member Mr Mulugeta Abate- PHOA-E -Board Member Dr Serkalem Girma- PHOA-E -Board President Mr Habtamu Belachew- PHOA-E- Executive Director Selam Girmay PHOA-E- CPD coordinator |

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| Day 1 – April 28 2025 (Opening Ceremony & Networking) | | | |
| 8:00 – 9:30 Am | Delegates Registration & Networking | | |
| 09:30 – 11:00 Am | Welcome & Keynote Speeches | Mr Asayehegn Tekest- PHOAE- Immediate Past President Mr. David K Njeru- Chairman clinical medicine department Faculty of health sciences Egerton University, Kenya | Dr Serkalem Girma -PHOA-E President Mr Austin Oduor- GACOPA President Prof Simon Kang'ethe- Chairman Clinical Officers Council Dr Alemayehu Mekonnen- EPAA Chair Dr Abebe Shibrú- MSI Ethiopia Country Director Scott Smalley- IAPEA Immediate Past President |
| | Welcome Note by the Public health Officer's association of Ethiopia (PHOAE) | | |
| | Keynote Address by GACOPA President Austin Oduor Otieno and Introduction of GACOPA IEC & EA Executives | | |
| | Prof Simon Kangethe-School of Medicine, Department of Medical Education Moi University Kenya & Chairman Clinical Officers Council of Kenya | | |
| | Remarks by Professional Associations Alliance (EPAA)-Dr Alemayehu Mekonnen | | |
| | Remarks by MSI Ethiopia Reproductive Choices -Dr Abebe Shibrú | | |
| | Key note address by Scott Smalley- Immediate Past President of IAPAE | | |

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| 11:00 Am – 12:30 PM | Official Opening by Minister for Health Ethiopia and Chief Guest | | H. E Maj (RTD)Prof Dhadho Godhana, Governor of Tana River - Kenya H.E Dr Ayele Teshome, State Minister of Health Ethiopia |
| | Award and recognition Ceremony Research Excellence Award, 2025 Lifetime Achievement Senior Health Officer Award, 2025 Excellence in Primary Health Care Service Delivery Award, 2025 Public Health Leadership Award, 2025 Pioneer Award in Public Health Officer Education | | Mr Mulugeta Abate- PHOA- Board President Dr Tsion Assefa- PHOA-E V. President Meseret Demissie- PHOA-E Board |
| | GACOPA Awards Outstanding Clinical and Public Practitioner of the year 2024/2025 – East Africa Best Clinical Practitioner in (Excellence and Leadership – East Africa GACOPA Presidents Award | Mr Asayehegn Tekest- PHOAE- Immediate Past President Mr. David K Njeru- Chairman clinical medicine department Faculty of health sciences Egerton University, Kenya | Mr Fitsum Taye -GACOPA EA Chapter Dr Sibhatu Biadgilign- PHOA-E Board |
| | Award for Conference Sponsors MOH EPHA MSI Ethiopia EPHI | | Mr Habtamu Belachew- PHOA-E- Executive Director Dr Serkalem Girma -PHOA-E President |
| 12:30 – 01:30 PM | Lunch Break & Poster Presentation Visit | Dr Getachew W/Yohannes- PHOA-E Board Mr Aman Yesuf- PHOA-E Board | |

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| Day 1 – April 28, 2025 (Scientific Sessions & Discussions) | | Dr Bereket Yakob- EPHOA-E Past board member | |
| 02:00 – 03:00 pm | Panel Discussion I: “Country Experience on the Evolving Role of CO/HO/PAs Towards Achieving UHC | Peterson Wachira- Moderator | Dr Tsion Assefa (Ethiopia) Mary Boniface (Kenya) Annet Namugosa – (Uganda) Caara Namugosa (Uganda) Joseph Kamfwa (Zambia) Scot Smalley (South Africa) Ibrahim Wako (Kenya) Nyamutale Peter (Uganda) |
| 03:30 – 03:30 pm | Q&A on Panel Discussion | Peterson Wachira | PHOAE & |
| 03:30 – 04:00 pm | Tea Break | | |
| 04:00 – 4:10 | LOOOP Curriculum Introduction and progress update | Scott Smalley- IAPAE President | Moderators Fitsum Taye Annet Namugosa |
| 4:10- 4:20 | Primary Care Model in Practice; Advancing UHC prevention and control of NCDs in East Africa. | Sylvester Okumu Ogutu | |
| 4:20- 4:30 | Respiratory Pathogen Burden and Co-Infections Among Healthcare Workers and Community Members in Ethiopia | Eyob Girma Abera | |
| 4:30- 4:40 | Residence-based disparities of Composite Index of Anthropometric Failures in East African under five children | Aznamariam Ayres | |
| 4:40- 4:50 | Unveiling the full picture of malnutrition: | Amare Muche | |
| 4:50- 5:00 | Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) training in Ethiopia | Dr Lemessa Oljira | |
| 5:00- 5:10 | Achievements of the Ethiopian Medical Association in the Health Workforce Improvement Program | Tigist Mekonnen | |
| 05:10 – 05:30 PM | Closing Remarks | Mr Austin Oduor – GACOPA President Dr Serkalem Girma- PHOA-E President | PHOAE, Prana Events |

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| Day 2 – April 29, 2025 (Research & Global Perspectives) | Session / Activity | Margaret Maina | |
| 08:00 – 08:30 AM | Registration & Networking | | PHOAE and Prana |
| 08:30 – 09:30 AM | Panel Discussion II: “Globalization of Our Cadres” One Cadre one voice” | Scott Smalley –IAPAE -Moderator | Peterson Wachira - Kenya Austin Oduor -GACOPA Tom Nyakaba - Kenya Annet Namugosa – Uganda Margaret Wambui -IAPAE Neba Jones – Zambia Dr Tesfaye Bulto- Ethiopia |
| 09:30 – 10:00 AM | Q&A on Panel Discussion | Scot Smalley -IAPAE | |
| 10:30 – 12:30 PM | Panel Discussion III: Navigating the Intersection of Legislation, Health, and Finance: Strategies for Sustainable Health Systems” | Prof Simon Kangethe - Moderator | George Gibore – Kenya Kelvin Kaunda - Zambia Dr Bardad Saleh-Kenya Scot Smalley - South Africa Prof John Charles Okiria -Uganda Hon Edward Ziro-Kenya Dr. Molla Alemayehu -Ethiopia |
| 12:30 – 01:30 PM | Lunch Break & Poster Presentation Visit | Dr Getachew W/Yohannes- PHOA-E Board Mr Aman Yesuf- PHOA-E Board | PHOAE |

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| 01:30 – 03:00 PM | Panel Discussion IV: Strengthening the Health Workforce in Primary Health Care: Challenges and Solutions | Mr. Assegid Samuel - Lead Executive Officer for Human Resources for Health Development and Improvement MOH - Moderator | Caroline Ngari (Kenya) Dr Shelemo Shawula(USAID Ethiopia -Senior HRH Advisor) Dr Daniel Dejene (HWIP COP -Ethiopia) Dr Safina Museene(Uganda) Abraham Zerihun (Country Director Last Mile Health- Ethiopia) Dr Abenet Zeleke – IIFPHC Lavenda Akinyi – Kenya |
| 03:00 – 03:30 PM | Tea Break | PHOA-E | |
| 03:30 – 05:30 PM | Award Ceremony for Best Oral presenter and best panelist | Edward Kiwanuka Mr Aman Yesuf- PHOA-E Board Mr Mulugeta Abate- PHOA-E Board | |
| | Closing Remarks | Mr Stanley Chitekwe- Chief of Nutrition, UNICEF Ethiopia country office H.E Dr Tadele Buraka, Deputy Chairman of health, social development culture and sport affairs of standing committee in house of people representative of Ethiopia Mr Austin Oduor – GACOPA, President Dr Serkalem Girma- PHOA-E President | |
| 6:30-10pm | Gala Dinner | Yod Abyssinia Traditional Restaurant | Guest of Honour H. E George M Orina Kenya's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia & Permanent Representative to the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) |

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| Day 4 – April 30, 2025 (City Tour & Cultural Experience) | | |
| All Day | <p>City Tour & Park Visits</p> <p>City Tour & Park Visits (Including Adwa victory Adwa Victory Memorial – – Museum)</p> <p>(Including Menelik Palace)</p> <p>Note: Book tickets in advance and contact the organizing team for details.</p> | <p>Addis Ababa Tourism bureau</p> <p>Mr Habtamu Belachew</p> <p>Mr Fitsum Taye</p> <p>PHOA-E Volunteers</p> |