



Engagement meeting - ICPeMed ***Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club*** **Nairobi (Kenya) 10-11 June 2025**

Introduction

EU-Africa PerMed (www.euafrica-permed.eu) is an international project funded by the European Commission Horizon 2020 framework programme. The project has the objective of integrating African countries in the development of a global Personalised Medicine (PM) research agenda by facilitating their participation in the activities of the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (ICPerMed) and by strengthening the collaborations in PM between Africa and Europe. Incorporating African Countries to the global PM agenda can contribute to shortening existing health disparities between developed and developing countries, as well as facilitating access of African countries to new tools and technologies that have the potential to make healthcare more efficient and equitable.

The EU-Africa PerMed project has initiated several core stakeholder engagement initiatives since its launch, in February 2021. Recently, the project has received a 6-month extension and dedicates this time to support African countries to be aware of the ICPeMed and support eligible organisations to apply for the observer or membership status.

Target Audience and Aim of the Meeting

The aim of the Engagement Meeting is to bring organisations interested in joining the ICPeMed together to discuss PM in general, the benefits and opportunities coming from global collaborations, and the ICPeMed consortium specifically, and how those joint collaborations can support local, national and regional developments. It will also be a moment of exchange, lessons learnt and sharing of experiences, in which ICPeMed member organisations from Africa, Europe and globally will meet African organisations that still reflect on the ICPeMed membership.



AGENDA DAY 1 – 10 June 2025	
Hour	MORNING SESSION 08:45 – 12:00 EAT
08:30-08:45	REGISTRATION
08:45-09:15	<p>WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Benson Mburu NACOSTI, Kenya. • Dr. Indridi Benediktsson (European Commission DG RTD)- Video Message. • ICPerMed Vice-Chairs: Ms Raili Sillart (Estonia) and Ms Rizwana Mia (South Africa) • EU-Africa PerMed coordinator, Erika Sela
09:15-10:00	Short Introduction of participants in the meeting (<i>Tour de Table</i>)
10:00-10:30	<p>Personalised Medicine in Africa and the benefits of international collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Mohamed Zahir Alimohamed, Co-Founder & General Secretary, The Tanzania Human Genetics Organization</i>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11:00-11:30	<p>The International Consortium for Personalised Medicine ICPerMed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Monika Frenzel, French National Research Agency (ANR), France</i> <p>15min talk, 15 min for Q&A</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>The EU-Africa PerMed project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erika Sela, INNOVATEC, coordinator of EU-Africa PerMed, Spain</i> <p>15min talk, 15 min for Q&A</p>
12:00-13:30	LUNCH BREAK
Hour	AFTERNOON SESSION; 13:30 – 17:30 EAT
13:30-14:30	<p>Lessons Learnt and Sharing of Experiences – Benefit, Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Participating organisations already members of ICPerMed and/or EU-Africa PerMed share their experiences on participating in international/global collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rizwana Mia –South Africa Medical Research Council, Member of ICPerMed and EU-Africa PerMed</i> • <i>Raili Sillart -Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia. Member of ICPerMed</i> • <i>Myriam Khrouf – Ministry of Health – Tunisia, member of ICPerMed</i> • <i>Teresia Nyawira – National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation, Kenya. Member of EU-Africa PerMed.</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Monika Frenzel -National Research Agency – France, Member of ICPeMed and EU-Africa PerMed</i>• <i>Marta Vicente-Crespo. African Population Health Resarch Center,. Kenya, member of EU-Africa PerMed</i> <p><i>5-6 min per speaker, plus Q&A from the audience</i></p>
14:30-15:30	<p>Integration of new African organizations in ICPeMed, challenges and opportunities, Part 1</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for those organizations that are potential candidates to join ICPeMed to share their thoughts, what they feel are the main challenges, opportunities and the value for advancing PM in their country. They can also launch their questions concerning the ICPeMed membership and observer status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Amanuel Lulu Engida, Ministry of Health of Ethiopia</i>• <i>Damaris Matoke-Muhia, Precision Medicine Kenya Task Force – Think Tank</i>• <i>Yalonda Mwanza Kapewa. National Commission for Science and Technology of Malawi.</i>• <i>Noureddine El Aouad, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation of Morocco.</i>• <i>Samba Corr Sar, Ministry of Health and Social Action of Senegal</i>• <i>Prosper Massawe, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology</i>• <i>Florence Agwang, National Council for Science and Technology Uganda</i>• <i>Fortunate Muyambi, East Africa Science and Technology Commission</i>
15:30-16:00	COFFEE / TEA BREAK
16:00-17:00	<p>Integration of new African organizations in ICPeMed, challenges and opportunities, Part 2</p> <p><i>Continuation of the session</i></p>
17:00-17:30	Wrap up session
19:00	Working Dinner and Closing plenary of the workshop



AGENDA DAY 2 – 11 June 2025	
Hour	Day dedicated to on-site visits to Research Institutions
09:00-12:00	Visit to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
12:00-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-16:30	Visit to Kenya Institute of Primate research (KIPRE)
16:30-18:00	Return to the hotel
18:30	Short wrap up - EU-Africa PerMed team