

## PROGRAM: KNCV at the Union Conference 2025

Every year, the *Union World Conference on Lung Health* brings together a global community of experts, advocates, and changemakers committed to ending tuberculosis (TB). For KNCV, this gathering is a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, learning, and building links with the communities and interest-holders that dedicate their efforts to ending TB. *Visit us at the booth: B3329*

See the program below with KNCV's experts and projects participation at the Union.

### 18 November 2025

#### 10:10 AM - 06:00 PM - WORKSHOP

Implementing effective active TB drug safety monitoring and management (aDSM) on the introduction and scale up of novel shorter regimen.

- Coordinator: Mansa Mbenga
- Location: Meeting Room 17

#### 10:10 AM - 01:10 PM - POST-GRADUATE COURSE

Updates on the latest recommendations on TB from the World Health Organization

- Presenter: Nguyen Nhat Linh
- Location: B5

#### 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM - ORAL ABSTRACT

Impact of sequencing and analysis artefacts on the performance of the WHO mutation catalogue for genotypic drug susceptibility testing of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

- Presenter: Noud Hermans
- Location: Theatre

#### 01:35 PM – 01:40 PM - E-POSTER

Overcoming language barriers and stigma in communication on TB: using artificial intelligence (AI) for person-centred TB information to people from migrant populations

- Presenter: Job van Rest
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 9

#### 01:15 PM - 01:20 PM - E-POSTER

Optimizing child-friendly tuberculosis prevention regimens: qualitative insights from Ethiopian interest-holders

- Presenter: Christiaan Mulder
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 3

#### 01:35 PM - 01:40 PM - ORAL ABSTRACT

Aida on WhatsApp: AI-Powered Support for TB Treatment

- Presenter: Kristian van Kalmthout
- Location: B6

**19 November 2025****09:00 AM - 09:45 AM - COMMUNITY CONNECT SESSION**

"There'll be dragons" - Untangling stigma & discrimination

- Presenter: Kathy Fiekert
- Location: Meeting Room 19

**10:26 AM - 10:32 AM - ORAL ABSTRACT**

Acceptability of Home-Based TB Prevention Services by Community Health Workers in the CHIP-TB Trial

- Presenter: Alanna Bergman
- Location: B3A

**12:10 PM - 12:15 PM - E-POSTER**

Opportunities for optimizing routine delivery of tuberculosis preventive treatment for people living with HIV in high burden settings

- Presenter: L. Chimoyi
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 6

**12:35 PM - 12:40 PM - E-POSTER**

Evaluating Optimal Functionality of the GeneXpert Machine as a Point-of-Care Diagnostic Tool for Tuberculosis in Nigeria: Lessons from KNCV, Cepheid Authorized Service Provider.

- Presenter: Christopher Ehimanne
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 8

**02:57 PM - 03:03 PM - ORAL ABSTRACT**

Early treatment outcomes for the six-month BPaLM regimen under programmatic conditions in Ethiopia

- Presenter: Emawayish Tesema/Degu Jerene
- Location: B2B

**04:00 PM - 05:00 PM - WORKSHOP**

Expressive writing for resilience and change

- Facilitator: Juan R. Mora Barrios
- Location: KNCV Booth B3329

**06:00 PM - 08:00 PM – SYMPOSIUM (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

The Power of People-Centered TB Care

- Presenters:
  - Ditiu Lucica (Stop TB Partnership)
  - Achilles Katamba (Walimu, Uganda)
  - Rachel Forse (FIT, Vietnam)
  - Mustapha Fidado (KNCV TB Plus)
  - Priya Shete (UCSF Center for Tuberculosis)
- Location: Bella Sky Conference Center

## 20 November 2025

### 12:40 PM - 12:45 PM - E-POSTER

Estimating the prevalence of tuberculosis infection in the EU/EEA: Results of feasibility assessment

- Presenter: Ineke Spruijt
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 4

### 01:10 PM - 02:10 PM - E-POSTER

Environmental impact assessments in tuberculosis healthcare settings in Nigeria: The gap between identification and action

- Presenter: Nkiru Nwokoye
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 4

### 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM - WORKSHOP

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### 04:45 PM - 04:50 PM - ORAL ABSTRACT

Nutritional support for people with or at risk of tuberculosis: a systematic review and synthesis of implementation approaches

- Presenter: Norma Madden
- Location: B3A

### 05:40 PM - 07:10 PM - SATELLITE SESSION

Optimizing the use of tuberculosis data and strengthening country-led strategic and programme planning for tuberculosis

- Presenter: Rachel Fiorillo
- Location: B4A

## 21 November 2025

### 01:10 PM - 02:10 PM - E-POSTER

Utility of Nanopore sequencing for the detection of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Kyrgyzstan

- Presenter: Aizat Kulzhabaeva
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 1

### 01:10 PM - 01:15 PM - E-POSTER

High TB infection rates in two rural districts of Ethiopia: Implications for enhanced TB preventive treatment

- Presenter: O. Ali/Degu Jerene
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 8

### 01:30 PM - 01:35 PM - E-POSTER

Nanopore targeted next-generation sequencing for the timely prediction of drug resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex clinical specimens in Tanzania

- Presenter: N. Mnyambwa
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 1

### 01:50 PM - 01:55 PM - E-POSTER

Digital Health Interventions in Improving Initiation and Completion of Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment among Household Contacts: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

- Presenter: Degu Jerene
- Location: Balcony 2, Screen 8

### 02:50 PM - 02:57 PM - ORAL ABSTRACT

TB Mod: A flexible, open source framework from modelling TB

- Presenter: Roel Bakker
- Location: B4A

### 03:10 PM - 03:55 PM - COMMUNITY CONNECT SESSION

Generating Community Demand for the Best Available Treatments and Comprehensive Packages of Care for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

- Presenter: Kathy Fiekert/Lindsay McKenna
- Location: Meeting Room 19