

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

**DAY 1 – MAY 3, 2026**

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
08:00 AM – 02:00PM	Pre-Conference Day 1	City Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apartheid Museum:</b> Explore the history of South Africa's struggle for freedom</li> <li>• <b>Soweto - Vilakazi Street:</b> Walk through the iconic heart of Soweto</li> <li>• <b>Sakhumzi Restaurant (Lunch):</b> Enjoy an authentic South African meal</li> <li>• <b>Mandela House:</b> Visit the former home of Nelson Mandela</li> <li>• <b>Sandton Square:</b> Experience the vibrant heart of modern Johannesburg</li> </ul>

**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	<b>Speaker</b> Mrs. Roseanne Onyia, Conveyner TCIS Africa, Founder Clinique Research, Clinique Logistics and AfriTrials Connect
09:30 AM – 09:45 AM	Keynote Address	<b>Speaker</b> Dr. Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager, The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership
09:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Ministerial Address	<b>Speaker</b> Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, South Africa Ministry of Health
<b>MORNING AGENDA</b>		

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Session 1	From Collaboration to Co-Creation: The Future of Africa-Led Clinical Research Partnerships
		<p><b>Moderator</b> Nathaniel Ramuthaga, Country Head - Clinical Operations PDG, SA &amp; SSA, Roche</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ghiorghis Belai, VP, Global Strategy, Total Trials (formerly FHI Clinical)</li> <li>• Dr. Chrys Promesse Kaniki, Senior Technical Officer for Strategic Youth Programmes and Head of the Africa CDC Youth Division</li> <li>• Dr. Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships &amp; Capacity Development Manager, The European &amp; Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership</li> <li>• Dr. Ian Mugisa, Regulatory Compliance and Quality Officer, Uganda National Drug Authority</li> </ul>
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><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Bettina Buabeng-Baidoo, Co-Executive Director, International Working Group for Health Systems Strengthening</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Paul van der Bergh, Regional Development Director, Rodon Global</li> <li>• Mr. Leonard Neil Lazarus, Chief Executive Officer, Rodon Global</li> <li>• Dr. Dianna Nakitto, Head of the Clinical Trials Unit, Uganda National Drug Authority</li> <li>• Prof Petro Terblanche, CEO, Afrigen Biologics and Vaccines</li> </ul>
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><b>Moderator</b></p>

		<p>Mr. Kenneth Okolie, Chief Executive Officer, SYNLAB Nigeria</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Elvis Temfack, Head, Division of RCD and Clinical Trials Coordination, Secretariat Lead, Africa CDC</li> <li>• Wes Okeke, Chief Executive Officer, CUBIO &amp; The Nomad Network</li> <li>• Dr. Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships &amp; Capacity Development Manager, The European &amp; Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership</li> <li>• Sabine Sarrasin, Head of Clinical Monitoring, Mirum Pharmaceuticals</li> </ul>
12:45 PM – 01:00 PM	Presentation	<p>Research Logistics Precision Shipping for Scientific Progress</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Anupa Singh, Business Development Manager, Clinique Research Logistics</p>
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
<b>AFTERNOON AGENDA</b>		
02:00 PM – 02:15 PM	Stakeholder's Showcase	<p>DFNet Research</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Busisiwe Mbali, Regional Director, Business Development   Africa, EU, APAC, DFnet Research Mzansi</p>
02:15 PM – 03:00 PM	Panel Session 4	<p>Breaking Barriers: Inclusive Recruitment &amp; Retention in Africa</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Major Cindi, MPH, Executive Director, CRISMO, South Africa</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefanie Marais BSc Hon, Country Clinical Operations Lead, AbbVie, South Africa</li> <li>• Huwaida Bulhan, MD, MPH, Senior Director, Africa Region Lead-Diversity &amp; Inclusion in Clinical Trials and Site Engagement Lead, Sanofi, Kenya</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Sibeko, MBA, PGDipPM, B.Pharm Sci, N.Dip Biomed, DBA Candidate, Senior Operations Manager and Country Manager, Novotech, South Africa</li> <li>• Tshiamo Moela, MA, Operations Manager, The Aurum Institute, South Africa</li> <li>• Tumi Miya, BBA, Senior Talent Manager, UniTriTeam, South Africa</li> </ul>
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><b>Moderator</b> Dan Milam, EMBA, Director, Global Ambassador Program, Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS), USA</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eileen Koske-MD, MPH, AD Interim Scientific Lead, Roche, Kenya</li> <li>• Manish Rajak, PhD, Founder and CEO, INNVOCEPT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, India</li> <li>• Wilfred Gurupira, PhD, MPH, Alliance and Partnerships Director, Africa Clinical Research Network (ACRN), Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Kathryn Mngadi, MBChB, Dip HIV Man SA, Dip Epi, MPhil Pall Med, MSc Clin Trials, Chair of Safety Committee, The Aurum Institute, South Africa</li> </ul>
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	Q&A	
04:15 PM – 04:45 PM	Closing Remark	<p><b>Speaker</b> Dan Milam, EMBA, Director, Global Ambassador Program, Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS), USA</p>
04:45 PM – 05:30 PM	Networking and Refreshment	

## 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	<p><b>Speaker</b> Al Pacino, President, BlueCloudX</p>
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Panel Session 1	<p>Harmonizing Regulatory Pathways Across African Countries: The Role of Regulators, Ethics Committees, and Regional Platforms</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Nyeleti Rikhotso, PhD Candidate, University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nyarko Kwasi, Technical Officer, Implementation Research Portfolio Coordinator, AVAREF Secretariat (WHO-AFRO)</li> <li>• Dr. Isaac Rodriguez-Chavez, 4BioSolutions Consulting, CEO and Principal Independent Consultant and Former FDA Senior Official</li> <li>• Marzelle Haskins, Managing Director, Pharma Ethics</li> </ul>
<b>MORNING AGENDA</b>		
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel Session 2	<p>Harmonizing Regulatory Pathways Across African Countries: Perspectives from National Regulatory Authorities</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Nyeleti Rikhotso, PhD Candidate, University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Haji J. Hamisi, MSc., B. Pharm., Head, PV, PMS C Clinical Trials Division, Zanzibar Food and Drugs Agency (ZFDA)</li> <li>• Dr. Sharon Kiggundu, Inspector of Drugs, Uganda National Drug Authority</li> <li>• Dr. Igbawua Terseer Thaddeus, Regulator, National Agency for Food and</li> </ul>

		<p>Drug Administration and Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mahlodi Moropa, Clinical Trials Manager, South African Health Products Regulatory Authority</li> <li>• Dr. Rania Shousha, Administration Manager of Protocols and Clinical Studies Follow-up, GCP Lead Inspector, GA of Clinical Trials, CA of Biological and Innovative Products, and Clinical Studies, Egyptian Drug Authority</li> <li>• Dr. Mariem Kadri, Public Health Pharmacist, Agence Nationale du Médicament et des Produits de Santé - Tunisie</li> </ul>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea Break	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Panel Session 3	<p>The Role of AI in Clinical Research</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Yonnie Otieno, Africa Manager, BlueCloudx</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Isaac Rodriguez-Chavez, 4BioSolutions Consulting, CEO and Principal Independent Consultant and Former FDA Senior Official</li> <li>• Adrian Kruger, Co-founder and CEO, Nuvoteq</li> <li>• Dr. Kennedy Otwombe, Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Baragwanath Academic Hospital</li> <li>• Suheila Abdul-Karrim, Board Member, Association of Clinical Research Professional</li> </ul>
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A	
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Panel Session 4	<p>Strengthening Clinical Trial Supply Chains in Africa: Building Resilient, Local, and Trusted Partnerships</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Charlene Ludick, Senior Account Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christoper Perumal, Country Manager, Africa, Biocair</li> <li>• Ms. Deidre Oosthuizen, Director, LogicTrials SA (Pty) Ltd</li> <li>• Veemal Bhagwandas, Regional Business Development Manager: SSA, Oximio</li> </ul>
12:45 PM – 01:00 PM	Q&A	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
<b>AFTERNOON AGENDA</b>		
02:00 PM – 02:45 PM	Panel Session 5	<p>Strengthening Laboratory Systems for Africa-Led Clinical Trials: Quality, Sustainability, and Trust</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Elisha Maharaj, BARC Laboratory</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kenneth Okolie, Chief Executive Officer, SYNLAB Nigeria</li> <li>• Mr. Tiri Towindo, Quality Assurance Director, PPD part of Thermo Fisher Scientific</li> <li>• Izette Jansen van Rensburg, Clinical Trial Manager, Ampath</li> <li>• Dr. Haji J. Hamisi, MSc., B. Pharm., Head, PV, PMS C Clinical Trials Division, Zanzibar Food and Drugs Agency (ZFDA)</li> <li>• One Dintwe, IAVI, Senior Director, Clinical Laboratory Operations C Immunology</li> </ul>
02:45 PM – 03:15 PM	Presentation	<p>Strengthening Emerging Research Sites Through Collaboration with Advances Sites: South African Regulatory Framework</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Major Cindi, MPH, Executive Director, CRISMO, South Africa</p>
03:15 PM – 03:30 PM	Presentation	ACRP Presentation

		<p><b>Speaker</b> Susan Landis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Clinical Research Professionals</p>
<p>03:30 PM – 04:15 PM</p>	<p>Panel Session 6</p>	<p>Redefining Capacity Building Through Equitable Partnerships</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Nyeleti Bicky Mthombeni, PhD, Project Operations Director, Khomanani Health Research &amp; Wellness Centre</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Landis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Clinical Research Professionals</li> <li>• Sindiswa Manaka, Manager, Site Management, IQVIA</li> <li>• Yvette Erasmus, Founder C Principal Consultant, Tarus (Pty) Ltd   Operations Officer, EMIN8</li> <li>• Wilfred Gurupira, PhD, MPH, Alliance and Partnerships Director, Africa Clinical Research Network (ACRN), Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Ms. Judith Ramuthaga, Clinical Operations Vendor Excellence Manager &amp; Clinical Trial Network Development Specialist, Sanofi</li> <li>• Dr. Bettina Buabeng-Baidoo, Co-Executive Director, International Working Group for Health Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>
<p>04:15 PM – 04:45 PM</p>	<p>Closing Remark</p>	<p><b>Speaker</b> Mrs. Roseanne Onyia, Conveyner TCIS Africa, Founder Clinique Research, Clinique Logistics and AfriTrials Connect</p>
<p>04:45 PM – 05:30 PM</p>	<p>Networking and Refreshment</p>	

## DAY 4 – MAY 6, 2026

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
06:00 AM – 02:00PM	Post - Conference Day 1	<p>Site Visits</p> <p><b>BARC Laboratory, South Africa (06:00AM - 12PM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustainable Partnerships for Local and Global Health Impact</li><li>• Learn about advanced clinical trials research</li><li>• Meet with leading scientists and researchers</li><li>• Understand cutting-edge laboratory processes</li></ul> <p><b>WCR Parktown (Wits) (12:30PM – 04:00PM)</b></p>

