



World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2026 - Symposium

AGENDA



Date & Time:

09 October 2026 | 08H00 AM - 14H30 PM



Meeting Location:

Avani Hotel, Windhoek,
Namibia

Director of Ceremonies: Mr. Penda Ithindi - Executive Director, Ministry of Health and Social Services (MHSS)

OPENING CEREMONY CHAIRPERSON: MR. PENDA ITHINDI

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
08H00 - 08H30	Arrival of guests and registration	All
08H30 - 09H00	Arrival of the Hon. Minister of Health and Social Services	All
09H00 - 09H05	National and AU Anthmes	All
09H05 - 09H20	Opening and welcoming remarks	Mr. Penda Ithindi Executive Director - MHSS
09H20 - 09H35	The Global state of Palliative Care, including the African Region - Define project scope, objectives, and success criteria - Align on project vision and key deliverables	Dr. Dille Mahamadou Issimouha - WHO Africa Regional Office
09H35 - 09H40	Intoduction of the keynote speaker	Mr. Penda Intindi Executive Director, MHSS
09H40 - 10H20	Keynote address: Palliative Care in the Namibia Universal Health Coverage plan and plans to scale up implementation countrywide	Dr. Esperance Luvindao- Honourable Minister
10H20 - 10H35	The Dr. Anne Merriman Award for Excellence in Palliative Care in Africa	Irish Aid Rep, Hon. Minister & African Palliative Care Association (APCA)
10H35 - 10H40	Photo session	All
10H40 - 11H05	Tea break	All

TECHNICAL SESSION CHAIRPERSON: DR. NAEMI SHOOPALA

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
10H05 - 10H20	The role of National Associations Lessons learnt from other parts of Africa	Mr. Andre Wagner - African Palliative Care Association (APCA)
10H20 - 10H35	Overview of Palliative Care in Namibia Policy Framework of Palliative Care in Namibia - Namibia PHC Facilities Standards. - National Quality Management Policy, - The National eHealth Strategy	Dr. Theo-Ben Kandetu DED- MHSS
10H35 - 10H50	Cancer and Palliative Care: The Namibian experience	Dr. Gerrit Keyter Mr. Rolf Hansen - Cancer Association in Namibia (CAN)
10H50 - 11H10	Improving access to palliative care in Oshikoto Region since 2015 First-hand experience from Namibian NGO	Ms. Eglien Eises Founder of Hope Based Health Care
11H10 - 11H25	Accessing palliative care in the public sector in Namibia	Dr. Melody Chipeio, Dr. John Ab Windhoek Central Hospital
11H25 - 11H40	Integrating palliative care in academic institutions	Dr. Meriam Nalupe International University of Management
11H40 - 11H55	Palliative care and spirituality: A Namibian perspective	Ms. Nazeema van Rooi Counsellor: CAN and Palliative Care Namibia
11H55 - 12H10	Way forward: Coordinated approach to Palliative Care in Namibia	Dr. Naemi Shoopala, Director of PHC Andre Wagner – African Palliative Care Association
12H10 - 12H25	Vote of thanks and closing	Mr. Seth Uiseb Hope Based Health Care Organization
13H00 - 14H30	Lunch and Departure	All

THEME: PAIN MANAGEMENT: AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PALLIATIVE CARE

