

# Draft Program: NIP Research Day 2025

Laboratory Research for Better Health Outcomes

7 November 2025 | 08:00–17:00 | NIP Head Office, Windhoek, Namibia

Time	Session / Talk
08:15–08:50	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00–09:15	Opening Remarks – Mrs Tjombonde (CEO) (15 min)
09:15–09:35	Establishment of the Research and Development Unit – Dr Iyaloo Konstantinus (20 min)
09:35–09:55	Laboratory & field evaluation of the STANDARD Q & Panbio SARS–CoV–2 – Dr Andreas Shiningavamwe (20 min)
09:55–10:15	Prevalence of HPV infection & attitude towards vaccination – Ms Lahja Shingenge (20 min)
10:15–10:35	Awareness and Perspectives on HPV – Ms Teopolina Nashandi (20 min)
10:35–11:05	<b>Guest Talk:</b> Establishment of congenital heart disease cohort – Dr Timothy Spracklen (30 min)
11:05–11:20	Advancing Evidence-Based Medicine in Namibia through Research – <b>Mr. Ithindi, Executive Director, Ministry of Health and Social services of Namibia (15 minutes)</b>
11:20–11:40	<b>Morning Break &amp; Poster Viewing</b>
11:40–12:15	<b>Guest Talk:</b> Introduction to fungal diseases – Dr Caroline Maluleka (35 min)
12:15–12:30	Point prevalent Candida colonisation survey – Ms Elana Jantjies (20 min)
12:30–12:50	Molecular epidemiology & antimicrobial resistance of vaginal <i>Candida glabrata</i> isolates – Dr Dunaïski (20 min)
12:50–13:10	Statistical Analysis of Carbapenem Resistance – Mr Uiseb (20 min)
13:10–14:00	<b>Lunch &amp; Poster Viewing</b>
14:10–14:30	Early identification of postpartum depression – Ms Emma Shaduka (20 min)
14:30–14:50	Molecular surveillance of Influenza A and B in Namibia – Mrs !Garus–oas (20 min)
14:50–15:10	Prevalence of health-related misinformation – Mr Immanuel Kaanduka (20 min)
15:10–15:55	<b>Guest Talk:</b> Cancer Genome Cohort – AC3 team (45 min)
15:55–16:10	Evaluation of Weekend Shifts at NIP – Mr Elia Inkono (15 min)
16:10–16:25	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
16:30–16:50	Awards – CEO and R&D – Mrs Tjombonde & Dr Konstantinus (20 min)
16:50–17:00	Closing Remarks – COO – Mr Nowaseb (10 min)