



The
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BHF Conference**
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2025 Programme



COLLABORATING FOR VALUE: *Partnerships Transforming the Future of Healthcare*



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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	TIMES
Exhibition Setup	10 May 2025	06:00 – 24:00
Delegate Registration	10 May 2025 11 May 2025 12 May 2025	14:00 – 16:30 07:00 – 17:00 08:00 – 15:00
Clinical Workshop	10 May 2025	09:00 – 16:00
BHF Golf Challenge	11 May 2025	10:00
Governance Workshop	11 May 2025	09:00 – 15:00
Opening Ceremony Networking cocktail	11 May 2025	17:00 – 20:00 20:00 – 22:00
Exhibition	11 - 14 May 2025	07:00 – 18:00
Plenary Session	12-14 May 2025	08:00 – 16:00
Titanium Awards Gala Event	12 May 2025	19:00 till late
Parallel workshops	13 May 2025	11:30 – 17:00
Exhibition Breakdown	14 May 2025	13:30

**Draft programme*

CONFERENCE THEME

This year's conference theme, "*Collaborating for Value: Partnerships Transforming the Future of Healthcare – Uniting Parallels*," reflects our focus on strategic alliances that drive innovation, equity, and sustainability across the health ecosystem.

Overall Conference Theme summary

In an era of rapid change, healthcare reform is being reshaped by evolving health needs, rising consumer expectations, and the demand for systems that deliver value. Sustainability across the African region requires bold, transformative partnerships that enables new capabilities; expands access; and builds resilient, value-driven systems for a sustainable future that works for everyone.

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CPD Points Breakdown

- **CPD POINT ALLOCATION FOR HPCSA REGISTERED ATTENDEE: LEVEL 1**
 - Clinical Workshop Day 1 = 7 Ethics
 - Day 2 = 8 Ethics
 - Day 3 = 6 Ethics, 2 Clinical
 - Day 4 = 7 Ethics
 - (2 Clinical for Stream 8)
 - Day 5 = 4 Ethics
 - 2 Points per hour when presenting.
- **CPD POINT ALLOCATION FOR REGISTERED HPCSA MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL PRESENTER/S :**
 - **LEVEL 1**

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Day 1

Saturday, 10 May 2025 | Clinical Workshop: 09:00 – 16:00

Venue: CTICC 1

Programme Director: Dr. Stan Moloabi, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer - GEMS

Workshop theme: The Future of Healthcare: Multidisciplinary Partnerships for Patient-Centred Excellence

Workshop Theme summary: This workshop will explore how multidisciplinary teams can drive innovation, improve patient outcomes, and adapt to healthcare reforms such as National Health Insurance (NHI). Experts from different sectors will share insights on how to break silos; align roles; and enhance care co-ordination for better health system sustainability.

Who needs to attend this session:

Medical professionals: doctors, medical advisors, nurses, specialists and other healthcare professionals seeking to advance their clinical skills and stay informed and up to date around the latest advances in healthcare.

Session 1:

09:00 – 09:05	Programme Overview: Dr. Stan Moloabi, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer - GEMS
09:05 – 09:30	Emerging Trends Shaping Healthcare Delivery: Challenges, Innovations & Opportunities Professor Taryn Young, Distinguished Professor - Stellenbosch University Q & A (5 minutes)
09:35 – 10:20	Aligning with Universal Health Coverage & Healthcare Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding the evolving healthcare landscape and policy shiftsHow NHI and other reforms impact healthcare professionals' roles Dr Magome Masike, Registrar – Health Professions Council SA (HPCSA) & Dr Rajesh Patel, Head of Health Systems Strengthening – Board of Healthcare Funders SA. (BHF) Q & A (10 minutes)
10:30 – 11:10	AI & The Future of Medicine – Enhancing, Not Replacing, Clinical Decision-Making How AI can support clinicians in diagnostics, treatment planning, and personalised medicine. Dr Brian Ruff, Technical Strategist – PPO Serve & Nomfundo Khabela, Strategic Relationship Executive - Healthbridge Q & A (5 minutes)
11:10 – 11:45	Networking TEA BREAK

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Session 2:

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| 11:45 – 12:05 | The Power of Multidisciplinary Collaboration - Who Owns the Patient Journey? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Why multidisciplinary teamwork is critical for modern medicine
Professor Joseph Arthur Rantloane, Chairperson - Medical & Dental Professions Board - HPCSA
Q & A (5 minutes) |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthening coordination between general practitioners, specialists, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health professionalsClarifying roles in multidisciplinary teams to optimise care, reduce costs and improve outcomes.
Dr Lerato Motshudi, Medical Director - Akeso
Q & A (5 minutes) |
| 12:35 – 13:05 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cancer Care a multidisciplinary approach Dr Sarah Nietz, Breast Surgeon
Q & A (5 minutes) |

13:10 – 14:10 NETWORKING LUNCH

Session 3:

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| 14:10 – 14:30 | Dying with Dignity – Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations
End-of-life care, palliative medicine, and ethical decision-making in terminal illness management.
Professor Joseph Raimondo, Executive member of DignitySA & Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the University of Cape Town
Q & A (5 minutes) |
| 14:35 – 15:00 | Ethical & Legal Considerations in Modern Healthcare
Informed Consent in the Age of Data Privacy – Navigating POPIA & patient autonomy in digital healthcare
Dr Brenda Kubheka, Co-founder and Managing Director of Health IQ Consulting and Co-founder of Matched Media
Q & A (5 minutes) |
| 15:05 – 15:40 | The evolution of the consultation process: past and present
Staying current: advances in diagnostics and treatment regimens
Clinical condition management in contemporary practice
Professor Graham Hukins, Associate Professor in Innovation and Research at North-West University
Q & A (10 minutes) |

15:55 Session Closure

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Health Professions Council (HPCSA)
Case Manager Association of South Africa

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Sunday 11 May 2025 | Governance Workshop: 09:00 – 15:30

Programme Director: Dr Pontsho Mokoena, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer, Barmed

Workshop theme: Strengthening Governance for Sustainable UHC: Empowering Boards to Deliver Value, Drive Strategy, and Protect Members' Interests

Workshop Summary As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, trustees and healthcare leaders must navigate the complexities of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Insurance (NHI) while ensuring the sustainability and good governance of medical schemes. This workshop will provide critical insights into governance best practices, compliance challenges, strategic leadership, and member-centric decision-making to equip trustees and healthcare funders with the tools needed for effective oversight.

Who should attend:

- All health funders
- Principal officers and boards of trustees
- CEOs
- Fund managers
- Healthcare professionals.

Session 1:

09:00 – 09:10	Programme overview Neo Khaue, BHF Chairperson & Principal Officer – Polmed
09:10 – 09:30	Understanding the Role of Trustees in a Changing Healthcare Landscape – Putting Members First - Context of medical schemes amid NHI, affordability challenges, and regulatory shifts. Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director - BHF
09:30 – 10:00	The Draft King V Code – Its Potential Impact on Governance and Strategic Change in Medical Schemes - The King V Code on Corporate Governance , currently in its draft stage and open for public comment Michael Judin, Partner and Joint owner at Judin Combrinck Inc.
10:00 – 10:25	Treating Customers Fairly (TCF) – Are Medical Schemes Truly Putting Members First? Wendy Knowler, Consumer Journalist Q & A (5 Minutes)
10:30 – 11:00	Networking TEA BREAK

Session 2:

11:00 – 11:50	Beyond the SLA: Designing Value-Based Contracts for Administrators and Managed Care Partners Dr Vuyo Gqola, COO - GEMS & Professor Graham Hukins, Health Systems Strategist & Associate Professor in Innovation and Research at North-West University Q & A (10 Minutes)
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Session 3:

12:00 – 12:25	Case Study: key lessons from the collapse of a medical scheme Phindile Mabaso, Senior Associate - KHR Inc
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Q & A (5 Minutes)

13:30 - 14:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

12:30 – 12:55	Governance Solutions for your scheme <i>Michelle Beneke, Director - Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc.</i> Q & A (5 Minutes)
13:00 – 13:25	Regulatory Overreach vs Regulatory Oversight (Speaker to be confirmed) Q & A (5 Minutes)
14:30 – 15:20	Interactive workshop: Trustees' Role in Leading Sustainable Healthcare: Strengthening Oversight, Driving Value, and Navigating Change Moderated by: Dr Pontsho Mokoena – Programme Director

Session 4:

Workshop overview

This interactive session is designed to empower trustees to lead with confidence, agility, and accountability in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. Instead of formal presentations, expect open dialogue, peer learning, and real-time problem-solving.

Key focus areas:

- **Strengthening Board Oversight:** Practical strategies to enhance governance, fiduciary responsibility, and ethical leadership.
- **Balancing Financial Sustainability and Member Value:** Tools to align benefit design, cost management, and member impact.
- **Navigating Regulatory Change:** Preparing boards for NHI, affordability pressures, and evolving reforms while maintaining agility.

Panellists:

- ✓ Dr Vuyo Gqola, COO - GEMS
- ✓ Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director - BHF
- ✓ Prof Graham Hukins, Health Systems Strategist & Associate Professor in Innovation and Research at North-West University
- ✓ Phindile Mabaso, Associate - KHR Inc
- ✓ Michelle Beneke, Director - Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc.
- ✓ Advocate Craig Burton-Durham, CEO - Durham & Associates

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Session CLOSURE

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17h30-20h00 Sunday 11 May 2025 | Opening Ceremony

Venue: CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6

Programme Director: Nokuzola Mtshiya, Head: Stakeholder Relations and Business Development - BHF

Session theme: - Unlocking Transformational Impact Through Partnerships

17:50 - 18:10 **Opening Address:** by the BHF Chairperson: Neo Khauoe, BHF Chairperson & Principal Officer - Polmed

18:10 - 18:40 **Guest speaker:** The Grand Experiment: Lessons from the GNU for healthcare - Dr Pali Lehohla, Board Member: Institute for Economic Justice and Former statistician General

18:45 -19:20 **Keynote address:** Uniting parallels - Bridging Divides to Transform Healthcare
Professor Bonang Mohale, Chancellor of the University of the Free State and member of the World Economic Forum's Community of Chairpersons

19:25 – 19:55 The AI health Revolution Dr Adam Pantanowitz, Founder - Think

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20:00 – 22:30 NETWORKING COCKTAIL FUNCTION

CTICC 2 Hall 9 and 10

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Day 3

08:00 Monday 12 May 2025 | Plenary Session

Venue: CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6

Programme Director: Gugulethu Mfuphi, Radio Broadcaster

Session 1:

Session theme: Healthcare Partnerships: Game-Changer or a fad

Session overview: In today's evolving healthcare landscape, partnerships are often hailed as the solution to persistent system failures, but are they delivering real change, or simply recycling outdated models?

This opening plenary will assess the impact of healthcare collaborations in Africa and globally. We will explore whether current partnerships are driving sustainable transformation or falling short amid rising costs, deepening inequalities, and the global shift toward UHC. The session will also reflect on lessons from recent donor funding shifts, including the PEPFAR freeze, highlighting the urgent need for resilient, locally led solutions. We will examine the evolving role of health insurers as they move from passive funders to active partners in reform—leveraging data, innovation, and value-based care to shape more collaborative and effective health systems rooted in African realities.

07:00 – 07:50	TEA ON ARRIVAL	CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10
08:05 – 08:20	Opening reflections: The BHF MD's perspective on partnership, policy and progress <i>Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director - BHF</i>	
08:20 – 08:50	Guest speaker: Global partnerships for Pandemic Preparedness: Lessons from the WHO Global Agreement <i>Precious Matsoso, Adjunct Professor at Sunway University & co-chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body for the development of a legal instrument, a Pandemic Convention – World Health Organization (WHO)</i>	
08:50 – 09:20	Global perspective: From Payers to Partners: The New Global Role of Health Insurers in System Transformation <i>Christopher Watney – CEO iFHP (UK)</i>	
09:20 - 09:50	Health policy in SA from 1994 to now: towards convergence between public and private health financing <i>Andrew Donaldson, Senior Research Associate Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), University of Cape Town (UCT), Former Deputy Director-General of the National Treasury</i>	
09:50-10:20	Case Study – Strategic Partnerships: Advancing Pulmonary Care Through Partnerships - relevant treatment of airway disease in SA in 2025 <i>Dr Petrus Jacobus Viviers, Pulmonologist</i>	
10:20 -10:50	NETWORKING TEA - BREAK	CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10

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Session 2:

Session theme: Pathways to UHC: Comparative Lessons and Contextual solutions

Programme Director: Moraki Mokgosana, BHF Board Member & CEO: BOMAID (Botswana)

Session Overview: This session will explore the diverse pathways countries are taking toward UHC, offering a layered analysis across global, regional, and national contexts. We begin with a comparative look at international health financing models, examining how countries around the world are progressing toward UHC—what's working, what's not, and the key lessons learned.

The focus then shifts to the Southern African region, highlighting countries such as Ghana, Rwanda, and Kenya that have implemented versions of NHI or social health insurance. Their experiences provide valuable insights for neighbouring countries like Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, and Eswatini, which are in the process of exploring or designing their own NHI frameworks.

Finally, the session will unpack proposals currently under consideration in South Africa, examining which models may be more adaptable and sustainable in the local context. By bringing together global evidence, regional experiences, and local innovation, this session offers a rich, fit-for-purpose perspective on how countries in the region can move toward inclusive, effective, and resilient health systems.

10:50 – 11:20	Global perspective: What Works and Why: Comparing UHC Models Across the Globe <i>Jonty Roland- Associate Director, Aceso Global (USA)</i>
11:20 – 12:10	Beyond the Blueprint: Exploring Fit-for-Purpose Alternatives to NHI on the Road to UHC Speakers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Khulekani Mathe, CEO - BUSA✓ Dr Simon Strachan, CEO - SAPPF & Steerco Member: UHAC✓ Charlton Murove, Head of Research - BHF
12:10 – 12:40	Case Studies: (1) Holistic Management of Obesity from Cradle to Grave: Integrating Preventive and Curative Strategies in Universal Healthcare Systems <i>Professor Partha Kar, Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology, NHS England & GIRFT (UK)</i>
12:40 – 13:00	(2) Exploring how lessons from diverse industries, can inform innovative partnerships that accelerate progress toward UHC <i>Carsten Schubert, Director, Sales & Operations - Transnova</i>
Q & A 15 minutes	
13:15 – 14:15	NETWORKING LUNCH <i>Proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS)</i>
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Session theme: Partnerships for Employee Wellness: Building Inclusive, Productive Workplaces

Programme Director: Dr Themba Hadebe, BHF Board Member & Clinical and Managedcare Executive - Bonitas

Session Overview: Employee health and productivity have become strategic priorities for major employer groups, funders, and institutions like the Compensation Fund. This session will explore how innovative partnerships between employers, medical schemes, healthcare providers, and public entities are reshaping workplace wellness and creating shared value. Through practical case studies and data-driven insights, we will examine how these collaborations are driving down costs, improving health outcomes, and boosting workforce morale and retention. The discussion will focus on scalable solutions, from integrated care models to targeted benefit design, and highlight the power of multi-stakeholder partnerships in building healthier, more productive workforces.

14:15 -15:00

Panellists Include:

- ✓ Beyond Compensation: Building a Proactive Approach to Employee Health & Injury Prevention **Farzana Fakir, Acting Commissioner - Compensation Fund**
- ✓ The Workplace as a Health Hub: Redefining Employee Wellness Beyond Treatment **Professor Spo Kgalamono, Executive Director - NIOH /NHLS**
- ✓ Smart Health Administration: Using Data & Partnerships to Drive Workplace Wellness **Dr Nono Ledwaba-Mweli, Medical Director - Universal Care**
- ✓ Corporate Wellness as a Business Strategy: Investing in Employee Health for Higher Productivity **Dr Penny Mkalipe, Chief Medical Officer - ESKOM Holdings**
- ✓ Case Study: Occupational Health in SAPS: Wellness and Mental Health Focus **Dr. Malebo Majatladi, Senior Manager of Clinical Service - Polmed**

Session ends 15:00 – Networking TEA BREAK Proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS)

18h00 for 19h00 until 24h00 10th Annual Titanium Awards Gala Banquet

Join us for a dazzling evening as we celebrate 10 years of honouring trailblazers in healthcare. The Titanium Awards Gala Banquet marks a decade of impact, innovation, and industry transformation. Expect powerful moments, sparkling company, and a few surprises. **Celebrating a decade of excellence**

HALL 5 AND 6

Dress code: "Black with a touch of Gold"

Master of Ceremonies: Dr Michael Mol
SAs TV Doctor

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Day 4

09:00 Tuesday 13 May 2025 | Plenary Session

Programme Director: Francina Mosoeu, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer - SAMWUMED

Session Theme: *Investing in the Health Value Chain: Catalysts for Scalable and Sustainable Delivery*

Session overview:

Amid economic uncertainty and a shifting global funding landscape, this multi-sectoral panel will explore where investment is most urgently needed across the healthcare value chain—and how to attract it. As many countries progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through various models, leaders from healthcare, will discuss what makes a health system investable and how to unlock equity through public-private partnerships and integrated care models.

A featured case study will highlight how an integrated care model, improved health outcomes and efficiency—offering real-world insights for scaling similar models under NHI.

Key Discussion Points:

- What do investors look for in uncertain healthcare markets?
- How can medical schemes invest strategically in the context of NHI?
- How can PPPs and integrated models unlock equity and scale?
- What makes a healthcare environment investment-ready?

Panellists include:

- ✓ Capital trends and what investors need to see in health markets
Arun Kumar, Principal Investment Officer - African Development Bank
- ✓ The opportunities and challenges involved in scaling private hospital networks in the current environment *Dr Dumani Kula, CEO – Busamed*
- ✓ Investing in Intelligent Health Systems: How AI is Transforming Healthcare Delivery and Investment Priorities *Huguette Diakabana, AI and Digital Health Advisor and Former Co-Chair of WHO Digital Health Technical Advisor Group (Switzerland)*
- ✓ Strategic Investments for Medical Schemes in the NHI Era: Unlocking Opportunities for Future Relevance (Speaker to be confirmed)

10:30 – 11:00 Networking TEA BREAK *proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS)*

Tuesday, 13 May 2025 | Streams 1-8

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Parallel stream overview: These seven curated streams offer deep dives into priority areas shaping the future of healthcare. Designed to spark debate, share innovation, and challenge traditional thinking, each stream brings together thought leaders, implementers, and disruptors to accelerate progress toward resilient, equitable, and sustainable health systems. Most of the presenters featured in these sessions were selected through our Call for Abstracts, showcasing real-world experiences, research, and innovations submitted by professionals across the healthcare ecosystem.

Stream 1 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell	Stream 2 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid
SESSION THEME Rare Diseases – transforming care	SESSION THEME AI / Data
11:00 – 12:30	11:00 – 12:30
Session kindly sponsored by AstraZeneca Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Public/Private Partnerships and the importance of a Multidisciplinary team in Rare Diseases Kelly du Plessis CEO and Founder of RDSA✓ Rare Diseases Funding Models in MEA Markets Ahmed Hegazy, MEA Shared Area Director & Jenifer Jackson, MEA Director Government Affairs and Policy.✓ Rare Disease Funding Models Prof Chris Vorster, Director Centre for Human Metabolomics at North-West University & Charlton Murove, Head of Research - BHF	FACILITATOR: Dr Themba Hadebe, BHF Board Member & Clinical and Managedcare Executive - Bonitas Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Data-Driven Decision-Making in Healthcare: Using predictive analytics and big data to optimise healthcare planning and resource allocation Dr Brian Ruff, Technical Strategist – PPO Serve✓ AI-Driven Innovation: Transforming the Future of HIV and Chronic Disease Programmes Huguette Diakabana, AI and Digital Health Advisor and Former Co-Chair of WHO Digital Health Technical Advisor Group (Switzerland)✓ Essential Health System Datasets for the Future of AI-Driven Healthcare (Speaker to be confirmed)
12:30 – 13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH (EXHIBITION HALL 9 & 10) proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS)	

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Stream 3 Venue: Plenary Hall 5 and 6 SESSION THEME Addressing social determinants using benefit design 13:30 – 15:00 FACILITATOR: Dr Nkateko Msimeki, General Manager, Health Policy and Medial Advisory Unit - Medscheme Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Growth or redistribution as the solution to inequality and improving Social Determinants of Health Barry Childs, joint CEO – Insight Actuaries & Consultants ✓ Tackling the Burden of Disease & Social Determinants of Health, focusing on Climate Change and Healthcare Resilience: Understanding the impact of environmental shifts on health Dr Nontuthuzelo Thomas, Head of Providers: Health Product Development - Momentum Health ✓ Socioeconomic Determinants and Mental Health Outcomes: An Analysis from 2019 to 2023 Jacob Thenga, Actuarial specialist - GEMS 	Stream 4 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell SESSION THEME Innovative Contracting 13:30 – 15:00 FACILITATOR: Mike Wilson, BHF board member & Chairperson BP medical scheme Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing New South African Private Sector Maternity Care and Contracting Models: Findings from a deliberative dialogue and towards mapping a way forward? Professor Tanya Doherty, Professor, Health Systems Research unit (SAMRC) ✓ Transforming Palliative Care Through Value-Based Partnerships: A Case Study by Alignd and GEMS in South Africa Dr Randall Hartnik, Senior Manager: Clinical risk management - GEMS 	Stream 5 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid SESSION THEME Universal Health Coverage 13:30 – 15:00 FACILITATOR: Dr Ali Hamdulay, CEO Metropolitan Health & BHF UHC committee member Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What does the future of the private sector funding hold Vishal Brijlal, Senior Country Advisor – CHAI ✓ The Future of Medical Schemes in an NHI/UHC Era: What role do medical schemes and private healthcare funders play post-NHI/UHC implementation? Lungile Kasapato, CEO – PPO Serve ✓ Do the current Private Sector Proposals compromise UHC in South Africa? Nabeela Cassim, Independent consultant - Genesis Analytics
15:00 – 15:30 Networking TEA BREAK (EXHIBITION HALL 9 & 10) Proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS)		



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Stream 6 Venue: Plenary Hall 5 and 6	Stream 7 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell	Stream 8 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid
SESSION THEME Fraud Waste and Abuse	SESSION THEME Finance, Actuarial and Health Economics Perspective	SESSION THEME Primary Care
15:30 -17:00	15:30 -17:00	15:30 -17:00
FACILITATOR: Vusi Makanda, Manager: Bonitas Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Strengthening Healthcare Integrity: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Combating Corruption Thulani Mkhungo, Chief Risk Officer – Special Investigations Unit (SIU)✓ Shifting the Paradigm: From Recovery to Prevention in Combating Healthcare Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Michelle Beneke, Director - Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc.✓ Rewiring Collaboration: Building a Healthcare System That Fraud Cannot Exploit Jan Bezuidenhout, Data Scientist, Riskcede	FACILITATOR: Heinrich Nashenda, BHF board member & Trustee – GEM Health Medical Aid Scheme (Namibia) Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The 25% Solvency Framework and Regulation 30 – Risk based capital – a strategic imperative for medical scheme resilience Bothale Letsoalo, Principal Officer – Restricted Scheme✓ A Case Study on Risk-Based Capital: Practical Lessons from Bonitas Vurhonga Rikhotso, Chief Financial Officer - Bonitas✓ Health Technology Assessments (HTAs): Unlocking Strategic Value in Medical Scheme Decision-Making Shelley-Ann McGee, Consultant, health economics and health policy – Insight Actuaries and Consultants	FACILITATOR: Dr Rajesh Patel, Head – Health systems strengthening - BHF Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Type 2 Diabetes Reversal: An Innovative Digital Solution in partnership with Medshield Medical Scheme. Dr Shay Ganesh, Chief Medical Officer - Medshield✓ The applicability of tele dentistry in Africa. A systematic review of systematic reviews Dr Tumi Mahlangu, Dental advisor – DENIS✓ Outcome Measurement in the Management of Diabetes and Hypertension: Insights from the Cimas Healthcare Model Dr Tsitsi Moyo, General Manager - CIMAS

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17:00 session closure & evening at leisure

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Day 5

09:00 Wednesday 14 May 2025 | Plenary Session

Programme Director: Clement Manyathela – Television and Radio Broadcaster

Session theme: **Creating an Enabling Environment for Transformational Health Partnerships**

Session overview: This high-level session brings together industry leaders, healthcare strategists, and legal experts to explore how evolving policy and regulatory frameworks are shaping – and in some cases, stalling – healthcare transformation.

With rising costs, regulatory uncertainty, and growing workforce shortages, the healthcare environment is increasingly drifting away from the core principles of equity and solidarity.

The session will critically examine the impact of recent policy shifts, including the proposed NHI regulations, ongoing court cases, the block exemption, hybridisation of healthcare products, and the stagnation around the introduction of low-cost benefit options. Speakers will reflect on what has driven these changes, how the system can be redirected to prioritise inclusive access, and what it will take to create a regulatory environment that truly enables transformational partnerships.

09:05 – 09:35	The cheese has moved: Understanding the Shifting Foundations of Healthcare Financing Christoff Raath – Joint CEO: Insight Actuaries & Consultants Q & A (5 minutes)
09:40 – 09:55	Access Denied: The LCBO Stand-Off Siphosakhe Phakathi, Senior Associate – Werksmans Attorneys Q & A (5 minutes)
10:00 – 10:20	The Block Exemption Dilemma: Real Reform or Regulatory Theatre? Misha van Niekerk, Senior Associate - Adams and Adams Q & A (5 minutes)
10:25 - 10:35	The BHF NHI Legal Challenge Unpacked Helen Michael, Director – Werksmans Attorneys Q & A (5 minutes)
10:40 – 12:00	NHI in the Courts: Safeguarding the Future of Healthcare Access Panellists include legal teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Representing BHF - Neil Kirby, Director Werksmans Attorneys✓ Representing SAPPF - Glenn Penfold, Partner - Webber Wentzel✓ Representing SAMA - Elsabe Klinck, Managing Director – Klinck & Samuels
12:00 - 12:20	Closing Ceremony & Vote of thanks Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director – BHF AV kindly powered by Universal Healthcare (Pty) Ltd

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