**Program August 13th 2025**

**Thursday 14th August**

**Program at a Glance**

**Day 1 Thursday 14th August Day 2 Friday 15th August**

08.00 – 08.45 Registration 08.00 – 08.45 Registration

08.45 – 09.00 Delegates take their seats 08.55 – 09.00 Welcome

09.00 – 10.45 Opening and Plenary Session 1 09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session 3

10.45 – 11.15 Morning Break 10.30 – 11.00 Morning Break

11.15 – 12.40 Abstract Sessions 11.00 – 12.45 Abstract Sessions

12.40 – 13.40 Lunch 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

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14.45 – 15.15 Afternoon Break 14.55 – 15.25 Afternoon Break

15.15 – 17.30 Plenary Session 2 15.25 – 17.30 Plenary Session 4 and Closing Ceremony

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|  08.00 – 08.45 | Registration  |
| Opening Ceremony: Plenary Session 1: Master of Ceremonies  |
| 08.45 – 09.00  | Delegates take their seats |  |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | National AnthemPrayerWelcome and Opening Ceremony | Professor Karen Walker/Samantha Munang’andu |
| 09.30 – 09.50 | Remarks from UNICEF Representatives | Dr. Nejmudin Kedir Bilai, UNICEF Representative, Zambia |
| 09.50 – 10.20 | Opening Keynote | Dr Queen Dube |
| 10.20 – 10.45 | CEO Nursing & Midwifery Council of ZambiaZambian Union of Nurses and Midwives OrganisationDirector of Nursing, Ministry of HealthMinister of Health  | Invited dignitaries |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Morning Tea  |
| Session 1 Chairs  | Room 1: Respiratory Co-Chairs: Patrick Too & A/Prof Julia Petty | Room 2: KMC/Skin to Skin Co-Chairs: Dr. Ghanshyam Sethy & Bartholomew Kamlewe |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Automated oxygen control for preterm infants receiving continuous positive airway pressure in southwest Nigeria: an open label, randomised, crossover trial | Dr Hamish Graham  | Kangaroo mother care improves cardiorespiratory physiology in preterm infants-an observational study | Emma Yeomans  |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Medical Oxygen for Neonates Challenges and Opportunities in Ethiopia: - Based on Personal Experience | Dires Birhanu  | Advancing Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) Through Integrated Quality Improvement and Implementation Research: Development of a KMC Change Package for the NEST360 Alliance | Kylie Douherty  |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Increasing the Utilisation of bubble Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (BCPAP) for neonates with respiratory distress syndrome in the Neonatal Care Unit: A Quality Improvement project at Rev. John Chilembwe Hospital. | Gerald Mushani  | To Improve Kangaroo Mother Care Practice for All Eligible Babies in Lagos Island Maternity Hospital, Lagos State | Dr Salome Okunade  |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Health Care Workers Adherence to bubble Continuous Guidelines when Managing Premature Neonates Suffering from Respiratory Distress Guidelines at Bwaila Hospital, Malawi. | Clara Kapito-Faiti | Immediate Skin to Skin Contact: What are the Lessons Learnt in Kenyan Hospitals? | Dr Joyce Jebet  |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Neonatal Stabilization and Transportation: A Case of Intra Hospital Transportation of Sick Neonates at Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital | Clare Ahimbisibwe  | The impact of parental involvement on the outcomes of neonates in the NICU. | MaryAnn Wanjiru  |
| 12.30 – 12.45Room 1Room 2 12.30-12.35 | Increasing the number of babies initiated on Bubble Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (BCPAP): A Quality Improvement Project for Mangochi District Hospital Nursery Ward | Charles Mhango | Achieving KMC Coverage Goals: Lessons from Facility 406 on Scaling up Neonatal Care in Resource Limited Settings | Dr Afeez Idowu  |
| 12.45 – 12.50Room 1 Room 2 12.35-12.40 | A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Survival of Premature Newborns Weighing Less Than 1500 Grams by Utilising Prophylactic B-CPAP in Bwaila Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | Grace Sanjama Yotamu | How can high-quality early Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) be implemented in high-burden contexts? Multi-country learning for an action pathway on the Newborn Toolkit.  | Dr Mbozu Sipalo  |
| 12.40 – 13.40 | Lunch  |
| Abstracts | Room 1: Clinical Care Co-Chairs: Dr Merran Thomson & Dr Breidge Boyle | Room 2: QI and Research Co-Chairs: Sarita Verma & Josephine Chali |
| 13.40 – 13.55 | Nursing Care of neonates at the end-of-life stage and the support rendered to their parents in NICU Lusaka, Zambia | Samantha Munang’andu | Capacity Building in Neonatal Nursing Research in Low-and Middle-Income Countries: A Malawi Case Study | Miranda Amundsen/Rhoda Chifisi |
| 13.55 – 14.10 | Towards achieving Zero Kernicterus cases: Evaluating Phototherapy Outcomes and Implementation Challenges at Facility 401 | Dr Afeez Idowu  | Lessons Learned from Neonatal Nursing Preceptor Training in Sierra Leone and Malawi  | Mohamed James Koroma/ Eveles Chimala |
| 14.10 – 14.25 | Risk Factors Associated with Birth Asphyxia Among Newborns at Pumwani Maternity Hospital: A Case Control Study | Ruth Wagathu | Mapping evidence into action 2011-2020: A novel interactive digital map of 1364 global newborn research grants to LMICs | Lauren Allinson  |
| 14.25 – 14.30 | Enhancing Pain Assessment & Management Practices in the NICU in Barbados Using Quality Improvement Frameworks | Abeo Benjamin-Walrond  | Enhancing Family-Centred Care in Neonatal Intensive Care Units: A Scoping Review of Interventions | Emma Yeomans  |
| 14.30 – 14.35 | Informing education and knowledge through parent and staff storytelling about enabling communication in the neonatal care setting. | Professor Julia Petty  | Facilitators and Barriers to Respectful Newborn Care: a grounded theory study in Malawi. | Eveles Chimala  |
| 14.35 – 14.40 | Exploring Maternal and Nurses Perspectives on Paternal Involvement in Neonatal Intensive Care Units in Botswana | Siakhile Mereki  | Parental Participation in Infection Prevention and Control: A Scoping Review | Lydia Davidson  |
| 14.40 – 14.45 | Neonatal Nursing Orientation Program  | Fauste Uwingabire | Parental satisfaction with the quality of neonatal care at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Ethel Muthalika Nursery Unit, Lilongwe, Malawi | Mary Chibaya Mkandawire  |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | Afternoon Tea  |
| Plenary Session 2 Co-Chairs: Samantha Munang’andu & Professor Karen Walker |
| 15.15 – 15.45 | Supporters of COINN Zambia  | PATH, Ethypharm, Design that Matters |
| 15.45 – 16.15 | Is it possible to provide effective neonatal procedural pain care in high burden environments: Evidence, Implementation and Advocacy  | Professor Marsha Campbell-Yeo |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | Prevention and management of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) in preterm infants: a leading cause of preventable childhood blindness | Dr. Ghanshyam Sethy, Health Specialist, UNICEF Zambia |
| 16.30 – 17.15 | Improving care of preterm neonates: premature baby under 5 card: a resource for parents | Dr Kunda Mutesu-Kapembwa and parent; and four colleagues;  |
| 17.15 – 17.30 | Closing Remarks | Professor Carole Kenner |
| 17.30 – 22.00 | Conference Dinner – Mulungushi  |

**Friday 15th August – International Neonatal Nurses Day**

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| 08.00 – 08.45 | Registration  |
| Plenary Session 3 Co - Chairs: Professor Karen Walker & Dr Kunda Mutesu-Kapembwa |
| 08.55 - 09.00  | Welcome  | Professor Karen Walker |
| 09.00 – 09.30  | Building a Learning Health System to improve neonatal resuscitation and transition | Dr Alex Stevenson  |
| 09.30 – 09.50 | Transforming bereavement Care Through Education and Advocacy  | Nonkulueko Shibula |
| 09.50 – 10.10 | Centres of Excellence for newborn care and Quality of Care strengthening in Zambia | Sarita Verma, Health Specialist, UNICEF ZambiaGetrude Sibuchi Kampekete, Health Officer, UNICEF Zambia |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | Supporters of COINN Zambia | Federica Cassera, Chiesi Foundation; Vayu Group |
| 10.30 – 11.00  | Morning Tea  |
| Abstracts  | Room1: Neonatal Education Co Chairs: Tracey Jones & Patrick Too  | Room 2: Clinical CareCo Chairs: Dr Marina Boykova & Nosiku Situmbeko |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Starting Your Career in Neonates: Have We Got It Right? | Susan Chisela  | Living with Uncertainty: Maternal experiences of Caring for Infants with Gastroschisis admitted at Mercy James Unit, in Malawi | Juniah Mazeze  |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Effectiveness of an in-service Neonatal Care Training Course on hypothermia reduction at Zomba central hospital: A Quality Improvement project | Maureen Majamanda  | The Impact of Multiple Interventions on Premature Infants and Their Effects to Decrease The Neonatal Mortality Rate | Hellen Mwafulirwa  |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Expansion of the role and responsibilities of newly certified neonatal nurses in and out of the NICU | Professor Miki Konishi | Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices of Healthcare Workers on Gastroschisis Pre-referral Management Interventions in Central Malawi | Martin Chigwede  |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Implementation and Assessment of a Co-Designed Nationally Accredited Advanced Neonatal Nursing Curriculum in Tanzania | Tracey Bell  | Neonatal Tetanus in Sierra Leone: An International Nursing Case Challenge with Local Implications | Mohamed James Koroma  |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Multi-disciplinary Team Coaching Approach to Improve Newborn Quality of Care in Malawi, 2024 | Samuel Ngwala  | Prem Prep-5 Initiative | Chileshe Mabula |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Pilot of an in-service Neonatal Care Training Course in Zomba District, Malawi: a quality improvement project | Maureen Majamanda  | Paternal participation in the perinatal period during COVID-19: A cross-sectional study | Professor Miki Konishi |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | Global Collaboration of Educators in Neonatal Care: Advancing Excellence Through Shared Knowledge and Best Practices | Tracey Jones |  |  |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | Lunch |
| Abstracts  | Room 1: Clinical CareCo Chairs: Professor Marsha Campbell-Yeo & Dr Joyce Jebet  | Room 2: Clinical CareCo Chairs: Sungani Chibuye & Dr Merran Thomson |
| 13.45 – 14.00 | Strategies To Reduce Hypothermia Among Sick Neonates Admitted In Neonatal Intensive Care Unit At Karonga District Hospital, Malawi | Kestina Mkandawire | Leveraging partnerships for Small and Sick Newborn Care: Newborn Toolkit | Dr Mbozu Sipalo |
| 14.00 – 14.15 | Advancing Neonatal Sepsis Prevention in Indonesia: Global Health Perspectives and Policy Implications | Rondi Anderson  | Time to recovery of Neonatal Sepsis and its Predictors Among Neonate Admitted at Nicu in Selected Public Hospitals of North Shoa Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia | M Bishaw Demeku |
| 14.15 – 14.30 | Perceptions Of Mothers with Preterm Babies Towards Donor Breast Milk at Women and Newborn Hospital, Lusaka Zambia | Monde Muyangana  | Exploring Developmentally Supportive Care Practices in Preterm Infant Care in Ghana | Kokui Klutse |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | Reducing hypothermia in neonates at Mchinji district hospital nursery ward; a quality improvement study | Wezzie Nyasulu | Characteristics of premature neonates from selected high-volume facilities in Malawi: A Retrospective Cohort Study | Abigail Kazembe  |
| 14.45 – 14.50  | Neonatal Sepsis and Key Determinant Factors in Selected High-Volume Districts in Malawi | Bertha Chakhame  | Assessment Of Post-Discharge Follow-Up Practices and Outcomes for Preterm Neonates at Ruhengeri Hospital | Uwajeneza Leonisse |
| 14.50 – 14.55 | Toward Global Protection of Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus, how can we increase the acceptance of maternal immunization among Japanese nurses? | Aya Nakai  | Experiences And Perceptions on Paid Maternity Leave Policies Among Working Mothers of Preterm Babies In Three Selected Hospitals In Botswana  | Tsholofelo Nthusetsang |
| 14.55 – 15.25 | Afternoon Tea |
| Plenary Session 4 Co- Chairs Professor Carole & Professor Karen Walker |
| 15.25 – 15.55 | Lancet Global Health Commission on Medical Oxygen Security | Dr Hamish Graham |
| 15.55 – 16.25 | Partnership in Global Health | Dr Queen Dube |
| 16.25 – 16.55 | Going Faster Together - Panel | Neonatal Leaders  |
| 17.55 – 17.10 | African Neonatal Nurses Association | Patrick Too |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | Closing  |  |
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