

COLDA 2026



9TH CONFERENCE ON LIVER DISEASE IN AFRICA

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA | 17-19 SEPTEMBER 2026

24-Feb-26

DAY 1: Thursday 17 september

7:30 AM Walk in Coffee / Registration Open

Parallel Capacity Building Sessions

8:00 AM	Capacity Building Session 1 Interventional Radiology	Capacity Building Session2 Special Interest Group - HBV
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9:00 AM Tea break

Official Opening of the Conference

9:30 AM *Welcome Words by the Local Chairs*

Hailemichael Desalegn Mekonnen, MD, PhD
St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College, Ethiopia
Jiksa Dabessa, MD
Myungsung Christian Medical Center Comprehensive Specialized Hospital / Ethiopian Gastroenterology Association, Ethiopia

9:45 AM **Combatting Hepatitis B and C in Africa**

10:00 AM **Africa CDC -Support for Implementing Hepatitis B Guidelines in Africa**

10:15 AM **WHO involvement in the region**

10:30 AM **Lessons learned from Ethiopia**

10:45 AM **Panel Discussion**

Session 1: Viral Hepatitis in Africa - Functional Cures, Hep D, and Reality in Africa

11:15 AM **Hepatitis B - Functional Cures in Africa**

Francesco Russo, MD, PhD, FAASLD
University of Padova, Italy

11:35 AM **Hepatitis D - Diagnosis and Management**

Tarik Asselah, MD, PhD
Université de Paris, France

11:55 AM **Panel Discussion**

12:20 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:30 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:40 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:50 PM **Q & A**

1:00 PM Lunch

Session 2 : Collaborative Hepatitis B Clinical Research in Africa

2:00 PM **The Forum for Collaborative Research**

Veronica Miller, PhD
Forum for Collaborative Research, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, United States

2:10 PM **ICE-HBV**

Anna Kramvis, BSc Hons, PhD
Hepatitis Virus Diversity Research Unit / ICE-HBV, South Africa

2:20 PM **Core-HepB**

Gibril Ndow, MD, PhD
Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination, Task Force for Global Health, United States

2:30 PM **HepsaNet**

Asgeir Johannessen, MD, PhD

2:40 PM **Global NASH Council**

Inclusion of people living with HIV in the MASH trials and the potential integration of HIV and its related SLD phenotypes, beyond MASLD and viral phenotypes

Tønsberg Hospital / University of Oslo, Norway
Ahmed Cordie, MD, PhD
Cairo University Hospitals, Egypt

2:50 PM **Panel Discussion**

Session 3: WHA - involving patients in research

co-organized by World Hepatitis Alliance

3:20 PM

3:50 PM Tea break

Session 4: Mother-to-Child Triple Elimination: HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B and Integration of services

4:20 PM **Universal versus Targeted Hepatitis B Birth Dose Vaccinations**

Wendy Spearman, MBChB, FCP, FRCP, MMed, PhD
University of Cape Town, South Africa

4:35 PM **Country experience (3 countries) - challenges/ success + vaccination hesitancy**
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4:55 PM **Country experience (3 countries) - challenges/ success + vaccination hesitancy**

5:05 PM *Abstract driven presentation*
5:15 PM *Abstract driven presentation*
5:25 PM *Abstract driven presentation*
5:35 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

5:45 PM **Panel Discussion**

6:00 PM **SOLDA Annual Report**

SOLDA Chairs

6:15 PM **Welcome Reception & Postviewing**

DAY 2: Friday - 18 September

Parallel Capacity Building Sessions

8:00 AM	Capacity Building Session 3 Grant Writing The Lancet Regional Health	Capacity Building Session 4 Special Interest Group Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)
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Session 5: Chronic Liver Diseases

9:00 AM **Drug-induced liver injuries** (including toxin related injuries)

Yohannes Birhanu, MD

Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

9:15 AM **Autoimmune liver diseases: AIH & PSC and PBC**

Kidist Yiman, MD

California Pacific Medical Center, United States

9:35 AM *Abstract driven presentation*

9:45 AM *Abstract driven presentation*

9:55 AM *Abstract driven presentation*

10:05 AM *Abstract driven presentation*

10:15 AM **Discussion**

10:30 AM **Tea break & Poster viewing (even numbered posters)**

Session 6: Liver Health - Life style

11:15 AM **Healthy Lives Healthy Livers**

11:30 AM **Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease - MASLD**

Mohamed El Kessas, MD

Helwan University, Egypt

11:45 AM **Alcohol-related Liver Disease (ALD) and MetALD**

Debbie Shawcross, MD

King's College, London, UK

12:00 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:10 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:20 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

12:10 PM **Discussion**

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12:30 PM

1:00 PM **Lunch**

Session 7: Oral Abstract Presentations

2:00 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

2:10 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

2:20 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

2:30 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

2:40 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

2:50 PM **Discussion**

3:00 PM **Guided Poster Tour & Tea break**

OC guided poster walks (parallel)

Guided Poster tour: <topic>

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Guided Poster tour: <topic>

Session 8: Liver Cancer

4:00 PM **Hepatocellular carcinoma: Diagnosis and Management**

4:20 PM **Cholangiocarcinoma: Diagnosis and Management**

Ghassan Abou-Alfa, MD, MBA

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center / Weill Medical

School at Cornell University, United States

4:40 PM **Discussion**

4:55 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

5:05 PM *Abstract driven presentation*

5:15 PM *Mini-oral presentation*

5:20 PM *Mini-oral presentation*

5:25 PM *Mini-oral presentation*

5:30 PM **Discussion**

Session 9: Pediatric Liver Disease

5:40 PM Overview lecture

Manal El Sayed, MD, PhD

5:55 PM Discussion

Ain Shams University, Egypt

6:00 PM End of Day 2

DAY 3: Saturday - 19 September**Parallel Capacity Building Sessions**

8:00 AM Capacity Building Session 5

Capacity Building Session 6

Special Interest Group: PMTCT

Special Interest Group: Auto immune Liver Disease

Session 10: Liver Transplantation in Africa

9:00 AM Setting up a Liver Transplantation Program in Ethiopia

Kidist Yiman, MD

California Pacific Medical Center, United States

9:15 AM Lessons learnt from Sudan

Abdelmounem Abdo, MD

Ibn Sina Hospital, Sudan

9:30 AM Lessons learnt from Egypt

Ashraf Omar, MD, FAASLD

Cairo University, Egypt

9:45 AM Lessons learnt from South Africa

Bilal Bobat, MBChB, FCP

Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, South Africa

10:00 AM Lessons learnt from Algeria

Nabil Debzi, MD

Mustapha Hospital Algiers, Algeria

10:15 AM Discussion

10:45 AM Tea Break

Session 11: Mini-Oral Abstract Presentations

11:15 AM Mini-oral presentation

11:20 AM Mini-oral presentation

11:25 AM Mini-oral presentation

11:30 AM Discussion

11:45 AM AWARD session

Session 12: Closing Session - Innovations in Hepatitis Care

12:00 PM The Impact of Multi-Disciplinary Clinics on the Management of MASLD

12:25 PM The Impact of AI in the Management of Liver Disease in the context of Africa

Sabeta Lens, MD, PhD

Hospital Clinic Barcelona, Spain

12:50 PM Discussion

1:05 PM Closing of the Program

Closing Remarks - Ethiopia Government Official

Closing Remarks - Local Chairs

Closing Remarks - COLDA 2026 Summary

1:20 PM Closure of the Conference