

THEME:
**Empowering Africa-led Clinical Research: Sustainable Partnerships for
 Local and Global Health Impact**

DAY 1 – MAY 3, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
09:00 AM – 02:00PM	Pre-Conference Day 1	City Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apartheid Museum: Explore the history of South Africa's struggle for freedom • Soweto - Vilakazi Street: Walk through the iconic heart of Soweto • Sakhumzi Restaurant (Lunch): Enjoy an authentic South African meal • Mandela House: Visit the former home of Nelson Mandela • Sandton Square: Experience the vibrant heart of modern Johannesburg

DAY 2 – MAY 4, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Arrival and Breakfast	
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Opening Remark	Speaker: Mrs. Roseanne Onyia
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address	Speaker: South Africa Ministry of Health
MORNING AGENDA		
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Session 1	From Collaboration to Co-Creation: The Future of Africa-Led Clinical Research Partnerships Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Investigator • African CRO

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Pharma • Funder/Global Health Organization Representative • Regulatory or Ethics Committee Representative • Data Expert
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea Break	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Panel Session 2	<p>Africa's Readiness for Vaccine Development, Manufacturing, and Deployment</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine R&D / Clinical Trials Expert (Africa-Based) • Vaccine Manufacturer • Regulatory Authority Representative • Public Health / Immunization Program Leader • Global Health Funder • Supply Chain & Cold Chain Logistics Expert • Technology Transfer & Capacity-Building Specialist
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A	
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Panel Session 3	<p>Reimagining Clinical Research Funding in Africa: Building Resilient and Diversified Financing Models</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Health Funder • African Government or Public Sector Funding Authority • Development Finance Institution • African CRO or Site Owner • Pharma, Biotech, or Vaccine Company • Impact Investor / Venture Capital / Innovation Funder • Academic or Policy Think Tank Expert (Health Economics)
12:45 PM – 01:00 PM	Vendor Showcase 1	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
AFTERNOON AGENDA		
02:00 PM – 02:15 PM	Vendor Showcase 2	
02:15 PM – 03:00 PM	Panel Session 4	Building Quality by Designing Efficient Models: Site Operations/ (SCRS Topic)
03:00 PM – 03:15 PM	Q&A	

03:15 PM – 04:00 PM	Panel Session 5	Addressing Cultural Barriers to Participation: Recruitment and Retention and Community Engagement/ (SCRS Topic)
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	Q&A	
04:15 PM – 04:30 PM	Tea Break	
04:30 PM – 05:00 PM	Closing Remark	Speaker: Partner (SCRS)

DAY 3 – MAY 5, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Arrival and Breakfast	
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Opening Remark	Speaker: Al Pacino
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address	Placeholder to be determined
MORNING AGENDA		
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Session 1	<p>The Role of AI in Clinical Research</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI / HealthTech Company Leader • Pharma or Biotech Clinical Development Leader • CRO Clinical Operations Executive • Data Scientist / Biostatistician • Regulator or Ethics Committee Representative • Academic Researcher (AI + Medicine)
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea Break	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Panel Session 2	<p>Harmonizing regulatory pathways across African countries</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulators (AMA, AVAREF, and other country regulatory representatives) • Ethics committee representatives
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A	
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Panel Session 3	Strengthening Clinical Trial Supply Chains in Africa: Building Resilient, Local, and Trusted Partnerships

		<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Trial Supply Chain / Logistics Company Executive • Pharma or Biotech Clinical Supply Leader • African CRO or Site Network Operations Lead • Regulatory or Customs Authority Representative • Local or Regional Manufacturing / Packaging Expert • Digital Supply Chain or Track-and-Trace Technology Provider • Global Health Organization / Procurement Specialist
12:45 PM – 01:00 PM	Vendor Showcase 1	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
AFTERNOON AGENDA		
02:00 PM – 02:15 PM	Vendor Showcase 2	
02:15 PM – 03:00 PM	Panel Session 4	<p>Strengthening Laboratory Systems for Africa-Led Clinical Trials: Quality, Sustainability, and Trust</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory Director or Head of Diagnostics (Site level) • Central Laboratory / Global Lab Network Executive • Quality Assurance / Accreditation Expert (GCLP, ISO Expert) • Regulatory Authority or National Reference Laboratory Representative • Diagnostic or Laboratory Technology Provider • Research Network or Biorepository Lead • Funder or Capacity-Building Organization
03:00 PM – 03:15 PM	Q&A	
03:15 PM – 04:00 PM	Panel Session 5	<p>From Training to Co-Creation: Redefining Capacity Building Through Equitable Partnerships</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Investigator • Academic or Training Institution Leader (Merclinco, AfriLead Tech) • Global Health Funder or Capacity-Building Program Lead (BlueCloudX) • African CRO or Site Network Executive • Pharma or Biotech Partnerships Lead • Early-Career Researcher or Program Graduate (FAMSA, NMA) • Policy or Workforce Development Expert

04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	Q&A	
04:15 PM – 04:30 PM	Tea Break	
04:30 PM – 05:00 PM	Closing Remark	Speaker: Roseanne Onyia

DAY 4 – MAY 6, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
09:00 AM – 02:00PM	Post - Conference Day 1	<p>Site Visit</p> <p>BARC Laboratory, South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Partnerships for Local and Global Health Impact • Learn about advanced clinical trials research • Meet with leading scientists and researchers • Understand cutting-edge laboratory processes

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