

Africa Smart Cities & Townships Alliance

# ASCA Week 2026

August 17–22, 2026 | Kenya & Tanzania



# ASCA WEEK 2026

Collaborating for Sustainable, Healthy  
and Prosperous Communities in Africa



## LAKE VICTORIA

A Shared Resource, A Shared Future



AUGUST 17-22, 2026



NAIROBI • KISUMU • HOMA BAY (KENYA)  
MWANZA (TANZANIA)

## OUR THEMES



### Early Cancer Detection Programme

Saving lives through  
early detection and  
innovative care.



### Water, Waste, Sanitation & Hygiene

Building healthier  
communities through  
clean water and  
sanitation.



### Sustainable Energy

Powering communities  
with clean, reliable,  
and sustainable  
energy.



### Capacity Building

Empowering people  
through training,  
education, and  
knowledge exchange.



### Cultural Exchange

Celebrating diversity,  
building friendships,  
and strengthening  
partnerships.



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# ASCA Week 2026

## Africa Smart Cities & Townships Alliance (ASCA)

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### 1. Event Overview

- **Date:** **August 17–22, 2026**
- **Locations:** **Nairobi, Kisumu and Homa Bay (Kenya), Mwanza (Tanzania)**
- **Organiser:** Africa Smart Cities and Townships Alliance (ASCA)
- **Supporters:** Ministry of Health (Kenya and Tanzania), KENCO, Africa Cancer Foundation, Chun Jeong-eun Future Foundation
- **Delegations:** From Africa, UK, India, South Korea, Singapore, China, and the US
- **Subject:** Healthcare, Water & Waste management, Energy, Education Digital transformation, Consumer product, F&B, and sanitation
- **Venue & Hotel:**
  - Nairobi: **Emara Ole-Sereni Nairobi**
  - Kisumu: Grand Royal Swiss Hotel
  - Homa Bay: TBD
  - Mwanza: TBD

### 2. Background & Rationale

ASCA Week 2026 builds upon 4 critical milestones:

- **The launch of the ASCA** (September 13, 2025)
- Unveiling plaque of the **Chun Jeong-eun Nyong'o Cancer Centre** (March 27, 2026)
- The launch of Early Cancer Detection programme in Kenya (August 2026)
- The operational launch of **ASCA Pilot Project** across the Lake Victoria (Q4, 2026)

This initiative aims to **scale an integrated smart-region development model**, combining:

- Public health transformation
- Infrastructure modernisation
- Sustainable energy
- Capacity development
- Economic growth

### 3. Objectives

1. Formalise **multi-stakeholder partnerships** through binding agreements
2. Launch **Early Cancer Detection** Programme at scale
3. Facilitate **medical equipment donation and deployment**
4. Initiate **international medical training programmes**

5. Expand ASCA pilot into a **regional development platform** across the East Africa Community countries

#### **4. Key Stakeholders**

- Ministry of Health (Kenya)
- Kisumu County Government (Kenya)
- Homa Bay County Government (Kenya)
- Mwanza City Government (Tanzania)
- Social Health Authority (SHA)
- National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), Tanzania
- Africa Cancer Foundation (ACF)
- Chun Jeong-eun Future Foundation (CJF)
- World Smart Cities Forum (WSCF)
- Private sector & global partners

#### **5. Core Programme Themes**

##### **(1) Early Cancer Detection Programme**

- Blood-based screening for large populations
- Integration with public health systems
- Focus on underserved communities

##### **(2) Medical Equipment Donation**

- Deployment of advanced oncology equipment
- Strengthening regional healthcare infrastructure

##### **(3) Medical Training Programme**

- Capacity building in Korea and partner countries
- Development of long-term healthcare expertise

##### **(4) WASH (Water/Waste, Sanitation & Hygiene)**

- Smart water systems
- Wastewater management solutions

##### **(5) Smart City & Sustainable Development**

- Renewable energy (floating solar farm)
- Digital infrastructure (micro data centres)
- Industrial ecosystem development
- Cage fishing, Greenhouse

#### **6. Introduction and Background**

The ASCA is a global public–private partnership platform connecting over 30 African cities and key observing countries — including India, the United Kingdom, and the United States — with a unified mission to foster inclusive, sustainable, and innovation-driven development across the African continent.

The ASCA is committed to bridging the development gap between urban centres and rural townships, driving progress through technological innovation, strategic investment, and cooperative governance. It acts as a catalyst for reshaping Africa’s urban landscape while ensuring that prosperity is shared broadly among its people.

## 6-1. Global Context

The geopolitical and economic landscape has shifted dramatically in recent years. Events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, rising conflicts in regions such as Gaza and South Asia, and escalating trade tensions have redefined the principles of globalization. While the future global framework aspires toward openness and shared prosperity, increasing geopolitical rivalry has constrained individual freedoms and economic integration. These challenges underscore the urgent need for a new model of resilient, collaborative, and inclusive growth — one that aligns with the vision and mission of the ASCA.

## 6-2. Formation of ASCA

In response to these transformations, the ASCA was initiated by leading African municipalities, including Casablanca, Mombasa, Kisumu, and Dakar, during the Smart City Expo New York in May 2024. Subsequently, the inaugural ASCA Summit was hosted by Kisumu County, Kenya, on August 21, 2025, marking a historic milestone in African urban cooperation. During this event, 16 African cities and regions — including Konza, Mombasa, Kisumu, Kigali, Kampala, Mwanza, Lusaka, Bukoba, Musoma, Jinja, Bujumbura, Goma, Kinshasa, Dakar, Casablanca, and Benguerir — officially launched the ASCA, joined by government and nonprofit representatives from India, the UK, and the USA.

Kisumu County was designated as the chair city, and H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, the Governor of Kisumu County, became the first Chairman of ASCA.

This landmark alliance unites more than 20 African cities and rural regions under a shared framework of innovation, cooperation, and strategic development.

Among its early initiatives:

- Kisumu is leading the establishment of Africa's first fully-fledged cancer hospital, and
- Lusaka is advancing the development of a renewable energy-driven smart city, both serving as flagship projects under ASCA's mission.

## 6-3. Key Focus Areas of Collaboration

ASCA's collaboration framework addresses the structural and strategic challenges faced by African cities while aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Its primary areas of focus include:

- Strengthening Public Health Systems
- Water Resource Management
- Waste Management and Sanitation
- Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Agriculture
- Deployment of Renewable Energy Solutions
- Enhancing Access to Quality Education
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics
- Digital Transformation and Technological Innovation
- Development of Smart Public Rental Housing

## 6.4. Key Milestones

Period	Activity / Milestone
May 2024	The concept of the ASCA was proposed during Smart City Expo New York City
April 2025	Launch of the ASCA Project Blueprint
August 20–22, 2025	Inaugural ASCA General Assembly (Kisumu, Kenya)
December 1–5, 2025	ASCA Summit Korea (Seoul & Incheon, South Korea)
March 27, 2026	Unveiling plaque of Chun Jeong-eun Nyong’o Cancer Centre
June 2026	Interim evaluation of the Feasibility study
August 17-22, 2026	ASCA Week 2026 in Kenya and Tanzania
Q4 2026	Kick off the Early Cancer Detection programme
Q1, 2027	Finalization of regional ASCA master plans and project initiations

## 7. Programmes

### 15-16 August: Nairobi, Kenya

Date	Time	Programme
15 August (Sat)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival of International Delegation in Nairobi, Kenya               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delegations from S. Korea, China, Singapore, India, UK, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Morocco, Senegal, and Zambia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	10:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Nairobi National Park / Nairobi City Tour</li> </ul>
16 August (Sun)	19:00 – 21:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Dinner (<i>Dress code: smart casual</i>)</li> </ul>

### 17 August (Monday): Nairobi International Cancer Forum @ Nairobi

Time	Programme	Note
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang’ Nyong’o, Governor of Kisumu</li> <li>H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor of Homa Bay</li> <li>Chinese Ambassador to Kenya</li> <li>Indian Ambassador to Kenya</li> <li>Princess Katarina de Silva</li> <li>UK Ambassador to Kenya</li> <li>H.E. Tessie Musalia Mudavadi, MBS – Spouse of the Prime Cabinet Secretary of Kenya</li> <li>Mrs. Dorothy Nyong’o, Managing Trustee of Africa Cancer Foundation</li> <li>KPMG Africa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Congratulatory Remarks
09:50 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Ouma Oluga</b>, Principal Secretary of Ministry of Health, Republic of Kenya</li> </ul>	Key-note Speech
10:10 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Multilateral Agreement for the Early Cancer Detection programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASCA + Ministry of Health + OJC Lifesciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Signing Ceremony
10:20 – 10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Introducing Early Cancer Detection Programme</b></li> </ul>	Presentation

	- Dr. Gurdeep Sethi, Founder & Director of Millenium Cancer Centre Delhi (MCC)	
10:40 – 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session I: Company Showcase (Technology &amp; Solutions)</b></li> <li>- Global and local companies in the exhibition</li> <li>- Presentation : 7 min. per company</li> <li>- 13-15 companies</li> </ul>	Presentation
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break & Networking	
13:30 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session II: Early Cancer Detection Implementation Strategy</b></li> <li>- Moderator: KPMG</li> <li>- Panel speakers: Dr. Ganda, ACF, Dr. Angela, Dr. Sethi, Dr. Sapna Poti</li> </ul>	Panel Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing Remarks</b></li> </ul>	Representative of ASCA
15:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visiting Cancer hospital in Nairobi</b></li> <li>- HCGCCK Cancer Centre / Kenyatta National Hospital</li> </ul>	Learning session
18:30 – 20:00	Gala Dinner by invitation only. (100 VIPs)	

**NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CANCER FORUM 2026**  
*Advancing Global Cancer Innovation*

COLLABORATE. INNOVATE. TRANSFORM. TOGETHER.

**THEME** | Early Cancer Detection | AI Telemedicine | Healthcare Solutions | International Collaboration on Cancer

- AUGUST 17, 2026 (MONDAY)**
- 09:00 – 17:00**
- EMARA Ole-Sereni Hotel**  
Loita & Siana Hall, Nairobi, Kenya

**KEY SPEAKERS**



**H.E. Gladis Wanga**  
Governor of Homa Bay County



**Dr. Ouma Oluga**  
Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health (Kenya)

**INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS**



Republic of Korea



Singapore



China



United Kingdom



India

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE**



**500+**

**GLOBAL PARTICIPANTS**

- Government & Policy Leaders
- Medical Professionals
- Investors & NGOs
- AI & Technology Experts

## 18 August (Tuesday): ASCA Summit @ Kisumu

Time	Programme	Note
09:00 – 11:00	Flight: Nairobi → Kisumu (Jambojet and Kenya Airways)	Jomo Kenyatta
11:00 – 12:00	Hotel Check-in & Preparation	
12:00 – 13:00	Welcome Luncheon	
13:00 – 13:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu</li> <li>- Dr. Gregory Ganda, CEME, County Health, Kisumu</li> <li>- Professor Hazel Miseda Mumbo, Vice Chancellor of the Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Congratulatory Remarks
13:40 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. John Tanui, PS of Ministry of ICT of Kenya</li> </ul>	Key-note Speech
14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASCA Summit Roundtable</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASCA Vision &amp; Expansion Strategy</li> <li>- Healthcare Infrastructure Roadmap by KPMG</li> <li>- Welcome new members to ASCA (Zambia, Rwanda)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Roundtable Discussion
15:00 – 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contract Signing Ceremony on “Early Cancer Detection Programme”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OJC Lifesciences / MOH / Kisumu County Gov.</li> <li>- Media Presentation by Dr. Gregory Ganda</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ceremony Media Conference
15:20 – 15:50	Tea Break & Networking	
15:50 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Company Showcase (Technology &amp; Solutions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global and local Companies in the exhibition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Presentation & Exhibition
18:30 – 21:00	<b>ASCA Dinner &amp; Networking</b>	

## 19 August (Wednesday): ASCA Summit @ Kisumu

Time	Programme	Note
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session for International Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASCA – Korea – China – Singapore – India - UK</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Panel discussion
10:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session for the company showcase</b></li> </ul>	Corporate Booth
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch Break & Networking	
12:30 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting cancer hospitals (JOOTRH / Victoria Hospital) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chun Jeong-eun Nyong'o Cancer Centre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Visit
14:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kisumu → Homa Bay</li> </ul>	Chartered Bus
16:30 – 17:00	Hotel check-in @ Homa Bay	
17:30 – 21:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of WASH Forum &amp; Welcome Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor of Homa Bay</li> <li>- President of World Smart Cities Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dinner Banquet / Congratulatory Remarks



# ASCA SUMMIT KISUMU 2026



**DATE**  
AUGUST 18–19,  
2026



**VENUE**  
Ciala Resort  
Kisumu

Uniting Africa, Advancing Cancer Care

## KEY SPEAKERS



**H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o**  
Governor of  
Kisumu County



**Mrs. Dorothy Nyong'o**  
Managing Trustee of  
Africa Cancer Foundation



**EXPECTED  
ATTENDANCE**  
**500+**  
Participants

- Policymakers
- Healthcare Leaders
- Medical Professionals
- Researchers
- NGO Partners
- Industry Experts

## INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION



Kenya



UK



India



South Korea



China



Singapore



France



Uganda



Tanzania



Rwanda



Zambia



DRC Congo



Senegal



Morocco

## 20 August (Thursday): WASH Forum @ Homa Bay

Time	Programme	Note
08:30 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Company Showcase (Technology &amp; Solutions)</b></li> <li>- Global and local Companies in the exhibition</li> </ul>	Presentation @ Pavilion
10:40 – 11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WASH (Water/Waste, Sanitation, Hygiene) Session</b></li> <li>- Strategy for Water Infrastructure and Smart Water</li> <li>- Sanitation &amp; Public Health, and Wastewater Technology</li> <li>- Upgrade of Fishery industry applying Cold chain</li> </ul>	Key-note Speech Panel Discussion
11:50 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signing Ceremony (Early Cancer Detection)</b></li> <li>• <b>Designation of local hospital and university</b></li> </ul>	Ceremony
12:00 – 13:00	Farewell Lunch	
13:00 – 20:00	Homa Bay → Mwanza, Tanzania	Chartered Bus
20:30 – 22:00	Mwanza Welcome Cocktail & Dinner	TBD



# WASH FORUM HOMA BAY

— Clean Water, Healthy Communities, Brighter Future



**DATE**  
AUGUST 19–20,  
2026



**VENUE**  
Homa Bay,  
Kenya

## KEY SPEAKER



**H.E. Gladys Wanga**

Governor of  
Homa Bay County

## INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION



Kenya



UK



India



South Korea



China



Singapore



France



Uganda



Tanzania



Rwanda



Zambia



DRC Congo



Senegal



Morocco



**EXPECTED  
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**500+**  
Participants

- Government Leaders
- Development Partners
- NGOs & CSOs
- Private Sector
- Water & Sanitation Experts
- Community Representatives

## FOCUS AREAS



Water  
Access



Sanitation  
& Hygiene



Sustainable  
Solutions



Community  
Well-being

## 21 August (Friday): Mwanza Smart City Conference @ Mwanza

Time	Programme	Note
08:30 – 09:00	• Registration	TBD
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening ceremony &amp; Keynote speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner of Mwanza Regional Government</li> <li>- President of ASCA</li> <li>- CEO of National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF)</li> <li>- High-ranking official, Ministry of Health, Tanzania</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Congratulatory Remarks / Key-note Speech
10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signing Ceremony on “Early Cancer Detection Program”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MOH(Tanzania) – NHIF (Tanzania) – Mwanza – ASCA – OJC Lifesciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ceremony
10:30 – 11:00	• Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:30	• <b>Session I: Company Showcase (Technology &amp; Solutions)</b>	Presentation

12:30 – 13:30	• Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session II: AI Smart City Development Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable Energy (Floating Solar Farm)</li> <li>- Smart Fishery &amp; Agriculture</li> <li>- Waste Management</li> <li>- Digital Infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Panel Discussion
15:30 – 18:00	• <b>Visiting Cancer Centre &amp; Elementary School</b>	Volunteer Activity
19:00 – 21:30	• Gala Dinner	

## 22-23 August (Sat & Sun)

Programme	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serengeti National Park Experience (Networking &amp; Cultural Engagement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 night stay at the lodge</li> <li>- Toyota Land Cruiser</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday: Serengeti → Nairobi by local airlines or Toyota Land Cruiser</li> </ul>	



# MWANZA AI SMART CITY CONFERENCE

Innovate. Connect. Transform.

Building Intelligent Cities for a Sustainable Future



**DATE**  
AUGUST 21–22,  
2026



**VENUE**  
Mwanza City,  
Tanzania

### KEY SPEAKER



**Hon. Said Mohamed Mtanda**  
Regional Commissioner  
of Mwanza

### INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION



Kenya



UK



India



South Korea



China



Singapore



France



Uganda



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Rwanda



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DRC Congo



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Morocco



**EXPECTED  
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**500+**  
Participants

- Government Leaders
- Tech Innovators
- Investors
- Urban Planners
- Developers
- Academia
- Startups & Entrepreneurs

### FOCUS AREAS



Artificial  
Intelligence



Smart City  
Solutions



Digital  
Infrastructure



Sustainable  
Development



Partnerships &  
Investment



## 8. Expected Outcomes

- Signing of **Multilateral Agreements between Ministry of Health and ASCA consortium**
- Official launch of **Early Cancer Detection Programme in Kisumu, Homa Bay, and Mwanza from September 2026**
- Formalization of **medical equipment donation pipeline**
- Initiation of **medical training programmes**
- Establishment of **ASCA regional expansion roadmap**

## 9. Strategic Impact

- Position Lake Victoria region as a **healthcare and smart city innovation hub**
- Strengthen **Kenya–Tanzania cross-border collaboration**
- Attract **global investment and partnerships**
- Deliver **measurable public health and economic outcomes**

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ASCA Week 2026 represents a **transformational platform**, moving from vision to **execution and binding commitments**, with tangible impact across healthcare, infrastructure, and economic development in Africa

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