



Africa Chapter

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Purpose

- To strengthen awareness and capacity for data harmonization and analysis using OHDSI tools to meet the data-driven evidence needs of African researchers, health providers, and governments

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Africa Chapter 2025 Objectives and Key Results



Objective 1	Key Result	OKR Lead(s)
Grant funding to expand data in OMOP CDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit 2 or more grants	Marc Twagirimukiza (Rwanda) Agnes Kiragga (Kenya, Uganda)
Objective 2	Key Results	OKR Lead(s)
OHDSI Africa Symposium on the Continent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold Symposium before end of year: sometime during week of Nov 10Identify hosting site: Joint Clin Res Ctr Kampala	Alex Asiimwe (Uganda) Francis Kanyike (JCRC Uganda) David Muyomba (JCRC Uganda)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Publicity to achieve >100 attendees	APHRC (Kenya), JCRC (Uganda)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Find sponsorsSymposium content: overview, group activity; tutorials, leadership dvpt vision,	? members
	Objective 3	Key Results
Deep dive on ETL/data transformation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group hands-on ETL exercise over ~2 mo	Narem Singh (India)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify usable data sources on the continent	IQVIA, JCRC, HDSS sites



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Objective 4	Key Result	OKR Lead(s)
Propose Africa-specific terminology to add to	Compare local data dictionaries/sources to standardized vocabularies (e.g. CIEL -> ATHENA)	Andy Kanter (USA)
OHDSI Standard Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify at least 3 vocabularies to run concept prevalence studiesCreate a process for moving the data from CIEL-ATHENA	Bolu Oluwalade (Nigeria), Katherine Johnston (S. Africa)
Objective 5	Key Results	OKR Lead(s)
Conduct learning sessions for different audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop customized curricula for MOH vs doctors vs clinical/IT support staffHands on use cases relevant for the audience	David Amadi (Kenya) Lars Halvorsen (Norway, Belgium)
Objective 6	Key Results	OKR Lead(s)
Maturity model for ETL implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outline characteristics of 4-5 levels of maturity	Agnes Kiragga (Kenya), Adam Bouras (Morocco)



Ongoing Activities



- Translation of the Book of OHDSI: French, Arabic, Portuguese, Swahili - Michel Walvarens
- Data Science without Borders Program (Kenya, Cameroon, Senegal)
- BRIDGE PhD/postdoc Training (Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, S. Africa, Benin, Norway, Belgium, Ethiopia)



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Biweekly Meeting – Monday 10 AM ET

4 pm WAST; 5 pm CAT/SAST; 6 pm EAT (during EST)

Mar 3

US switches to Daylight Savings Time Mar 9

3 pm WAST; 4 pm CAT/SAST; 5 pm EAT (during EDT)

Mar 17, Mar 31, Apr 14 . . .

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