

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

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

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 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.

Agenda

Friday, 24 April 2026

8:30	Arrival & Registration (30 min)
9:00	<p>Introductions, welcome, agenda, objectives (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and flow of meeting - Caxton Murira • Welcome and Framing SFA Foundation - Dr. Evelyn Gitau Gates Foundation – Dr. Sofonias K Tessema
9:30	<p>Presentations by funders joining in-person (60 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Greg Armstrong</p> <p>The four funders present in-person will each have 15 minutes to present and answer questions. Slides are optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates Foundation • Wellcome Trust • Temasek Foundation • European Commission / HERA
10:30	Break (30 min)
11:00	<p>Presentations by funders joining virtually</p> <p>This time is set aside for funders joining virtually to present and for any additional discussion following the morning meetings.</p>
11:15	<p>Presentations and panel discussion by WHO/IPSN and regional PGIs (75 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Anna Gutierrez Burgos Panelists: Dr Timothy Dallman, Dr Paul Pronyk, Dr Collins Tanui, Dr Yenew Kebede</p>

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	<p>Presentations: (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO/IPSN• Asia PGI• Africa PGI <p>Panel discussion: (45 min) 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.</p>
12:30	Lunch (60 min)
13:30	Travel to site visit – Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) (60 min)
14:30	<p>Site visit: Tour of KEMRI facilities. (45 min)</p> <p>Lead: Dr. Damaris Matoke</p>
15:45	Break (15 min)
16:00	<p>Panel discussion: Use of pathogen genomics in LMICs (90 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Evelyn Gitau Panelists: Dr. Damaris Matoke, Prof Abdoulaye Djimde, Prof Brenda Kwambana, Dr Susan Nabadda</p> <p>Panelists will discuss their experiences using pathogen genomics across a variety of settings.</p> <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	Return to Radisson Blu Hotel
18.30	Organised Dinner

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 (90 mins)</i></p> <p>Session co-hosts: Dr. Sofonias K Tessema and Dr. Natsuko Imai-Eaton</p> <p>Introduction to Session</p> <p>Keynote: Industry Perspective on System Constraints and Solutions – Dr John Gatimu</p> <p>Keynote: PSM Progress Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa (Africa PGI) - Dr Collins Tanui • Asia (Asia PGI) – Dr Paul Pronyk <p>Moderated Roundtable: The 5A's Framework in Breakout Groups</p> <p><i>See appendix for details of this morning's sessions</i></p>
10:30	Break (30 mins)
11:00	<p><i>Continuation of PSM session (60 mins)</i></p> <p>Group Presentations, Q&A, and Structured Synthesis</p> <p><i>See appendix for details of this morning's sessions</i></p>
12:00	<i>Summary, Closing</i> – SFA Foundation, TFGH, Funder (Wellcome)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funders-only session - <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This will be a closed-door session attended only by the funders.</p>



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We respectfully ask any participants with a potential conflict of interest, particularly those participants who may be able to apply for support from these funders, to recuse themselves from this session.

We ask all funders participating in this session to treat the discussions as confidential unless explicitly stated otherwise.

- IPSN/PGI/PGFF secretariat meeting – Dr Gregory Armstrong

15:00 **End**