

# CoMO members' conference, Africa 2025

## Agenda



Support people  
affected



Act for better  
lives



Power up the  
CoMO  
community

### Friday 20th June 2025

🕒 6:30pm - 9:30pm

#### Global networking welcome reception

Join us for a warm welcome to the CoMO Conference 2025. Dinner and drinks will be provided for all attendees. This is a great opportunity to network with other members.

### Saturday 21st June 2025

🕒 9:00am - 9:15am

#### Welcome & opening

Welcome to Africa and the CoMO members' conference. Hear from Claytone Musungu, the CoMO Advisory Council chair.

🕒 9:15am - 10:00am

#### Meet-the-room networking

An opportunity for members to meet everyone in the room through a facilitated networking session.

🕒 10:00am - 11:00am

#### Defeating meningitis: where we want to be in 5 years

A conversation with Vinny Smith, CEO of CoMO and Meningitis Research Foundation, covering the CoMO strategy for 2025-2030, followed by a Q&A session.

🕒 11:00am - 11:30am

#### Take a break

Take part in social media Q&A videos and take part in a demo of the Meningitis Progress Tracker.

🕒 11:30am - 12:15pm

#### Around the World: spotlighting our members

An opportunity to share members' meningitis advocacy and lived experiences.

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🕒 12:15pm - 1:00pm

### Lunch

Eat at the hotel restaurant and connect with other CoMO members.

🕒 1:00pm - 2:30pm

### Science update: supporting people living with after-effects of meningitis

Chair and panel speakers to be announced. Hear from scientific experts and members around the globe on the latest scientific updates on the after-effects of living with meningitis.

🕒 2:30pm - 3:15pm

### Member hive mind: how can we support people living with meningitis?

A breakout session focusing on how members support people affected by meningitis.

🕒 3:15pm - 3:30pm

### Take a break

Take part in social media Q&A videos.

🕒 3:30pm - 5:00pm

### Building our collective advocacy: Race to 2030 workshop

Workshop on developing a national plan on meningitis. We will draft messages for national and regional decision makers, explore effective ways to engage with governments and learn from the expertise of global members.

🕒 5:00pm - 5:05pm

### Day 1 wrap up

A quick summary of the day.

🕒 6:30pm - 9:30pm

### Saturday Night Dinner

Dinner at a local Cape Town harbourside restaurant.

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### Sunday 22nd June 2025

🕒 9:00am - 9:05am

#### Welcome to day 2

Explaining the plan for the day.

🕒 9:05am - 9:45am

#### Around the World: Spotighting our members

An opportunity to share members' advocacy and lived experiences.

🕒 9:45am - 10:30am

#### Act for change: World Meningitis Day

Successes from 2024, hear from our World Meningitis Advocacy Fund recipients and make plans for 2025.

🕒 10:30am - 11:00am

#### Take a break

Take part in social media Q&A videos and a demo of the updated and improved Meningitis Progress Tracker.

🕒 11:00am - 12:30pm

#### Skills masterclass training

Social media training to help build your campaigning capacity.

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#### Responding to the funding challenge

Vinny Smith shares Meningitis Research Foundation's experience with fundraising in a high income setting, outlines the CoMO funding policy and what CoMO can and can't do to support member funding challenges.

🕒 2:15pm - 3:00pm

#### Farewell reception

A celebration of new and long-standing members.