

Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases thematic workshop 2025

THE TWO-WAY STREET

Exploring reciprocal innovation in NCD implementation research

About

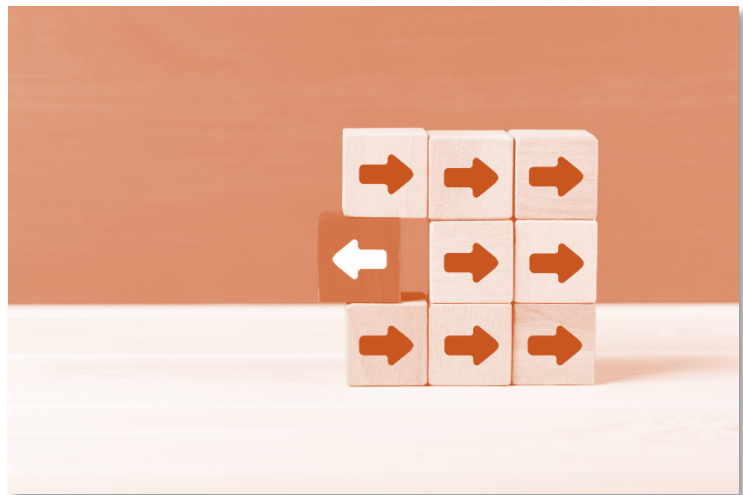
Tired of the same old thinking in global health, where innovations from high-income countries are rolled out to lower resourced settings? Join our online workshop and explore **reciprocal innovation** – a necessary shift in thinking and action, where brilliant, cost-effective solutions can spread from anywhere. The workshop will focus on programmes from lower resourced settings that are being adapted and adopted in high-income countries.

This is not just an academic concept; it's a paradigm shift. Speakers will demonstrate how pioneering highly effective, affordable, and scalable healthcare interventions can spring from anywhere – and how these innovations offer immense value to wealthier nations grappling with challenges like escalating healthcare costs, efficiency bottlenecks, and access issues.

By turning tradition on its head and embracing learning from resource-constrained settings, the global health community can unlock more economical, effective, and equitable healthcare for all.

We invite everyone interested in the concept and practicalities of reciprocal innovation for implementation research, especially concerning non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Hear from leading experts, deepen your understanding, and contribute to shaping the future of global health.

This workshop is organised by the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD). GACD brings together national health and medical research funding agencies with the common mission to reduce the burden of chronic NCDs in LMICs, and in underserved groups such as Indigenous populations facing conditions of inequity in high-income countries, by building evidence to inform national and international NCD policies and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals under section 3.4. To date, the agencies have invested more than US\$375 million in implementation research grants to improve the uptake and scale-up of evidence-based interventions to prevent and control NCDs, including mental health.



Date and time

Date	Tuesday 25 November 2025	
Time	Sitting A at 08:00–10:00 UTC	Sitting B at 16:00–18:00 UTC
Zoom joining link	To receive the joining link via email, please register here: Thematic workshops GACD	

All times are in **Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)** on Tuesday 25 November 2025. We encourage you to double check the conversion to your local time using www.timeanddate.com.

Example time zone	Sitting A at 08:00–10:00 UTC	Sitting B at 16:00–18:00 UTC
Vancouver (Canada)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 00:00 PST	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 08:00 PST
Lima (Peru)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 03:00 PET	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 11:00 PET
Accra (Ghana)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 08:00 GMT	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 16:00 GMT
London (United Kingdom)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 08:00 GMT	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 16:00 GMT
Nairobi (Kenya)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 11:00 EAT	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 19:00 EAT
New Delhi (India)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 13:30 IST	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 21:30 IST
Beijing (China)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 16:00 CST	Wednesday 26 November 2025, 00:00 CST
Sydney (Australia)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 19:00 AEDT	Wednesday 26 November 2025, 03:00 AEDT
Suva (Fiji)	Tuesday 25 November 2025, 20:00 FJT	Wednesday 26 November 2025, 04:00 FJT

Workshop agenda

1

Welcome and scene setting: Turning tradition on its head (15 minutes)

This opening session sets the tone for the workshop by challenging traditional perspectives and inviting fresh thinking. It begins with remarks from GACD’s Chief Executive Officer, followed by a quick (and optional) digital poll to spark engagement and connection. We look forward to welcoming you!

Speaker: [Morven Roberts](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

Interactivity facilitator: [Izzy Bandurek](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

2

Illustrating the journey from innovation to impact (30 minutes)

This session showcases compelling case studies of an NCD innovation developed in so-called “lower-resourced settings” and later adopted in a higher-resourced context. Through dynamic presentations, the speakers will highlight the reciprocal flow of knowledge and innovation, challenging traditional assumptions about where impactful solutions originate.

Sitting A	Sitting B
<p>2.1 Reversing the trend: What do we know about LMIC to HIC health innovations?</p> <p>Jepchirchir Kiplagat – AMPATH, Moi University, Kenya</p>	<p>2.1 Rooted in wisdom: Reimagining implementation with Indigenous innovation</p> <p>Lana Ray – Athabasca University, on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, and Métis peoples (Canada)</p>
<p>2.2 Mind the gap: Bringing Indian mental health success to the UK</p> <p>Jasmine Kahla – Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, India</p> <p>Kaustubh Joag – Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, India</p> <p>Tessa Roberts – Queen Mary University London, UK</p>	<p>2.2 There and back again: The HOPE-4 Study in Canada and Colombia</p> <p>Patricio Lopez-Jaramillo – Universidad de Santander, Colombia</p> <p>Jose P Lopez-Lopez – Universidad de Santander, Colombia</p>

3

Reflections on the reality of reciprocal innovation (15 minutes)

Join GACD’s Margaret Bee in conversation with speakers from Session 2 as they reflect on what supported – and what challenged – their “reverse” implementation journey. The conversation will include time for audience questions and shared insights.

Moderator: [Margaret Bee](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

Sitting A speakers	Sitting B speakers
<p>Jepchirchir Kiplagat – AMPATH, Moi University, Kenya</p> <p>Jasmine Kahla – Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, India</p> <p>Kaustubh Joag – Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, India</p> <p>Tessa Roberts – Queen Mary University London, UK</p>	<p>Lana Ray – Athabasca University, on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, and Métis peoples (Canada)</p> <p>Patricio Lopez-Jaramillo – Universidad de Santander, Colombia</p> <p>Jose P Lopez-Lopez – Universidad de Santander, Colombia</p>

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Short comfort break, followed by interactive poll

Interactivity facilitator: [Izzy Bandurek](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

4

Practical steps to make reciprocal innovation the new normal (30 minutes)

This panel explores the policy, financial, and cultural shifts needed within global institutions to embed reciprocal innovation as a lasting norm. Speakers will share actionable ideas for transforming it from a promising concept into a truly equitable, bidirectional model of partnership.

Moderator: [Morven Roberts](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases







Sitting A panellists	Sitting B panellists
Devina Nand – Ministry of Health, Fiji	Ramya Kancharla – World Health Organization // Global Coordination Mechanisms on NCDs
Garry Aslanyan – World Health Organization // ESSENCE on Health Research	Jhumka Gupta – George Mason University, USA
Kenneth Yakubu – The George Institute for Global Health, Australia	Meena Daivadanam – Uppsala Universitet, Sweden
	Peter Kilmarx – Fogarty International Center (NIH), USA

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Summary and close (15 minutes)

This closing session invites panellists to reflect on the future of reciprocal innovation in just three words and ends with our call to action.

Speaker: [Morven Roberts](#) – Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

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Thank you!

