

AMCOA

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA



28TH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ACCRA, GHANA

23 – 27 AUGUST 2026



RESPONSIVE REGULATION
FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES
TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

#AMCOA2026 PROGRAMME



PROTECTING
THE
PUBLIC



ADVANCING
PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS



STRENGTHENING
HEALTH SYSTEMS
ACROSS AFRICA



PROTOCOL INFORMATION

The Opening Ceremony will be attended by Head of State, Senior Government Officials, Ministers, Members of Parliament, international dignitaries and invited guests.

Delegates are requested to observe the following protocol guidelines:

- Arrive at least 30 minutes before the commencement of sessions.
- Switch mobile devices to silent mode.
- Remain seated during official proceedings unless requested otherwise.
- Follow the guidance of ushers and protocol officers.
- Photography may be restricted during certain official proceedings.
- Only accredited media may enter designated media areas.
- Reserved seating must be respected.
- Kindly always wear your conference badge.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (WHATSAPP)

Conference Secretariat Support (AMCOA)	+27 82 052 1772
Conference Secretariat Support (SADC)	+27 69 684 6477
Conference Secretariat Support (ECOWAS)	+233 24 438 8661
Conference Secretariat Support (EAC)	+254 722 431 045
Information Desk (22 – 27 August 20206)	+233 24 589 5128
Transport (22 – 27 August 20206)	+233 24 488 5433

DATE	PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS				
 SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2026	 • Delegate Registration	 • Secretariat & MANCO Meetings	 • Welcome Cocktail	 • Networking Reception	
 MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2026	 • Official Opening Ceremony	 • Keynote Address	 • Session 1: Inclusive Regulation (Ghana)	 • Session 2: African Healthcare Practitioner Regulatory Policy Outlook	 • Committee Meetings
 TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026	 • Session 3: Regulatory Science Programme Development (SADC)	 • Session 4: IAMRA / WHO AFRO / AMCOA Collaborative Workshop	 • Registrars' Forum		
 WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026	 • Session 5: African Healthcare Regulatory Authorities' Data Exchange Infrastructure (EAC)	 • Session 6: Regulation in Humanitarian and Fragile Settings (ECOWAS)	 • Session 7: Closing Ceremony	 • Regional Block Meetings	 • Gala Dinner
 THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026	 • AMCOA Annual General Meeting (AGM)	 • Elections	 • International Delegate Departures	 • Optional Cultural Excursion	

PRE - CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2026



Delegate Registrations, Operational Meetings, MANCO Meeting & Welcome Cocktail

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	LEAD
09:00-10:00	Operations Briefing	CPOC	AMCOA/MDCG
10:00-11:00	Protocol Training	Protocol, Ushers and Volunteers	AMCOA
10:00-12:00	Registration	Media Registration and Badge Pickup	MDCG
10:00-12:00	Registration	Exhibitor and Sponsor Registration and Badge Pickup	MDCG
12:30-17:30	Registration	Local Delegate Registration and Badge Pickup	MDCG
14:00-17:30	Registration	International Delegate Registration and Badge Pickup	AMCOA
15:00-16:00	Rapporteur Briefing	Rapporteur Briefing	AMCOA
17:00-18:30	AMCOA MANCO	Meeting with Host Country	AMCOA/MDCG
19:00-21:30	Social Event	Welcome Cocktail & Networking	Delegates

WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

@Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel Pool Area

19:00 - 21:30

This networking event provides delegates with the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, establish new professional relationships, and experience the renowned hospitality of Ghana before the commencement of the scientific programme.





CONFERENCE DAY 1

MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2026

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	LEAD
07:00-10:30	Registration	Delegate Registration	AMCOA/MDCG
07:00-07:45	Transport	Delegates Pick Up from Accredited Hotels	Transport Team
07:45-08:15	Delegate Arrivals	Welcome Tea **Delegates to be seated by 08h15	Protocol/Ushers Team
08:00-08:30	Courtesy Meeting	Meeting with Presidency and Ministers	AMCOA Leadership & MDCG

OPENING CEREMONY

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
08:30-09:00	Opening Protocol	Arrival of Dignitaries, National Anthem & Opening Formalities	Master of Ceremonies
09:00-09:10	Opening Remarks	Welcome, Protocol Recognition & Conference Introduction	Master of Ceremonies Mr. Kafui Dey
09:10-09:20	Ghana Welcome	Welcome Address	Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa, Chairperson, Medical and Dental Council of Ghana
09:20-09:30	AMCOA Welcome	Welcome Address	Prof. Joel Okullo President, AMCOA
09:30-09:45	Country Introductions	Introduction of AMCOA Member Countries	Dr. Davie Zolowere (Malawi)
09:45-10:00	Ministerial Address	Welcome Address & Introduction of H.E. the President	Hon. Kwabena Mintah Akandoh Minister of Health
10:00-10:15	Official Presidential Address	Official Opening of the 28th AMCOA Annual Conference	H.E. John Dramani Mahama President of the Republic of Ghana
10:20-10:40	Keynote Address	Responsive Regulation for Safer Communities: Towards Universal Health Coverage	Dr. Anarfi Asamoah-Baah
10:45-11:00	Vote of Thanks	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Divine Ndonbi Banyubala Registrar & CEO, Medical and Dental Council of Ghana
11:00-11:10	Official Photograph	Closed Group Photograph	Conference Leadership & VVIPs
11:10-11:30	 Morning Tea Break and Exhibition Walkthrough		All Delegates

SESSION 1

INCLUSIVE REGULATION



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
11:30-11:40	Opening Remarks	Session Overview: Building Inclusive Regulatory Frameworks	Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa	Ghana
11:40-11:55	Keynote Presentation	Building Inclusive and Responsive Regulatory Frameworks	Dr. Divine Ndonbi Banyubala	Ghana
12:00-12:20	Case Study	Inclusive Licensing Reform in Practice	Dr. Humayun Hank Chaudhry (virtual)	USA
12:20-12:25	Q&A	Moderator & Delegates		Multiple
12:25-13:00	Panel Discussion: Cultural Competence & Recognition of Diverse Credentials <i>Moderator: Prof. Alfred Yawson Provost (Ghana)</i>	Ensuring cultural safety and competence in regulatory standards	Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa	Ghana
		Inclusive Regulation from a Global Perspective	Ms. Nicole Krishnaswami	IAMRA
		Regulatory Leadership & Public Protection	Dr. Christy L. Valentine Theard (virtual)	USA
		Health Workforce Policy & Regulation	Dr. Victor Asare Bampoe	Ghana
		Nursing & Midwifery Regulatory Perspective	Mrs. Philomina Woolley	Ghana
13:00-13:15	Interactive Dialogue Q&A <i>Moderator: Pharm. Michael Kudebong (Ghana)</i>	Building Consensus on Inclusive Regulatory Reform	All Speakers	Multiple
13:15-13:25	Closing Reflections	Session Closure	Prof. Raymond Atuguba	Ghana
13:30-14:30	 Lunch		All Delegates	



SESSION 2

ADVANCING REGULATORY REFORM: LEARNING FROM REGIONAL EXPERIENCES, SHAPING AFRICA'S FUTURE

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
14:30-14:40	Opening Remarks	Session Overview: Comparative Regulatory Policy Landscape	Dr. Ngundja Uamburu	Namibia
14:40-15:20	Panel Discussion: Regional Reforms, Shared Lessons, Stronger Regulation <i>Moderator: Prof. Veronica Ntsiea (South Africa)</i>	ECOWAS Regulatory Reforms	Prof. Afolabi Lesi	Nigeria
		East African Regulatory Reforms	Prof. Frederick Were	Kenya
		Southern African Regulatory Reforms	Prof. Joconiah Chirenda	Zimbabwe
		International Regulatory Perspective	Adjunct Professor Martin Fletcher	International
15:20-15:30	Q&A	Moderator & Delegates		Multiple
15:30-15:40	Case Study	National & Regional Regulatory Reform Experience	Prof. Afrika Gasana	Rwanda
15:40-16:00	Vision Talk	Journey Towards Harmonised Regulatory Policy	Dr. TKS Letlape	South Africa
16:00-16:20	Interactive Dialogue Q&A <i>Moderator: Dr. Claire Karekezi (Rwanda)</i>	Continental Policy Harmonisation	All Delegates	Multiple
16:20-16:30	Closing Reflections	Session Closure	Dr. Ngundja Uamburu	Namibia
16:30-17:00	 Afternoon Tea Break		All Delegates	

CONFERENCE DAY 2

TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
07:00-10:30	Registration	Delegate Registration	AMCOA/MDCG
07:15-08:00	Transport	Delegates Pick Up from Accredited Hotels	Transport Team
08:15-08:30	Opening	Recap & Business of the Day	Programme Director Dr. Nana Kofi Edu Affare

SESSION 3

REGULATORY SCIENCE PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT (SADC)

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
08:30-08:40	Opening Remarks	Regulatory Science: Setting the Scene	Dr. Davie Zolowere	Malawi
08:40-09:00	Vision Talk	Building the Science of Regulation	Prof. Arthur Rantloane	South Africa
09:00-09:40	Panel Discussion: Leading the Future of Healthcare Regulation Through Science and Partnership <i>Moderator: Mrs. Mutinta Musaila (Zambia)</i>	Building Leadership Pipelines	Dr. Mahali Ntsasa	Lesotho
		Academia-Regulator Partnerships	Dr. Landuleni Benjamin	Namibia
		Professional Identity of Regulators	Dr. Colin Benyure	Zimbabwe
		Curriculum Development & International Guidelines	Dr. Bongiwe Malinga	Eswatini
09:40-09:50	Q&A	Moderator & Delegates		Multiple
09:50-10:10	Case Studies	Regional Regulatory Science Curriculum	Mrs. Ennie Chipabika Sampa	Zambia
		Mentorship Programme	Dr. Kopang Mohalenyane	Lesotho
10:10-10:25	Roundtable: Collaborating to Build Africa's Next Generation of Regulatory Leaders <i>Moderator: Ms. Farirai Maziriri (Zimbabwe)</i>	Partnerships for Progress	Ass. Prof. Kondwani Kawaza	Malawi
		Cross-border Collaboration	Dr. Makhosini Mabuza	Eswatini
		Continuous Professional Development	Mrs. Clotilda Chimbwanda	Zimbabwe
10:25-10:40	Interactive Dialogue Q&A <i>Moderator: Dr. Davie Zolowere (Malawi)</i>	Charting Africa's Regulatory Science Roadmap	All Delegates	Multiple
10:40-10:50	Closing Reflections	Session Closure	Dr. Davie Zolowere	Malawi
10:50-11:10	Morning Tea Break		All Delegates	

SESSION 4

AMCOA/ IAMRA / WHO AFRO COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
11:10-11:20	Official Welcome	Opening Remarks	Dr. Sunny Okoroafor	WHO AFRO
			Ms. Nicole Krishnaswami	IAMRA
			Dr. Divine Ndonbi Banyubala	Ghana
11:20-11:30	Workshop Overview	Agenda & Workshop Objectives	Workshop Facilitators	International
11:30-12:15	Technical Presentation	What is Regulation For?	IAMRA / WHO Faculty	International
12:15-13:00	Vision Talk	Bridging the Regulatory-Practice Gap	Dr. Jishnu Das <i>(Virtual)</i>	USA
13:00-14:00	 Networking Lunch		All Delegates	
14:00-14:40	Country Perspective	Regulatory Reform	TBC	Malawi
			TBC	Burkina Faso
14:40-15:00	Q&A	Questions & Discussion	Facilitators	International
15:00-15:45	Interactive Workshop	Understanding the Regulatory Practice Gap	Adjunct Professor Martin Fletcher	International
15:45-16:30	Panel Discussion <i>Moderator: Ms. N. Krishnaswami (IAMRA)</i>	How do we bridge the gap between regulatory design and real-world implementation given capacity constraints?	Dr. Divine Ndonbi Banyubala	Ghana
			Dr. Sunny Okoroafor	WHO AFRO
			Prof. Sindisiwe Shangase	South Africa
16:30-16:35	Closing Statements & Way Forward		Workshop Chair	
16:45-17:15	 Afternoon Tea Break		All Delegates	

CONFERENCE DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
07:00-10:30	Registration	Delegate Registration	AMCOA/MDCG
07:15-08:00	Transport	Delegates Pick Up from Accredited Hotels	Transport Team
08:15-08:30	Opening	Recap & Business of the Day	Programme Director Dr. Nana Kofi Edu Affare

SESSION 5

AFRICAN HEALTHCARE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES' DATA EXCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE (EAC)

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
08:30-08:40	Opening Remarks	The Foundation for Data Exchange	Prof. Afrika Gasana	Rwanda
08:40-09:20	Panel Discussion: Connected Data, Trusted Regulation, Safer Healthcare Across Africa <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Dr. Jackson Kioko</i> <i>(Kenya)</i>	Existing Data Systems	Prof. Joel Okullo	Uganda
		Data Governance & Privacy	Dr. David Kariuki	Kenya
		Database Architecture	Dr. David Mnzava	Tanzania
		Interoperability and Cross-Border Information Exchange	Prof. Amina Aden Mohamed	Somalia
09:20-09:40	Case Studies	Health Workforce Management Systems	Mr. Vuguziga Thadee	Rwanda
		Digital Registers	Dr. Ivan Kisuule	Uganda
09:40-09:50	Q&A	Moderator & Delegates		Multiple
09:55-10:20	Roundtable: Standardised Data, Smarter Regulation <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Mrs. Anabelle Kayirangwa</i> <i>(Rwanda)</i>	Regional Cooperation	Prof. Frederick Were	Kenya
		Data Standards	Prof. Febronia Kahabuka	Tanzania
		Mutual Recognition	Prof. John Charles Okiria	Uganda
		Roadmap to Stronger Governance	Dr. Charles Tusiime	Uganda
		Emerging Technologies & Real-Time Information Sharing	Dr. Mohammed Addow	Somalia
10:20-10:40	Interactive Dialogue Q&A <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Adv. Benson Mangowi</i> <i>(Tanzania)</i>	Shaping Africa's Digital Regulatory Agenda	All Speakers	Multiple
10:40-10:50	Closing Reflections	Session Summary	Prof. Afrika Gasana	Rwanda
10:50-11:10	Morning Tea Break		All Delegates	

SESSION 6

REGULATION IN HUMANITARIAN & FRAGILE SETTINGS (ECOWAS)



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	COUNTRY
11:10-11:20	Opening Remarks	Crisis-Responsive Regulation	Prof. Afolabi Lesi	Nigeria
11:20-11:50	Panel Discussion: Crisis-Responsive Regulation: Safeguarding Quality and Safety in Times of Crisis <i>Moderator: Prof. Ernest Yorke (Ghana)</i>	Conflict & Regulatory Systems	Dr. Deddeh E.P. Supuwood	Liberia
		Flexibility with Accountability	Dr. Babanding Daffeh	Gambia
		Ethical & Legal Considerations	Dr. Alex Peasah-Koduah	Ghana
		Humanitarian Partnerships	Prof. Fatima Kyari	Nigeria
11:50-12:00	Q&A	Questions & Discussion	Moderator & Delegates	Multiple
12:00-12:20	Case Studies	Crisis-Responsive Regulation	Ebrima Yarboe	Gambia
		Crisis-Responsive Regulation	Dr. Eva Suzan Hanciles	Sierra Leone
12:20-12:40	Roundtable: Resilience Through Collaboration, Innovation and Trust <i>Moderator: Dr. Alex Peasah-Koduah</i>	Building Resilient Regulatory Systems	Dr. Abdoul-Guaniyi Sawadogo	Burkina Faso
			Dr. Kenneth Kutsoati	Ghana
			Mr. Theophilus Tamba Fayiah	Liberia
			Dr. Nnaemeka Nwakanma	Nigeria
12:40-12:55	Interactive Dialogue <i>Moderator: Prof. Ernest Yorke (Ghana)</i>	Future Preparedness	All Speakers	Multiple
12:55-13:00	Closing Reflections	Session Summary	Prof. Afolabi Lesi	Nigeria
13:00-13:15	Comfort Break			

SESSION 7

CLOSING CEREMONY



TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
13:15	Opening Remarks	Conference Highlights	Master of Ceremonies Mr. Kafui Dey
13:15-13:20	Presidential Address	Closing Remarks	Prof. Joel Okullo
13:20-13:30	Handover Ceremony	Conference Report & Five-Point Action Plan	Adv. Michael Onyango
13:30-13:35	Host Remarks	Response to Handover	Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa
13:35-13:40	Parliamentary Remarks	Parliamentary Support	Chairperson, Parliamentary Select Committee on Health
13:40-13:45	Address	Legislative Perspective	Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament
13:45-14:00	Vote of Thanks & Closing	Official Conference Close	Medical and Dental Council Ghana
14:00-15:00	🍷 Networking Lunch		All Delegates

REGIONAL BLOCK MEETINGS

Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Following the Closing Ceremony, delegates will participate in regional meetings to consolidate discussions from the scientific sessions and identify region-specific priorities. These meetings provide an opportunity for member states to identify common priorities, develop regional action plans, and strengthen collaboration within their respective economic communities.

- **Southern African Development Community (SADC)**
- **East African Community (EAC)**
- **Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)**



ANNUAL GALA DINNER



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE GALA DINNER & AMCOA AWARDS CEREMONY

Wednesday, 26 August 2026
@The Underbridge Ltd

Transport to Venue: 18:00 – 18:30

Welcome Drinks: 18:30

Dinner & Awards Ceremony: 19:00 – 23:00

The AMCOA Gala Dinner is the conference's premier social event, celebrating African unity, excellence in healthcare regulation, and the achievements of the Association.

Set against an evening of African music, cultural entertainment, and fine dining, delegates will enjoy an unforgettable celebration of continental collaboration.



AMCOA 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(CLOSED SESSION)

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026

Time	Session	Topic	Speaker(s)
08:00-08:30	Registration	Annual General Meeting Registration	AMCOA Secretariat
08:00-08:30	Delegate Support	Registration Verification	Secretariat Team
08:30-09:00	Seating	Delegate Seating & Quorum Confirmation	Secretariat & Ushers

Time	Session	
09:00-12:00	28th Annual General Meeting	Attendance restricted to official AMCOA Members and authorised representatives.
12:00-13:00	Networking Lunch for AMCOA Members & MDCG	All AMCOA Members

AMCOA COMPLIMENTARY EXCURSION

Comfortable walking shoes recommended

Time	Session	Advisory Note	Lead
13:00-13:30	Assembly	Delegate Assembly & Boarding Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel	Secretariat & Transport Team
13:30-14:00	Departure	Transfer to Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Museum	Transport Team
14:00-16:00	Guided Tour	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Museum & Mausoleum	Museum Guides
16:00-16:20	Group Photograph	Official AMCOA Conference Group Photograph	Delegates
16:20-17:00	Closing	Return to Hotels	Delegates



DELEGATE ARRIVAL PROCESS FLOW

