

# Governments and partners convene in Nairobi to advance equitable access to NCD medicines, products, and care



## *From Commitment to Impact: Scaling Access to NCD Medicines & Products*

A large proportion of people living with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in low- and middle-income countries continue to die prematurely or suffer avoidable complications because they lack access to affordable, quality-assured NCD medicines and products. These lifesaving commodities exist but often remain out of reach due to chronic underfunding, weak supply chains, and insufficient data to inform decision-making.

The Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines & Products (Coalition) is a global, multisectoral partnership dedicated to improving sustainable access to medicines and health products for NCDs to reduce preventable illness and death. Each year, the Coalition convenes its members and partners to assess access barriers, highlight country-led innovations, and define advocacy and technical priorities. During the [2025 Coalition Annual Meeting in Uganda](#), participants identified concrete commitments to improve NCD financing and access; shared lessons from innovative approaches; and defined a roadmap to guide short- and long-term priorities.

Aligned with the Political Declaration of the Fourth High-Level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health and 2030 “fast-track” global targets for NCD and mental health care access, the **2026 Coalition Annual Meeting** will mark the shift from commitment-setting to implementation—highlighting practical country-led solutions, scalable high-impact innovations, and multisectoral partnerships to advance measurable, equitable access to NCD medicines and products.

Convening at Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club from June 30-July 1, more than 90 leaders from Coalition members and partners—including senior health and finance officials from seven African countries—will identify and advance initiatives to address structural barriers impacting access to and affordability of NCD medicines and products, focusing on regional collaboration, innovative financing, and supply chain strengthening.

With the Honorable Aden Duale EGH, Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary of Health, launching proceedings, the meeting will feature ministerial dialogues, fireside chats and panels, innovation spotlights, and group discussions to capture progress made towards global and country access commitments; identify practical approaches for building sustainable financing and resilient supply chains for NCDs; and define shared priorities for collective action. The program also incorporates opportunities for learning exchanges, networking, and site visits designed to share practical approaches for building people-centered NCD delivery platforms and supply systems.

For more information about this event, please contact [dcanagasabey@path.org](mailto:dcanagasabey@path.org) and [mkruse@path.org](mailto:mkruse@path.org); summary meeting agenda included below.

**Coalition 2026 Annual Meeting**  
**From Commitment to Impact: Scaling Access to NCD Medicines & Products**  
 June 30-July 1, 2026 | Nairobi, Kenya

Timeline	Session	Session description and purpose
<b>Day 1 - Tuesday, June 30   Strengthening systems: Supply chain and financing for NCD access</b>		
8.30–9:30 AM	<b>Welcome and official opening</b>	<i>Opening ceremony featuring remarks from the Kenya Ministry of Health, a Coalition welcome and scene-setting, and reflections from a person with lived experience of NCDs.</i>
9:30–10:00 AM	<b>Keynote remarks</b>	<b>Regional priorities and initiatives to strengthen access to NCD medicines and products</b> <i>A keynote address on regional priorities for strengthening access to NCD medicines and products, with a focus on the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism and its potential to transform health product procurement across Africa.</i>
10:00-10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>	
10:30 AM - 12:00PM	<b>Panel #1</b>	<b>Update on UNGA commitments including access priorities</b> <i>Ministry of health representatives discuss progress on UNGA commitments and NCD supply chain assessments, identifying challenges and opportunities for strengthening access.</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	<b>Panel #2</b>	<b>Financing the future of NCDs</b> <i>Ministry of health and finance representatives, funders, and researchers explore pathways to long-term NCD financing sustainability, covering innovative resource mobilization, financing efficiencies, and accountability mechanisms.</i>
1:00–2:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:30–3:30 PM	<b>Panel #3</b>	<b>The supply chain-financing nexus for NCD access</b> <i>Ministry of health representatives, financing experts, and multilateral institutions discuss the inter-dependencies between NCD financing and supply issues, identifying concrete actions to bridge the two.</i>
3:30–4:15 PM	<b>Thematic breakout session</b>	<b>Thematic breakout session: Sharing our NCD priorities</b> <i>Participants share their priorities for 2026/2027 across three thematic areas – NCD financing, access to NCD medicines and products, and better access through primary health care – and explore potential synergies and opportunities for collaboration.</i>
4:15–4:55 PM	<b>Thematic breakout session: Report outs</b>	<b>Report back</b> from breakout sessions

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4:55–5:20 PM	<b>Day 1 Closing Reflections</b>	<i>Closing reflections from someone with lived experience of NCDs, followed by a summary of the day's key themes and practical housekeeping for the remainder of the meeting.</i>
7:00–9:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b>	Dinner and networking
<b>Day 2 - Wednesday, July 1   Regional collaboration and country-led solutions</b>		
8:30–8:40 AM	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Day 2 agenda review</b>
8:40–9:30 AM	<b>Fireside chat</b>	<b>Fireside chat – Unlocking access: Regional perspectives on NCD medicines</b> <i>A conversation with leaders on the role of regional bodies in advancing NCD access, including pooled procurement, regulatory harmonization, cross-country learning, and priorities for collaboration across East, Central, and Southern Africa.</i>
9:30–10:15 AM	<b>Small group discussions</b>	<b>Small group discussions: Country conversations</b> <i>Engage directly with ministry of health representatives to discuss country priorities, challenges, and opportunities for partnership.</i>
10:15–11:00 AM	<b>Small group: Report outs</b>	<b>Report back</b> from small group discussions
11:00–12:00 PM	<b>Panel #4</b>	<b>Innovation Spotlights: Advancing Access and Affordability</b> <i>Implementers, researchers, and industry partners showcase innovations improving NCD access and affordability, with a focus on scalability and adaptation across contexts.</i>
12:00–12:30 PM	<b>Meeting recap and close</b>	<i>A closing session featuring a meeting recap and call to action, followed by a formal close by Kenya Ministry of Health representatives.</i>
12:30–1:15 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30–5:00 PM	<b>Site visits</b>	Coalition members and guests (space permitting) visit local sites.
6:00–7:00 PM	<b>Cocktail hour</b>	Hosted by Yale Medical Access Network