

PROGRAMME & SPEAKERS

Biotechnology in Medical Research Media Round Table

Programme to start promptly at 09:00

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00-09:05	Programme overview and introduction to virtual media (Venue -The Loerie)	Independent Facilitator
09:05-09:10	Official welcome	Beverley Damonse, Executive Director, SAASTA
09:10-09:25	The Role of PUB	PUB Representative Lorenzo Raynard
09:25-10:00	Introduction of Speakers, and 5 minute synopsis by each speaker	Independent Facilitator and Speakers

Break to Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session 1 (Live Webcast: Venue - The Loerie)

10:00-10:30	Health Biotech in South Africa Speaker 1	Professor Michael Pepper, Unit for Advanced Studies, University of Pretoria
10:30-10:45	Questions & engagement	
10:50-11:20	Is Africa Ready for Genetic Predisposition Testing? Speaker 2	Prof Michèle Ramsay, Division of Human Genetics, NHLS
11:20-11:35	Questions and engagement	
11:40-12:10	Cancer Stem Cells: The Hidden Villain. New Approach to Cancer Therapy. Speaker 3	Dr Adrienne Edkins, Rhodes University
12:10-12:25	Questions and engagement	

Parallel Session 2 (Venue - Hadedda)

10:00-10:30	The Role of Clinical Trials in Biotechnology in Medical Research Speaker 4	Dr Lynn Katsoulis, SACRA and Cato Research
10:30-10:45	Questions and engagement	
10:50-11:20	Biotechnology and the Diagnosis of TB Speaker 5	Prof Rob Warren, DST/NRF Centre of Excellence for Biomedical Tuberculosis Research/MRC Centre for Molecular and Cell Biology, Stellenbosch University
11:20-11:35	Questions & engagement	
11:40-12:10	Developing New TB Vaccines in Cape Town Speaker 6	Dr Thomas Scriba, South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative, UCT
12:10-12:25	Questions and engagement	
12:30-13:25	Lunch (Venue-The Flamingo)	

Repeat Parallel sessions

Parallel session 1 (Venue - Hadedda)

Parallel session 2 Live webcast (Venue - The Loerie)

13:30-14:15	Speaker 1 & 4
14:20-15:05	Speaker 2 & 5
15:10-15:55	Speaker 3 & 6



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