

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

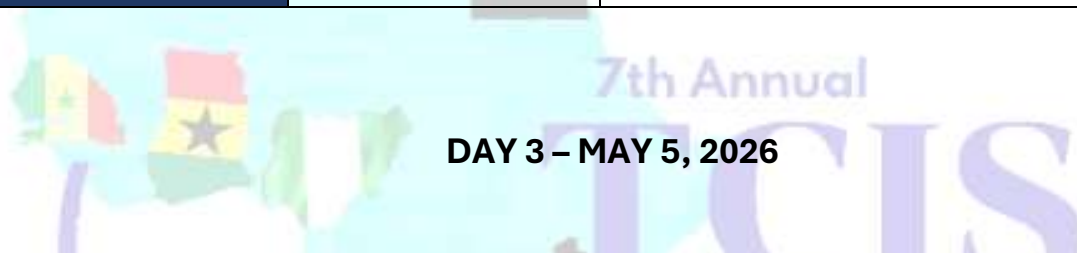
DAY 2 – MAY 4, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Arrival and Breakfast	
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Opening Remark	
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address	Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, 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 Moderator Nyeleti Rikhotso, PhD Candidate, University of Pretoria

		<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathaniel Ramuthaga, Country Head - Clinical Operations PDG, SA & SSA, Roche • Dr. Chrys Promesse Kaniki, Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships, Africa CDC and Head of the Africa CDC Youth Division • Dr. Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager, The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership • Dr. Ian Mugisa, Regulatory Compliance and Quality Officer, Uganda National Drug Authority
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>Moderator Dr. Bettina Buabeng-Baidoo, Co-Executive Director, International Working Group for Health Systems Strengthening</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul van der Bergh, Regional Development Director, Rodon • Dr. Dianna Nakitto, Head of the Clinical Trials Unit, Uganda National Drug Authority
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A	
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Panel Session 3	<p>Reimagining Clinical Research Sustainability in Africa: Building Resilient and Diversified Financing Models</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Kenneth Okolie, Chief Executive Officer, SYNLAB Nigeria</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wes Okeke, Chief Executive Officer, CUBIO & The Nomad Network • Dr. Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager, The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership

12:45 PM – 01:00 PM	Presentation	<p>Clinique Research Logistics Precision Shipping for Scientific Progress</p> <p>Speaker Anupa Singh, Business Development Manager, Clinique Research Logistics</p>
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
AFTERNOON AGENDA		
02:00 PM – 02:15 PM	Stakeholder’s Showcase 2	
02:15 PM – 03:00 PM	<p>Panel Session 4</p> 	<p>Breaking Barriers: Inclusive Recruitment & Retention in Africa</p> <p>Moderator Major Cindi, MPH, Executive Director, CRISMO, South Africa</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Marais BSc Hon, Country Clinical Operations Lead, AbbVie, South Africa • Huwaida Bulhan, MD, MPH, Senior Director, Africa Region Lead-Diversity & Inclusion in Clinical Trials and Site Engagement Lead, Sanofi, Kenya • Caroline Sibeko, MBA, PGDipPM, B.Pharm Sci, N.Dip Biomed, DBA Candidate, Senior Operations Manager and Country Manager, Novotech, South Africa • Tshiamo Moela, MA, Operations Manager, The Aurum Institute, South Africa • Tumi Miya, BBA, Senior Talent Manager, UniTriTeam, South Africa
03:00 PM – 03:15 PM	Q&A	
03:15 PM – 04:00 PM	Panel Session 5	<p>The Global Edge: Building Africa's Most Competitive Research Sites</p> <p>Moderator Dan Milam, EMBA, Director, Global Ambassador Program, Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS), USA</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eileen Koske-MD, MPH, AD Interim Scientific Lead, Roche, Kenya

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manish Rajak, PhD, Founder and CEO, INNVOCEPT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, India • Wilfred Gurupira, PhD, MPH, Alliance and Partnerships Director, Africa Clinical Research Network (ACRN), Zimbabwe • Kathryn Mngadi, MBChB, Dip HIV Man SA, Dip Epi, MPhil Pall Med, MSc Clin Trials, Chair of Safety Committee, The Aurum Institute, South Africa
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	Q&A	
04:15 PM – 04:45 PM	Closing Remark	Speaker Dan Milam, EMBA, Director, Global Ambassador Program, Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS), USA
04:45 PM – 05:30 PM	Networking and Refreshment	



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08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Arrival and Breakfast	
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Opening Remark	
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address	South African Health Products Regulatory Authority
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10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Session 1	The Role of AI in Clinical Research Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Isaac Rodriguez-Chavez, 4BioSolutions Consulting and Former FDA Senior Official • Adrian Kruger, Co-founder and CEO, Nuvoteq • Dr Kennedy Ot wombe, Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Baragwanath Academic Hospital

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suheila Abdul-Karrim, Board Member, Association of Clinical Research Professional
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"> • Dr. Delese Mimi, Director General, African Medicines Agency • Dr. Nyarko Kwasi, Technical Officer, Implementation Research Portfolio Coordinator, AVAREF Secretariat (WHO-AFRO) • Dr. Isaac Rodriguez-Chavez, 4BioSolutions Consulting and Former FDA Senior Official • Dr. Haji J. Hamisi, MSc., B. Pharm., Head, PV, PMS & Clinical Trials Division, Zanzibar Food and Drugs Agency (ZFDA) • Dr. Sharon Kiggundu, Inspector of Drugs, Uganda National Drug Authority • Dr. Igbawua Terseer Thaddeus, Regulator, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control • South African Health Products Regulatory Authority • Marzelle Haskins, Pharma Ethics
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A	
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Panel Session 3	<p>Strengthening Clinical Trial Supply Chains in Africa: Building Resilient, Local, and Trusted Partnerships</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christoper Perumal, Business Development Manager, Biocair • Ms. Deidre Oosthuizen, Director, LogicTrials SA (Pty) Ltd • Celeste de Vries, Regional Director SSA, Oximio • Charlene Ludick, Senior Account Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific

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02:00 PM – 02:45 PM	Panel Session 4	<p>Strengthening Laboratory Systems for Africa-Led Clinical Trials: Quality, Sustainability, and Trust</p> <p>Moderator Elisha Maharaj, BARC Laboratory</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kenneth Okolie, Chief Executive Officer, SYNLAB Nigeria • Mr. Tiri Towindo, Quality Assurance Director, PPD part of Thermo Fisher Scientific • Dr. Mantombi Maseme, Ampath • Dr. Haji J. Hamisi, MSc., B. Pharm., Head, PV, PMS & Clinical Trials Division, Zanzibar Food and Drugs Agency (ZFDA)
02:45 PM – 03:15 PM	Presentation	<p>Strengthening Emerging Research Sites Through Collaboration with Advances Sites: South African Regulatory Framework</p> <p>Speaker Major Cindi, MPH, Executive Director, CRISMO, South Africa</p>
03:15 PM – 03:30 PM	Presentation	<p>Speaker Susan Landis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Clinical Research Professionals</p>
03:30 PM – 04:15 PM	Panel Session 5	<p>Redefining Capacity Building Through Equitable Partnerships</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Nyeleti Bicky Mthombeni, PhD, Project Operations Director, Khomanani Health Research & Wellness Centre</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Landis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Clinical Research Professionals

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mia van der Bergh, Director Site Management, IQVIA • Yvette Erasmus, Founder & Principal Consultant, Tarus (Pty) Ltd Operations Officer, EMIN8 • Wilfred Gurupira, PhD, MPH, Alliance and Partnerships Director, Africa Clinical Research Network (ACRN), Zimbabwe • Ms. Judith Ramuthaga, Clinical Operations Vendor Excellence Manager & Clinical Trial Network Development Specialist, Sanofi • Dr. Bettina Buabeng-Baidoo, Co-Executive Director, International Working Group for Health Systems Strengthening
04:15 PM – 04:45 PM	Closing Remark	
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DAY 4 – MAY 6, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
09:00 AM – 02:00PM	Post - Conference Day 1	<p>Site Visits</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 <p>WCR Parktown (Wits)</p>



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