

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

(Programme is subject to change)



Day 1: Thursday 18 June 2026				
08:30 - 09:15	Meet the sponsors / Open Trade (Exhibition Area)		Meet the Editors	
09:15 - 11:00	Plenary Session 1			
	Pioneering a proactive state of the art response to HIV - Sikhulile Moyo			
	Prof Liesl Zühlke			
	AMR in 2026 - Marc Mendelson			
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment Break (Exhibition Area)			
11:30 - 13:30	Session 1 - Spotlight on Viruses: Past, Present, and Future Threats		Session 2 - TB Progress: Smarter Strategies, Sharper Solutions	
4 talks, 20 mins	Emerging viruses and virus host interactions - Shashank Tripathi		TB guidelines: An update on paediatric TB- Mo Archary	
	Understanding the origins of COVID 19 and evolution of variants of concern - Marietjie Venter		Navigating TB Adverse Drug Reactions - Halima Dawood	
	Characterising HIV infections in declining epidemics - Sikhulelo Moyo		TB vaccine update - Thomas Scriba	
	TBC- Megan Shaw		New TB diagnostics - Grant Theron	
13:30 - 14:30	Poster Viewing /Lunch (Exhibition Area)			
13:30 - 14:31	Industry Sponored Lunch Symposium - Pfizer			MR 1,60
	Comprehensive coverage of the current epidemiology profile of DTGNB in the SA context. - Dr. Warren Lowman			
14:30 - 16:30	Session 3 - Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV		Session 4 - Vaccines: From Prevention to Resistance	
4 - 20 Mins talk / 20 mins	AMR in Neisseria gonorrhoeae and treatment options for resistant gonorrhoea - Ranmini Kularatne		The future of childhood vaccines- Rudzani Muloiwa	
			Session 5 - Hard to Crack: Tackling Bone & Joint Infections	
			The importance of a multidisciplinary approach when managing complex bone and joint infections - TBC	
			Session 6 - Barrier to Burden: Strengthening IPC Systems	
			Panel discussion: Why IPC systems fail at the bedside? Magda Mocke, Tebogo Louw, Carika Pretorius and David Weber	

	HIV associated Pneumocystis pneumonia: TBC	Health care worker vaccination - Lerato Mpho Sikhosana	Surgical approaches for prosthetic joint infection management - Thomas Hilton	Economics of IPC – Counting the cost of weak systems - Liezl Henning	
	Mycoplasma Genitalium: An update - Precious Mahlangu	Lifecourse vaccination - Sipho Dlamini	Candida prosthetic joint infections - Dr Zhao	Optimizing laboratory testing in IPC - David Weber	
	Non-tuberculous mycobacteria in advanced HIV - Halima Dawood	Vaccines for AMR: Denasha Reddy	Therapeutic drug monitoring of linezolid - Warren Lowman	The importance of IPC infrastructure and resources - Tracy Douglas	
16:30 - 17:00	Refreshment Break (Exhibition Area)				
17:00 - 18:00	AGM - IDSSA	AGM - SASPID	AGM - SASCM	AGM - ICSSA	AGM - SASV
18:00 - 19:30	FIDSSA AGM (Ballroom West)				
	Evening at leisure				
Day 2: Friday 19 June 2026					
07:00	Registration	Ballroom Foyer			
07:15-08:15	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium - Pro Med Diagnostics			MR 1,60	
	Fungal Fun - Prof Mervyn Mer				
	Ballroom West (400 Schoolroom)	MR 1,41-1,42 (120 Cinema/80 schoolroom)	MR 1,43-1,44 (120 Cinema/80 schoolroom)		
08:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session 2				
	Prioritising fungal infections - Nelesh Govender				
	Paediatric HIV - Mo Archary				
	Leading Beyond the Barrier – Building a Culture of IPC for the Future - David Weber				
	Feedback: WINDSAR and SAASP : Vindana Chibabhai/ Dena van Den Bergh				
10:30 - 11:00	Refreshment Break / Poster viewing				
11:00 - 12:30	Session 7 Young FIDSSA - Next Gen ID: Mentorship, Momentum, Mastery	Session 8 - Managing infectious in compromised hosts: Burns, neutropenia and beyond	Session 9 - Outbreak Alert: Tracking the Re-emerging Pathogens	Session 10 - Forgotten No More: Spotlight on Neglected Diseases	
3 talks / 20 mins	Career development - Lerato Mpho Sikhosana, Precious Mahlangu, Gary Reubenson	Interdisciplinary approach to Burns care - Arifa Parker	Tracking <i>N.meningitidis</i> in South Africa- Susan Meiring	Impact and resilience in response to funding cuts in Africa- TBC	
	Cultivating a mindset for thriving in academia, clinical practice and our lives- Dena Van den Bergh	ID management of the neutropenic patient - Lyle Murray	Emergence of vaccine preventable diseases - Charlene Lawrence	Neglected tropical diseases: Progress, challenges and future directions- Sipho Dlamini	

	ID Quiz - Catch that pathogen! Bug Battle - Ribka Berhanu	Optimising antimicrobial dosing in vulnerable patients - Eric de Cloedt	Outbreaks and impact on Health systems - Heather Finlayson	Viral Hepatitis - Tongai Maponga
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch / Poster Viewing into lunch (Exhibition Area)			
12:30-13:30	Industry Sponsored Lunch Symposium - GSK			MR 1,60
	TBC			
13:30 - 15:00	Plenary Session 3			
	TBC - Megan Shaw			
	Artificial Intelligence in Infectious Diseases: Hype, Hope and Hard Reality - Nicolette du Plessis			
	Topical issues in the STI field - Ranmini Kularatne			
15:00 - 15:30	Refreshment Break / Poster viewing			
15:30 - 17:00	Session 11 - Decoding Disease: Diagnostics that Deliver	Session 12 - Global Moves, Local Risks: Travel & Migration Medicine	Session 13 - AMR Unmasked: Fighting the Silent Pandemic	Session 14 - Paediatric ID Frontiers
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3 talks, 20 mins abstracts	Diagnostic Stewardship in the Microbiology Laboratory - Ranmini Kularatne	When pathogen travel is visa dependent: the spread of meningococcus - Salim Parker	AMR surveillance - what we know and what we don't know in SA. Warren Lowman	Rethinking Empiric Therapy of Neonatal Sepsis: how to optimise bug-drug match in the era of AMR - Adrie Bekker
	Helicobacter pylori: current trends and future insights - Dawood de Costa	Emerging travel infections on the horizon - Lucille Blumberg	MDR Klebsiella pneumoniae: novel approaches to tackle a formidable enemy - Denasha Reddy	Congenital syphilis update - Lisa Frigati
	Point of care testing in Microbiology - Andrew Whitelaw	Diphtheria and human migration: Lessons to learn - Arifa Parker	AMR in hospital: huge mortality, lots of questions - Jeremy Nel	CMV in neonates and young children - Helena Rabie
19h00	Conference Gala Dinner (Ballroom West)			

Day 3: Saturday 20 June 2026

07:15 - 08:15	Registration / Tea Break		
07:15-08:15	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium - Beckman Coulter		MR 1,40 - Cinema Style
	The Escalating Battle: AMR and Its Clinical Implications - Dr. Jamal Wadi Al Ramahi		
08:30 - 10:00	Session 15 - Tackling Complexity in Care	Session 16 - One Health, One World: Crossing Species, Sharing Solutions	

	Chair:	Chair: Wolfgang/Lucille	
	SNAP decisions: more than just a different view - Dr Kessendri Reddy	Rabies in Cape fur seals - Lesley van Helden	
	Treatment of gram-negative infections in SA in 2026 - Andrew Whitelaw	Emerging zoonotic infections - Wolfgang Preiser	
	The in-patient management of the IV drug user - Lyle Murray	Climate Change and Infectious Disease - TBC	
	Management of Candidaemia - Nelesh Govender	Living One Health - people, pathogens, pandemics, pasture and prey in practice. - Lucille Blumberg	
10:00 - 10:15	Refreshment / Comfort Break (Ballroom East Foyer)		
ROOMS:	Ballroom West (400 Schoolroom)		
10:15 - 12:15	Plenary 4 : Rapporteur Session (45min) Ethics Talk (60min) Closing Remarks (15min)		
	Bridging Inequities: Patient-Centered Approaches to Innovative Treatment Access - Marc Blockman- Ethics		
12:15 - 12:30	Departure and light snacks		
13:30	Workshop 3: SAASP working group	Workshop 2: WINSA - Womenlift Health	Workshop 1: Mycoses interest group