

JIRANI SYMPOSIUM ON TB 2026

"Shared Burden, Shared Response"

Programme Schedule | 23–24 June 2026 | 14:00–18:20 EAT | Virtual Meeting

DAY 1 – 23 JUNE 2026

Time	Topic / Activity	Responsible
Opening Plenary		
14:00–14:15	Welcome & Convener's Address: "The Jirani Concept: Why regional borders must not stop science."	Conveners - Dr. Yahaya & George
14:15–14:20	Coordinating Institutions Address	Dr. Honorati Masanja , Chief Executive Director, Ifakara Health Institute
SESSION 1: The TB Foundations – Understanding the TB Burden and Science		
Host Country: Tanzania Coordinating Institution: Ifakara Health Institute Chair: Dr. Issa Sabi - NIMR and Dr. Anange Lwila - NIMR		
14:20–14:40	Tuberculosis in Tanzania: Burden, transmission trends, and programmatic implications for TB control	Dr. Riziki Kisonga - National TB and Leprosy Program-Tanzania
14:45–15:05	Unravelling TB host-pathogen interactions using in vitro infections models	Dr. Hellen Hiza - Ifakara Health Institute
15:10–15:30	Closing the Preventive Gap: What TB-CHAMP and VQUIN trials teach us about MDR-TB chemoprophylaxis	Prof. Seddon James - Imperial College London
15:35–15:55	The long-term lung health challenges of TB disease	PD, Dr. med. Rachow Andrea - LMU
15:55–16:05	Active case finding of TB disease among close contacts of adolescents with TB infection.	Dr. Maryam Amour - Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
16:05–16:30	Q&A – Session 1	
16:30–16:35	Break	
SESSION 2 (Part 1): TB Diagnostics and Treatment		
Host Country: Uganda Coordinating Institution: Makerere University Chair: Dr Lydia Nakiyingi and Prof. Harriet Mayanja		
16:35–16:40	Coordinating Institution Address	Principal - Makerere University College of Health Sciences
16:40–17:00	Tuberculosis in Uganda: Burden, trends, national programme priorities and innovations	Dr. Henry Luzze - National TB and Leprosy Program-Uganda
17:05–17:30	TB Regimen Evolution- Case of MDR TB	Dr. Susan Adakun Akello - Mulago National Referral Hospital
17:30–17:40	Post TB morbidity and mortality	Dr. Baluku Joseph - Makerere University,
17:40–18:10	Q&A – Session 2 Part 1	
18:10–18:20	End of Day 1 / Closing Remarks	

DAY 2 – 24 JUNE 2026

Time	Topic / Activity	Responsible
SESSION 2 (Part 2): TB Diagnostics and Treatment (continued)		
Host Country: Uganda Coordinating Institution: Makerere University Chair: Dr Lydia Nakiyingi and Prof. Harrieth Mayanja		
14:00–14:25	Translation of research evidence to practice	Dr. Achilles Katamba - Makerere University,
14:25–14:45	Challenges and solutions in Pediatrics TB diagnosis	Dr. Eric Wobudeya - Mulago National Referral Hospital
14:45–15:05	Q&A – Session 2 Part 2	
SESSION 3: Protecting the Vulnerable and Advances in TB Research		
Host Country: Kenya Coordinating Institution: University of Nairobi Chairs: Dr. Winnie Mutai and Prof. David Odongo		
15:05–15:10	Coordinating Institution Address (, University of Nairobi)	Dean Faculty of Health Sciences - University of Nairobi
15:10–15:35	Tuberculosis in Kenya: Epidemiology, transmission trends, and programmatic implications	Nelly Mukiri – National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Lung Disease Program Kenya.
15:35–15:55	Management of Drug-Induced Liver Injury (DILI) in TB patients	Dr. Marybeth Maritim - University of Nairobi
16:00–16:20	Genetic diversity and drug-resistant patterns of MTBC circulating in Western Kenya	Susan Musau – University of Nairobi
16:25–16:50	Extrapulmonary TB	Asiko Ongaya - Kenya Medical Research Institute
16:50–17:00	Face mask sampling is associated with Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacillary load but not transmission in Nairobi, Kenya	Wilfred Bundi - Kenya Medical Research Institute
17:00–17:30	Q&A – Session 3	
17:00–17:05	Break	
SESSION 4: The Jirani Dialogue on TB		
Chairs: Dr. Yahaya Simba (IHI) & George Ichoho (UoN)		
17:30–18:10	National TB Responses in the Horn of Africa: Programmatic Successes, Challenges, and the Road Ahead - Perspectives from Somalia and Ethiopia	1. Dr. Mohamed Jafar Salah - National TB Program Manager of Somalia 2. Taye Letta - National TB Program Manager of Ethiopia
18:10–18:15	The Jirani Joint Statement on TB 2026	Jirani Impact Sub-Committee
18:15–18:20	Closing Remarks	

