

About the meeting

Oxygen is an essential medicine with no substitute. Oxygen is highly effective at saving lives from respiratory illnesses, which are a major cause of death globally, and is vital for effective surgery, maternal, neonatal and trauma services. Despite this, equitable oxygen access has been a long-neglected element of health system planning. Scaling up access presents a critical opportunity for decision-makers to improve health outcomes.

The 2023 World Health Assembly resolution 76.3 on Increasing access to medical oxygen urges countries to develop costed national plans to meet the needs of all patients. Despite this call, and the potential for high impact, there are no formal guidelines for the effective planning and delivery of oxygen access scale up.

The objective of this meeting – **National Oxygen Scale-Up Framework Meeting: Road to Oxygen Access** – is to explore and reach consensus on the necessary components for national oxygen scale-up efforts, in the form of a template, which can then be adapted to country context. Participants will share best practices, highlight examples from current national scale-up efforts and identify existing resources that can maximize success.

- ◆ **Day 1** will focus on the draft template and the components needed to develop a national oxygen scale-up plan. This will be achieved through information sessions led by technical experts and interactive panel sessions with representatives of Member States and implementing partners. Translation services are available in Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish.
- ◆ **Day 2** will continue with the interactive plenary sessions followed by breakout sessions facilitated by thematic experts to build and refine each component of the template through consensus-seeking discussion.
- ◆ **Day 3** will conclude with a cross-cutting plenary session, an updated draft template, next steps for its finalization and commencement of planning for its use and implementation.

Throughout the event, participants will have the opportunity to discover more about the oxygen scale-up efforts of Member States and partners through our poster showcase, and learn more about the Global Oxygen Alliance (GO₂AL) and the Lancet Global Health’s Commission on Medical Oxygen Security at their booths.

Learn more about the event



Breakout session options for Day 2

During each breakout session (A, B, C and D), there will be seven concurrent breakout groups (see below). Each participant will be able to choose four breakout topics and are encouraged to contribute to in-depth discussions around the critical components of an oxygen system. Translation is available – in the BiPAP Boardroom (all languages) and Oximeter Office (French) – during at least one breakout session per topic. Participant numbers in each breakout group will be restricted based on available room capacities.

1	Oxygen ecosystem quantification, including surge scenarios	A: BiPAP Boardroom B: Proning Place C: Biomed Bureau D: Oximeter Office
2	Technical aspects of oxygen systems: source, storage, distribution, operations, maintenance and associated infrastructure	A: Proning Place B: BiPAP Boardroom C: Proning Place D: Proning Place
3	Financing and sustainable investment in oxygen ecosystems	A: Biomed Bureau B: Biomed Bureau C: BiPAP Boardroom D: Biomed Bureau
4	Workforce and competencies needed for sustained oxygen ecosystems	A: Cylinder Studio B: Cylinder Studio C: Cylinder Studio D: BiPAP Boardroom
5	Measuring impact and outcomes of oxygen systems	A: LOX Library B: LOX Library C: Oximeter Office D: LOX Library
6	Policy, regulations and guidelines for safe, quality-assured oxygen ecosystems	A: Chambre de Cannula B: Oximeter Office C: Chambre de Cannula D: Chambre de Cannula
7	Partnerships and engagement for oxygen scale-up	A: Oximeter Office B: Chambre de Cannula C: LOX Library D: Cylinder Studio



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14–16 May 2024
King Fahd Palace Hotel
Dakar, Senegal

Meeting agenda

Day 1 — 14 May		
8:30		
9:00	Day 1 Opening session	9:00–9:30
10:00	Plenary session 1: Highlights of existing oxygen roadmaps or plans	9:30–10:45
	Tea break	10:45–11:05
11:00	Plenary session 2: The national oxygen scale-up template	11:05–12:00
12:00	Lunch	12:00–13:00
13:00	Plenary session 3: Oxygen scale-up deep dives (Part 1) Effective partnerships	13:00–13:50
14:00	Plenary session 3: Oxygen scale-up deep dives (Part 2) Costing and sustainable financing	13:50–14:40
15:00	Tea break	14:40–15:00
	Plenary session 3: Oxygen scale-up deep dives (Part 3) Importance of the workforce	15:00–16:00
16:00	Plenary session 4: Template polling intro	16:00–16:30
17:00	Closing remarks	16:30–17:00
18:00		
19:00		

Day 2 — 15 May		
Day 2 Opening session		8:45–9:00
Plenary session 5: Oxygen scale-up deep dives (Part 4) Finding the need gap		9:00–10:00
Plenary session 5: Oxygen scale-up deep dives (Part 5) Measuring impact and outcomes		10:00–11:00
Tea break		11:00–11:30
Breakout session A		11:30–12:30
(see back for more details)		
Lunch		12:30–13:30
Breakout session B		13:30–14:30
(see back for more details)		
Break		14:30–14:45
Breakout session C		14:45–15:45
(see back for more details)		
Tea break		15:45–16:00
Breakout session D		16:00–17:00
(see back for more details)		
Break		17:00–17:10
Plenary session 6: Template polling (1) and Closing remarks		17:10–17:30
Meeting reception		19:00–21:00

All plenary sessions are located in the Grand Amphitheatre

Day 3 — 16 May		
Day 3 Opening session		9:00–9:30
Plenary session 7: Debriefing discussion on breakout Sessions (Part 1)		9:30–10:30
Tea break		10:30–11:00
Plenary session 7: Debriefing discussion on breakout sessions (Part 2)		11:00–12:00
Lunch		12:00–13:00
Plenary session 8: Cross-cutting aspects of oxygen systems – alignment and integration		13:00–14:15
Plenary session 9: Template polling (2)		14:15–14:45
Tea break		14:45–15:00
Global Oxygen Alliance highlight		15:00–15:15
Open discussion on aspirations and next steps		15:15–16:15
Closing remarks		16:15–16:30
Transport to airport		