



Advancing IPC and AMS for a Safer Tomorrow

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AS AT 12 MARCH 2025

PRE-CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, 29 JUNE 2025

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS			
MEETING ROOM 1.61 - 1.62		MEETING ROOM 1.63 - 1.64	
10:00	13:00	Workshop 1 ICARS Chair: Annick Lenglet How to use intervention and implementation research to improve AMS and IPC in healthcare facilities? A hands-on practical workshop	Workshop 2 ICAN Education Workshop Chair: Chedly Azzouz Global perspectives and approaches to IPC education Speaker: Shaheen Mehtar
14:00	17:00	Workshop 3 Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) Chair: Stacey Mearns, E Beth Barrera Epidemic Ready Primary Health Care – the front line for IPC	Workshop 4 bioMerieux: GPPS Chair: Ann Vorsporten, Shaheen Mehtar Global PPS and Diagnostic Stewardship - BM

DAY 1 - MONDAY, 30 JUNE 2025

REGISTRATION					
MEETING ROOM 1.40		MEETING ROOM 1.61 - 1.62		MEETING ROOM 1.63 - 1.64	
09:00	10:30	OPENING CEREMONY			
09:00	09:15	Welcome to 9th ICAN Conference and a tribute to Prof Osama Rasslan Shaheen Mehtar, Chair- Conference and Scientific Committee			
09:15	09:30	Welcome Address Chedly Azzouz, ICAN Chair			
09:30	09:40	Country Roll Call			
09:40	10:30	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Global Action Plan Prof Benedetta Allegranzi, WHO HQ			
10:30	11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK MEET THE PRESS AND THE PODCAST WITH V JANABHAI			
11:00	12:30	Session 1 The interdependence of the Built Environment on IPC Facilitator: Briette du Toit Ludick, Kalivasar Murthi	Session 2 Applying Basic IPC Principles to Practice Facilitator:	Session 3 Applying point prevalence survey to enhance AMS on the African continent Facilitator: Ann Vorsporten bioMerieux	
11:00	11:30	Microbiome Interactions in Healthcare Settings Speaker: Kalivasar Marimuthu	Breath of fresh air in 2025: Respiratory protections for pathogens that transmit through the air Speaker: Keertan Dheda	Applying point prevalence survey to low resource settings- advantages and disadvantages Speaker: Ann Vorsporten	
11:30	12:00	The role of Architects in reducing infection risk Speaker: Duncan Brendell	Cutting infections, not corners: optimising peri-operative IPC for SSI reduction Speaker: Stefan Gebhardt	Data driven AMS: identifying gaps and potential for improved patient care Speaker: Caroline Theunissen	
12:00	12:30	Watersystems as a source of infection Speaker: Joost Hopman	Applying Evidence to Hierarchy of Controls Speaker: Reshma Misra	Case studies: 1. Outpatient antimicrobial prescribing in healthcare institutions versus antimicrobial dispensing in community pharmacies, AMS driven by the method of the Global-PPS - 15 min Speaker: Philip Oshun 2. The impact of GPPS in the South Africa inpatient setting- 15 min Speaker: Reshma Misra	
12:30	13:00	New Ventilation regulations in South Africa: A paradigm shift Speaker: Tobias van Reenen	Adapting IPC: Tailoring core practices to unique environments Speaker: Anifa Parker	Discussion and the way forward	
13:00	14:00	LUNCH			
14:00	16:00	Session 4 Effective surveillance in low resource settings. Facilitator: Elizabeth Schoeman, Ghada Ismail	Session 5 Strengthening IPC and AMS on the African Continent Facilitator: Chedly Azzouz and Jun Manda	Session 6 Implementation strategies for Patient Safety Facilitator: Molebogeng Kolonjane, Miekwe Eveline Ngwayi	
14:00	14:30	Surveillance systems in Africa- Identifying the Best Approach Speaker: Angela Dramowski	The strategic plan for IPC and AMS in Africa Speaker: Yewande Alimi	Embedding IPC into Everyday Clinical Practice: Bridging the Gap Between Policy and Implementation Speaker: Molebogeng Kolonjane	
14:30	15:00	Applying molecular methods to surveillance in low resource setting Speaker: Andrew Whitelaw	Building Capacity in the Global South: Sustainable Strategies for AMR Containment, Speaker: Reddy Ranga	Multidisciplinary Collaboration: The Key to Effective Patient Safety Implementation Speaker: Alethea Mashamba	
15:00	15:30	Using HAI data effectively - Effective Use of HAI Data in Decision-Making Speaker: Ghada Ismail	Implementation of sustainable IPC in Africa- the evidence Speaker: Babacar Ndoye	Behavioral Change and Culture Shifts: Strategies for Sustaining IPC Practices for Patient Safety Speaker: E Beth Barrera	
15:30	16:00	The role of waste water surveillance in outbreak detection. Speaker: Renee Street	Passing on the message - communication and commitment Speaker: Sade Ogunsoola	HCW Management Speaker: Ed Krisunas	
16:00	16:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
16:30	18:30	Session 7 Bringing about System Change in IPC for Africa- how to do it. Facilitator: Sade Ogunsoola, Damilola Adeniyi	Session 8 Health Economics C-section related SSI and AMR - insights, opportunities and challenges Esatly sponsored session	Session 9 Trials and tribulations of leadership for IPC Facilitator: Shaheen Mehtar	
16:30	17:00	Legal framework of IPC for Africa Speaker: Yewande Alimi	Strengths and weaknesses of existing data Importance of SSI and AMR Scientific review - Published data on C-section and birth rates in Africa Using health indicators to describe the need	Counting the cost of the IPC gap. What makes a good leader? Speaker: Shaheen Mehtar	

17:00	17:30	Financing IPC initiatives Speaker: Chipo Gwayagwaya	Health economic data collection in Africa - running trial Overview of 'Marlin' trial Which health economic data will be collected Impact of health economic data	Building Capacity: Developing Future IPC Leaders in African Healthcare Settings Speaker: Andy Bulubula
17:30	18:00	Practice IPC through research and Artificial Intelligence Speaker: Jim Ayukekbong	Health economic in daily work Understanding of health economics The beauty of health economic models Potential cost saving using innovative solutions	The Role of Leadership in Strengthening IPC Programs: Strategies for Sustainable Impact Speaker: Terence Carter
18:00	18:30	IPC Research in Africa for Africa: Time for action Speaker: Sade Ogunsoola	Panel discussion	Influencers of healthcare restrictions, in the name of IPC Speaker: Julie Storr
18:30	20:30	WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION EXHIBITION		
DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2025				
07:00	18:00	REGISTRATION		
		MEETING ROOM 1.40	MEETING ROOM 1.61 - 1.62	MEETING ROOM 1.63 - 1.64
		BREAKFAST SESSIONS		
08:00	09:00		Meet the Expert- Disinfection of endoscopes SAFMED	Transmission of HPV & Sexually transmitted diseases and prevention Seegene: Donald Westhuizen
09:00	09:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Climate Change and its impact on infectious diseases Dr Joost Hopman		
10:00	10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
		Session 10	Session 11	Session 12- to do
10:30	12:30	Navigating the Ripple Effect of Displaced persons on AMR and IPC Facilitator: Alethea Mashamba, Buyiswa Lizzie Sithole	How clean should a hospital environment be? Facilitator: Briette du Toit Ludick, Molebogeng Kolorjane	Decontamination of medical devices Facilitator: Ghada Ismail
10:30	11:00	Humans as transporters of AMR Speaker: Iman Hwedya	Missing reservoirs in the healthcare setting Speaker: Tari Papavarnavas	Safe recycling of single use medical devices- is this possible? Speaker: Ed Krisunas
11:00	11:30	Challenges in implementing IPC practices in displaced person and war torn areas Speaker: Buyiswa Lizzie Sithole	Cost effectiveness of an Environmental Cleaning programme Speaker: Briette du Toit Ludick	How do you know your medical devices are sterile? Validation Speaker: Gerald McDonald
11:30	12:00	Managing IPC with minimal resources: What works? Speaker: Alethea Mashamba	Using a multimodal implementation strategy to improve environmental cleaning Speaker: Damilola Adeniyi	Beyond the Grid: LPG Autoclaves Revolutionizing Infection Control in Rural Africa Speaker: Trevor Dyer
12:00	12:30	IPC in pandemic preparedness Speaker: Landry Kabega	Cleaners: unrecognised gatekeepers in healthcare (or something similar) Speaker: Elzma de Klerk	Challenges in providing sterile medical devices with limited resources Speaker: Vaatjie du Toit
12:30	13:30	LUNCH AND POSTER ROUNDS		
		Session 13	Session 14	Session 15
13:30	15:30	Old pathogens new places Facilitator: Arifa Parker, Lucille Blumberg	TBC	Postcards from the ICAN Hubs and Societies - success stories Facilitator: Jacob Gobte/ Adebola Olyinka
13:30	14:00	Re-emerging of infectious diseases (measles & Polio) Speaker: Adebola Olyinka	TBC	Northern and Southern Hubs success stories Speaker: Ghada Ismail, Chipo Gwayagwaya
14:00	14:30	Vector and zoonosis transmission Speaker: Wolfgang Preiser	TBC	Eastern and Western Hubs success stories Speaker: Damilola Adeniyi, Abayneh Melaku
14:30	15:00	One Health Speaker: Yewande Alimi		Central Hub success story Speaker: Mfiekwe Eveline Ngwagyi
15:00	15:30	Bioinformatics and tracking outbreaks Speaker: Andrew Whitelaw		Panel discussion: Moving IPC forward, what works for Africa? How can we implement IPC successfully with minimal resources - the Vision from the hubs
15:30	16:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
		Session 16	Session 17	Session 18
16:00	18:00	Implementation of WASHFIT- trials and tribulations Facilitator: Damilola Adeniyi, Jacob Nkwan Gobte	Oral Presentations Facilitator: Valerie Robenson, Alma Tostrman	Safeguarding Health in Emergencies: Infection Prevention and Control during Crises
16:00	16:30	Making WASH services adaptive, safe and resilient: The intersection of WASH, IPC and Climate Change Speaker: Damilola Adeniyi		Pandemic Preparedness Plans and Scenario Simulations
16:30	17:00	The Role of WASH in improving the built environment in African health facilities Speaker: Nkwan Jacob Gobte		Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Management
17:00	17:30	Assessing the Impact of WASH interventions on Antimicrobial resistance Speaker: Claire Kilpatrick		The impact of PPE on the environment and HCW disposal
17:30	18:00	Integrating different tools		Post-Pandemic IPC Strategies and Future Preparedness
DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025				
07:00	16:00	REGISTRATION		
		MEETING ROOM 1.40	MEETING ROOM 1.61 - 1.62	MEETING ROOM 1.63 - 1.64
		BREAKFAST SESSIONS		
08:00	08:45		TBC	TBC
09:00	10:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Acute disaster response then long term intervention in selected cases Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, Gift of the Givers		
10:00	10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
		Session 19	Session 20	Session 21
10:30	12:30	French session Facilitator: Jun Manda, Babacar Ndoye	When you go out in the woods today... travelling around Facilitator: Shaheen Mehtar	Water, sanitation and hygiene behaviour change for IPC - Integrated programming for safe and quality care Facilitator: Jun Manda, Kyle Smith
10:30	11:00	Best of en PCI 2025 Speaker: Mammy Randria	Protecting yourself in mass gatherings Speaker: Salim Parker	TBC
11:00	11:30	Intelligence artificielle et PCI : expérience africaine	Don't die from "Put-in mouth Disease" Presenter: Albie de Frey	IPC and WASH – Integrating novel, interactive WASH curriculum into ongoing IPC national training programme: A case study from Malawi and learning for other countries Speaker: Natasha Wwenda

11:30	12:00	Surveillance of HAI in African Countries: Speaker: Babacar Ndoye	A Pot pourri of travel medicine cases Speaker: Lucille Blumberg	TBC
12:00	12:30	Mpox from ACDC. Speaker: Andy Butabula	Diphtheria Speaker: Anfa Parker	TBC
12:30 13:30 LUNCH AND POSTER ROUNDS				
		Session 22	Session 23	Session 24
13:30	15:30	Vaccine preventable Infectious diseases of IPC concern Facilitator: Mamy Randria, Anfa Parker	Outpatient and community institutions (BM) Facilitators: Eveline Tamon, Buyiswa Lizzie Sithole	Building facilities for future pandemics Facilitator: Chipo Gwayagwaya, Amy Krause
13:30	14:00	Mpox : Emerging Challenges Speaker: Andy Butabula	Adapting IPC Strategies for Primary Care Settings Speaker: Buyiswa Lizzie Sithole	Sustainable infrastructure for future pandemics in low and middle income countries Speaker: Amy Krause
14:00	14:30	Cholera: Ongoing Threats and Responses Speaker: Adebola Olyinka	TB transmission: What is the risk in community settings? Speaker: Tapi Papavarnas	Making IPC environmentally friendly Speaker: Joost Hopman
14:30	15:00	EVD and Marburg (include 7-1-7 approach to outbreak response) Speaker: Landry Kabego, Lucille Blumberg	Antimicrobial Stewardship in Community healthcare settings and outpatients Speaker: Ann Vonsporten, Philip Orongo	Green world initiatives in waste management Speaker: Ed Krusunas
15:00	15:30	Plague Speaker: Mamy Randria	The role of caregivers in the community. Speaker: Nkwan Jacob Gobie	How to improve primary healthcare facilities for future pandemics Speaker: Resthma Misra
15:30 16:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK				
CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS				