

HEALTHCARE & BIOTECH CONFERENCE 2023

INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT, MAURITIUS | 18TH OCTOBER 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MAURITIUS

AGENDA

Day1

- 08:30 - 09:15** Registration, Morning Coffee, and Refreshments
- 09:15 - 09:25** Welcome Address by Mr. Issa Mohamad Soormally, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Economic Development Board
- 09:25 - 09:35** Address by Dr Timothy Rebbeck, Professor of Cancer Prevention at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
- 09:35 - 09:50** Keynote Address by Dr The Honourable Kailesh Kumar Singh Jagutpal, Minister of Health and Wellness
- 09:50 - 10:05** Networking Break
- 10:05 - 11:10** Panel Discussion 1: The Foundations and Application of Precision Medicine
- 11:10 - 12:15** Panel Discussion 2: Wellness Concepts and their Integration with Global Healthcare Systems
- 12:15 - 13:05** Networking Lunch Break
- 13:05 - 14:10** Panel Discussion 3: Emerging Therapies in Neurology & Cardiac Care and Use of Robots in Surgery
- 14:10 - 15:15** Panel Discussion 4: Biopharmaceutical Research and Manufacturing
- 15:15 - 15:30** Networking Break
- 15:30 - 16:35** Panel Discussion 5: The Clinical Research Industry: The Future of Clinical Trials
- 16:35 - 17:40** Panel Discussion 6: Adapting the Health System to provide Value Based Care - focused on Diabetes, Cancer and Fertility
- 17:40 - 18:00** Closing Remarks: Mrs Nirmala Jeetah, Director, Bio Industry and Project Development, Economic Development Board
- 18:00 - 19:30** Networking Cocktail

Day2

- 09:30 - 17:00** Site Visits
B to B Meetings
Collaborative Meetings with the Public and Private Sector



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Thematic

Thematic 1:

The Foundations and Application of Precision Medicine

Brief:

“Making use of precision medicine to optimize disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment decision-making through the assimilation and analysis of multiple types of data including both genotypic and phenotypic measures”

Proposed Panel Discussions:

Moderator - (Dr Timothy Rebbeck, Dana Farber Cancer Institute)

- **From Bench to Bedside** - (Professor Rameen Shakur - Cambridge Heartwear Founder & Chairman and Director of Integrative Genomics Unit, University of Brighton)
- **Genetic Testing as Key to Advancing Precision Medicine** - (Professor Noam Shomrom, Director, Rare Genomics Institute (RGI), Israel and Head, Functional Genomics Laboratory -Tel Aviv University, Medical School)
- **Cell and Gene Therapies for Personalised Cancer Treatment** - (Mr Viswanath Rao, Chief Financial Officer Immuneel, India)

Thematic 2:

Wellness Concepts and their Integration with Global Healthcare System

Brief:

Harnessing the potential of the burgeoning wellness industry and its complementarity with the global healthcare sector - especially through emphasis on optimising health rather than managing disease.

Proposed Panel Discussions:

Moderator: (Dr Kurt Barnes ND DEA, Naturopathic Physician)

- **Integrating Health into Wellness - The Chenot Perspective** (Dr George, Gaitanos, Chief Operating and Scientific Officer)
- **Ananda in the Himalayas - the Ayurveda concept** (Mr Mahesh Natarajan, Chief Operating Officer, Ananda in the Himalayas)
- **The Evolution of the Mental Health Concept and the Therapy Options** (Dr Jean Marie Batail, Psychiatrist, Guillaume Régnier Hospital Center, France)



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Thematic 3:

Emerging Therapies in Neurology & Cardiac Care and Use of Robots in Surgery

Brief:

“New advances in the identification and treatment of diseases and technology adoption in the healthcare sector”

Proposed Panel Discussions:

- **Moderator:** (Dr Davy Ip, Nephrologist, Mauritius)
- **Key advances in:**
 - **Neurology & Neuroscience** - (Dr Pradyumna Oak, Director & Head - Neurology, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital)
 - **Cardiovascular** (Dr Dharmesh Ramlugun, Cardiac Surgeon, France University Hospital - Strasbourg)
 - **Use of Technology in Surgery** - (Dr Stephen Jeffery, Urology & Surgery - Urogynaecology, Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, South Africa)

Thematic 4:

Biopharmaceutical Research and Manufacturing

Brief:

“State of the global biopharma industry and the rationale for developing African manufacturing competences”

Proposed Panel Discussions:

- **Moderator:** (Professor Rameen Shakur, University of Brighton)
- **Drug Discovery, Development and Commercialisation** – (Dr Ram Sasisekharan - Professor of Biological Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- **Private Sector Manufacturing Perspective** – (Mr Sebastian Mueller, Business Development Manager – Vetter Pharma, Germany)
- **Plant based Therapeutics - CapeBio Pharms, from start up to scale up** – (Mrs Belinda Shaw, Executive Chair and Founder, CapeBio Pharms)

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Thematic 5:

The Clinical Research Industry the Future of Clinical Trials

Brief:

"Underlying the complexities of clinical research and opportunities for countries with a diverse population base"

Proposed Panel Discussions:

Moderator: (Archana Bhaw-Luximon, Professor Biomaterials Engineering, University of Mauritius)

- **Case Study** (Mr Joseph W. LaPlume, Corporate Executive Vice President, Corporate Development & Strategy Management, Charles River Laboratories, USA)
- **International perspective on: Bioethics, Site Selection, Regulations and Patient Recruitment -** (Dr Regis Pignol, Global Group Leader Clinical Pharmacology, Sanofi)
- **Regulatory Considerations for Clinical Studies -** (Ms Anusha Foy, Partner, Head of Life Sciences Regulatory Solutions Practice, KPMG, UK)

Thematic 6:

Adapting the Health System to provide Value Based Care for Key Population Groups - focused on Diabetes, Cancer and Fertility

Brief:

"Making use of data to identify social determinants to build predictive, preventive, and personalized value-based care for population groups"

Proposed Panel Discussions:

- **Moderator:** (Dr Peter Svalander, CEO, Maeva Health, Mauritius)
- **Key non communicable diseases - causes, prevention and treatment options:**
 - **Diabetes** (Professor Kamlesh Khunti - Primary Care Diabetes and Vascular Medicine, University of Leicester)
 - **Oncology** (Dr Timothy Rebbeck- Professor of Cancer Prevention at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and Professor of Medical Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute) and
- **Addressing fertility and benign gynaecology health concerns:**
 - **Women's Health – Reproductive Science –** (Professor Joyce Harper: Head of the Reproductive Science and Society Group, UCL Institute for Women's Health)