

Program, Pathogen Genomics Funders Forum (PGFF) Hybrid Meeting, 2026

Radisson Blu Arboretum Hotel, Nairobi, 24–25 April 2026

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Agenda

Friday, 24 April 2026

8:30	<i>Arrival & Registration (30 min)</i>
9:00	<i>Introductions, welcome, agenda, objectives (30 min)</i>
9:30	<i>Presentations by funders (60 min)</i> Funders will have an optional template to use for their presentations; each presentation will be followed by a Q&A. Funders joining virtually will be invited to present as well as those joining in person.
10:30	<i>Break (30 min)</i>
11:00	<i>Presentations and panel discussion by WHO/IPSN and regional PGIs (90 min)</i> Presentations (15-20 minutes each) by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO/IPSN• Asia PGI• Africa PGI Panel discussion: The role of regional PGIs in supporting the development and use of pathogen genomic capacity. The discussion will focus on how PGIs can most effectively support their countries.
12:30	<i>Lunch (60 min)</i>
13:30	<i>Travel to site visit (60 min)</i>
14:30	<i>Site visit (45 min)</i>
15:45	<i>Break (15 min)</i>
16:00	<i>Panel discussion: Use of pathogen genomics in LMICs (90 min)</i> Panelists will discuss their experiences using pathogen genomics across a variety of settings.

	<p>The panelists have been asked to focus on issues they believe are important for funders to hear, including both the challenges they face and the opportunities they see down the line, as well as issues of general importance to them and their colleagues.</p> <p>A Q&A session is incorporated.</p>
17:30	<i>Return to Radisson Blu Hotel</i>
[evening]	<i>Organized dinner</i>

Saturday, 25 April 2026

9:00	<p><i>Procurement and Supply-Chain Management (PSM): Towards Public Health Genomics that is Accessible, Simplified, and Cost-Effective</i></p> <p>This and the following two sessions will focus on what can be done to make further progress on this issue. A more detailed program for this session will be shared.</p> <p>The summary of last year's Grand Challenges meeting in Nairobi on this topic will be included in the pre-reads.</p> <p>[more details to follow]</p>
10:30	<i>Break</i>
11:00	<i>Continuation of PSM session</i>
12:00	<i>PSM: Synthesis of discussions and next steps</i>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30	<p><i>Breakout sessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funders-only session <p>This will be a closed-door session attended only by the funders.</p> <p>We respectfully ask any participants with a potential conflict of interest, particularly those participants who may be in a position to apply for support from these funders, to recuse themselves from this session.</p>

	<p>We ask all funders participating in this session to treat the discussions as confidential unless explicitly stated otherwise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPSN/PGI/PGFF secretariat meeting
15:00	Summary, Closing
15:30	End

Information for virtual participation

Members unable to participate in person in the meeting are welcome to join virtually.

The PGFF secretariat anticipates being able to accommodate virtual participation in all sessions except the site visit (Day 1) and break-out sessions (Day 2).

More details to follow

Meeting Objectives

- To provide funders with an opportunity to develop a better awareness of what is happening in the pathogen genomics space by:
 - Developing connections with other funders working in this space (i.e., pathogen genomics in LMICs).
 - Having more visibility over what other funders are supporting in this space.
 - Participating in discussions with the WHO/IPSN and the regional pathogen genomics initiatives (PGIs)
- To participate in a site visit to a local site (i.e., in Kenya) active in pathogen genomics and to hear from a panel of experts working in the field.
- To advance work in addressing genomics procurement and supply chain issues in LMICs.