

DAY 1 | TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

From 10:00 AM | Ballroom Foyer

1

FORMAL OPENING AND NETWORKING

10:30–11:15 AM | Ballroom 1&2

The Chief Executive and Strategy Board Chair will share reflections on recent GACD activities and upcoming global health milestones.

The networking activity is completely optional – no pressure to join! However, we can promise it will be a fun, informal way to kick things off and you are encouraged to get involved. The GACD team will be there to support and make it as non-awkward as possible.

Morven Roberts – Chief Executive, GACD

Ntobeko Ntusi – South African Medical Research Council

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INTEGRATING NCDS INTO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

11:15 AM–12:30 PM | Ballroom 1&2

This session will examine strategies for embedding NCD prevention and management into primary healthcare. Drawing on GACD project experience, speakers will share implementation lessons, including unexpected challenges and surprising successes under adversity.

CHAIR | John Hurst – University College London, UK | LD12

Asri Maharani – University of Manchester, UK | SU21, HS07

Lana Ray – Athabasca University, Canada | CP03

Carla Bird – Athabasca University, Canada | CP03

Dinesh Neupane – Johns Hopkins University, US | HC13

Pabitra Babu Soti – Nepal Development Society, Nepal | HC13

Bronwyn Myers – Curtin enAble Institute, Australia | HS01



LUNCH

12:30–2:00 PM | Restaurant

3

REAL-WORLD RESULTS SPOTLIGHT

2:00–2:30 PM | Ballroom 1&2

This real-world results spotlight shares findings from **SU25: The NaSS Study**, which tracked the roll-out of Nigeria's national sodium reduction programme and examined the factors that enable, challenge, and sustain large-scale change.

Dike Ojji – University of Abuja, Nigeria | SU25, LC24

Oluwafemi Stephen – Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria | SU25

You decide the competition winner!

Your voting slip is in your delegate badge. There is a single Community Choice Award spanning both streams. The most popular entry will be crowned the winner, announced on Day 3.



4

EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHER SHOWCASE: FIDELITY & ADAPTATION

2:30–3:30 PM | Ballroom 1&2

A lightning talk-inspired session featuring early-career researchers from across the Research Network. Speakers will highlight cross-cutting implementation insights on fidelity and adaptation.

CHAIR | Leslie Johnson – Emory University, US | GACD Implementation Science School faculty

Md. Badruddin Saify – ARK Foundation, Bangladesh | HC07

Sophie Walker – University of Warwick, UK | LC19

Concheta Tchibozo – University of Limoges, France | MC08

Alex Alexander – Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute, Tanzania | LC15

Rik Dawson – University of Sydney, Australia | MC02

Cynthia Anaba – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana | GACD-CONNECT alumna



REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:30–4:00 PM | Ballroom Foyer



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KNOWLEDGE SHARING FORUM

From 4:00 PM | Ballroom Foyer

STREAM 1 CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS JUDGING PANEL

Margaret Bee – Senior Impact & Policy Manager, GACD

Catherine Law – Past chair of the GACD Peer Review Panel

Jieun Lee – The George Institute for Global Health

STREAM 2 SCIENCE SHOWCASE JUDGING PANEL

Jane Strom – Programme Manager, GACD

Ming Yang – Nature Medicine

John Hurst – University College London, UK

This is the primary opportunity for delegates to present their competition entries and to browse other people's entries. Judging for both streams will commence at ~4:00 PM.



OPEN COLLABORATION SPACE

4:00–6:00 PM | Ballroom 1&2

This is dedicated time and physical space for delegates to use for collaboration and joint activities; no need to book or arrange seating in advance. If you need any flipchart paper, pens, or sticky notes, please ask the GACD team.

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WELCOME RECEPTION

From 5:00 PM | Ballroom Foyer

A relaxed and festive welcome reception to kick off the Annual Scientific Meeting. Enjoy drinks, canapes, and great company as you connect with fellow delegates in an informal setting.

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2026



OPEN COLLABORATION SPACE

8:00–11:00 AM | Ballroom 3

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MEET THE FUNDERS

9:15–10:00 AM | Ballrooms 1 & 2

Meet representatives from GACD funding agencies and partner organisations and learn about differing funding priorities, approaches to impact, and future opportunities. Bring your questions and join the conversation.

www.gacd.org/about/people-and-organisation/associate-members

For an overview of the GACD Associate Members (the funders), please see the dedicated webpage.



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REAL-WORLD RESULTS SPOTLIGHT

10:00–10:30 AM | Ballrooms 1 & 2

Discover how **MH33: the IMPRESS Trial** translated evidence-based depression care into real-world community and healthcare settings, helping to reduce treatment gaps and informing future scale-up efforts.

Yashi Gandhi – Sangath, India and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK | MH33



REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30–11:00 AM | Ballroom Foyer

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NAVIGATING THE RESEARCH TO POLICY PATHWAY

11:00 AM–12:30 PM | Ballrooms 1 & 2

Featuring project case studies and perspectives directly from policymakers, this session will highlight lessons for achieving research impact and fostering collaboration between researchers and policymakers.

CHAIR | Margaret Bee – Senior Impact & Policy Manager, GACD

Uday Narayan Yadav – The Australian National University, Australia | MC01

Bhim Prasad Sapkota – Ministry of Health and Food Safety Nepal | MC01

Tracie Barnett – McGill University, Canada | HC04

Real Barrette – CIUSSS de l'Est de l'Île de Montréal, Canada | HC04

Chrysantus Kubio – Northern Regional Health Directorate, Ghana Health Service | HC04

Gerald Mutungi – Ministry of Health, Uganda | SU05

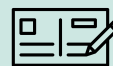
Oluwafemi Stephen – Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria | SU25



LUNCH

12:30–2:00 PM | Restaurant

A short, 'primer' activity will be introduced just before the lunch break to help everyone ease into the storytelling approach planned for the Research Programme workshop. You do not have to be a practiced storyteller to participate!



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RESEARCH PROGRAMME WORKSHOP

2:00–4:30 PM | Ballroom 1

Please see details on the opposite page.

YOUR CO-CHAIRS AT THE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Arunah Chandran – International Agency for Research on Cancer, France

Lana Ray – Athabasca University, Canada

Carina Dantas – SHINE 2Europe, Portugal

Edson Marambire – Biomedical Research and Training Institute, Zimbabwe

Claire Calderwood – Imperial College London, UK

Jacqui Boyle – Monash University, Australia

Ngozi Idemili-Aronu – IVAN Research Institute, Nigeria

Victor Mogre – University for Development Studies, Ghana

Ouma Simple – The AIDS Support Organization (TASO), Uganda



REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00–3:30 PM | Ballroom Foyer

This refreshment break will be integrated into the Research Programme workshop.

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FILM FESTIVAL RECEPTION AND FINALISTS' SHOWCASE

FOLLOWED BY THE **GALA DINNER**

From 6:30 PM | Ballroom 1

Join colleagues for an evening celebrating creativity in research communication. The five finalist films will be screened at the reception. To see the long list of entries, please visit the Digital Delegate Handbook (QR code on last page).

THE 'JUDGES OSCAR' PANEL

Ekwon Tachie-Mensah – Communications Officer, GACD

Johan Louw – South African Medical Research Council

Yoko Inagaki – World Health Organization, European Office

You decide the Audience Oscar!

Watch the finalist films and vote for your favourite. Voting slips will be passed around during the reception. The most popular film will win the 'Audience Oscar', announced on Day 3.



DAY 3 | THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2026



OPEN COLLABORATION SPACE

8:00–9:00 AM | Ballroom 1

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REAL-WORLD RESULTS SPOTLIGHTS

9:15–10:45 AM | Ballroom 1

This session will spotlight two project series: the **SISTAQUIT Ngurrajili Projects** targeting smoking cessation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pregnant women and the **INTE-AFRICA Projects** integrating hypertension, diabetes, and HIV care in Uganda and Tanzania. Spotlight speakers from across the programme will then explore cross-cutting implementation lessons for changing policy and practice.

CHAIR | Gina Agarwal – McMaster University | DM04, SU11, CP01

SISTAQUIT NGURRAJILI PROJECT SERIES

Gillian Gould – Southern Cross University, Australia | LD15, CP07, HS05

Susan Beetson – University of Queensland, Australia | LD15, CP07, HS05

INTE-AFRICA PROJECT SERIES

Anupam Garrib – University College London, UK | SU05

Gerald Mutungi – Ministry of Health, Uganda | SU05

More Mungati – East Central and Southern Africa Health Community, Tanzania | SU05

ADDITIONAL SPOTLIGHT DISCUSSANTS

Yashi Gandhi – Sangath, India and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK | MH33

Adedayo Ojo – University of Abuja, Nigeria | SU25



REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45–11:15 AM | Ballroom Foyer

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THE FUTURE OF IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

11:15 AM–12:30 PM | Ballroom 1

Implementation science is evolving alongside rapid changes in global health, technology, politics, and the climate. This session explores how researchers, funders, policymakers, communities, and publishers can ensure implementation research remains relevant, responsive, and impactful.

CHAIR | Morven Roberts – Chief Executive, GACD

James Elliott – Voices In Action Diabetes, Canada

Kate Frohlich – Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Ming Yang – Nature Medicine

Stella Hartinger – Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru | SU27

Megan Wilson-Jones – The George Institute for Global Health



LUNCH

12:30–2:00 PM | Restaurant

'Ask Me Anything' lunch

Looking for career advice, practical tips, or new connections? Join experienced colleagues for informal, themed discussions on publishing, grants, collaboration, leadership, and more. Drop in, ask questions, share experiences, and move between tables as conversations spark your interest. Aimed at ECRs but all welcome.



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CONNECTING THE DOTS

2:00–3:00 PM | Ballroom 1

This session explores cross-cutting themes, emerging insights, and shared learning across different projects, places, people and programmes. A space to reflect on how our collective work links together.

CHAIR | Yulia Shenderovich – Cardiff University, UK | LC04

Bernard Omech – Lira University, Uganda | MC06

Claire Calderwood – Imperial College London, UK | MC04

Claudia Irene Calderón – Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala / University of Wisconsin, USA | LC17

María A. Wilches-Mogollon – University College London, UK | LC22

Sagar Jilka – University of Warwick, UK | LC19

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PRIZE GIVING AND FORMAL CLOSE

3:00–3:30 PM | Ballroom 1

To mark the end of the event, this closing session will celebrate outstanding contributions throughout the Annual Scientific Meeting, including the competition winners, and offer reflections on key takeaways for the year ahead.

Morven Roberts – Chief Executive, GACD

Ntobeko Ntusi – South African Medical Research Council



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POST-ASM SOCIAL

From ~5:30 PM | Sky Bar, Hilton

Members of the GACD team will host an informal social evening (~5:30 to 7:30 PM) for those staying for an extra night. Optional, but all welcome. If luck is on our side, we might see some mini fireworks displays across the London skyline!

For more information on the tradition of Bonfire Night in the UK, see: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/real-story-of-bonfire-night