



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

**Subject to change*

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025	
Venue: University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa	
09:00 – 10:30	Oral Presentations by Students/Post-docs and Early-Career Researchers
10:30 – 12:00	Educational Workshop 1: Genome Sequencing (Exome Analysis) Educational Workshop 2: Pangenome Workshop
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:00	Mentoring Session with Academic / Industry Mentors
14:00 – 16:00	How to Series: How to Write a Grant / Paper
16:00 – 17:00	Seminar and Q & A Session with Journal Editors
13:00 – 17:00	Genetic Counselling Workshop (both in-person and online)
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	DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025			
	Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel, Durban, South Africa			
07:30 – 19:00	Registration			
09:00 – 10:30	Educational Workshop 3: Variant Interpretation	Educational Workshop 4: All about Tools (ClinGen, ClinVar, GenCC, OMIM, GeneMatcher, gnomAD)	Educational Workshop 5: Skills and Competencies for Multi- Disciplinary Genomic Healthcare	Ethics Workshop: Re-examining the Ethics and Law of Data Sovereignty: Population- Specific Reference Genomes and Common Heritage
10:30 – 11:00	Poster Session, Exhibition Viewing and Tea/Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:30	Educational Workshop 3 Continued	Educational Workshop 4 Continued	Educational Workshop 5 Continued	Ethics Workshop Continued
12:30 – 13:30	Exhibition Viewing and Lunch Break			
12:30 – 13:30	Corporate Lunch Session 1		Corporate Lunch Session 2	
13:30 – 14:00	Opening Address and Welcome			
14:00 – 14:35	Plenary 1 - Hemoglobinopathies			
14:40 – 16:25	Genomic Diversity Plenary			
16:30 – 17:30	Poster Session, Exhibition Viewing and Tea/Coffee Break			
17:30 – 19:00	Panel Discussion Session: Insights on Initiatives - Pangenomes and Genomic Diversity, African Genomes within/outside of Africa			
19:00 –	Welcome Reception			



DAY 3 – THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2025		
Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel, Durban, South Africa		
08:00 – 18:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:15	Symposium 1: Implementation Challenges in Rare Disease	Symposium 2: Bioinformatics (Machine Learning) and Artificial Intelligence for Molecular Medicine
10:15 – 11:45	Poster Session, Exhibition Viewing and Tea/Coffee Break	
11:45 – 12:20	Plenary 2 – 110 000 Genomes in Africa	
12:20 – 14:30	Exhibition Viewing and Lunch Break	
12:20 – 13:20	Corporate Lunch Session 3	Corporate Lunch Session 4
13:20 – 14:30	Career Mentoring and Coaching (Academic and Industrial)	
14:30 – 15:45	Symposium 3: Cancer Genomics	Symposium 4: Single-Cell Genomics and Diversity
15:50 – 16:50	Poster Session, Exhibition Viewing and Tea/Coffee Break	
16:50 – 17:30	Plenary 3 & HUGO African Prize - Data Governance	
17:30 – 18:00	Special Talk - The WHO Genomics Programme of Work: Advancing Human Genomics for Global Health	
19:00 –	Gala Dinner	

DAY 4 – FRIDAY, 14 MARCH 2025		
Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel, Durban, South Africa		
08:00 – 16:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:15	Symposium 5: Human Genome Co-Evolution and Population Genetics	Symposium 6: Implementation of Precision Medicine in African/LMIC Context
10:15 – 11:20	Poster Session, Exhibition Viewing and Tea/Coffee Break	
11:20 – 13:00	HUGO Chen Awards	
13:00 – 15:00	Exhibition Viewing and Lunch Break	
13:00 – 14:00	Corporate Lunch Session 5	Corporate Lunch Session 6
14:00 – 15:00	Career Mentoring and Coaching (Academic and Industrial)	
15:00 – 16:15	Symposium 7: Epigenetics and Environmental Genomics	Symposium 8: Microbiome and Metagenomics
16:20 –	Closing and Awards	