



The Colleges of Medicine of South Africa

70th Anniversary Conference

19th to 21st August 2025

Future Africa Campus, University of Pretoria, South Street, Koedoespoort 456-Jr, Pretoria

DAY 1: 19 August 2025

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION LEADERS FORUM- AFRICA WORKSHOPS

09:00-12:30	Workshop 1: Advancing Access 1:	Strategies to advance access for all to the benefit of specialist medicine	Facilitator: Prof Wezile Chitha Speaker: Prof Saiendhra Moodley Dr Brian Chirombo (Head of Mission and Country) Prof Risenga Chauke Rapporteur: Dr Shiva Murugasam
09:00-12:30	Workshop 2: Advancing Access 2:	The potential of diplomas to help bridge the gap in access to specialist medicine	Facilitators: Prof Dean Gopalan and Dr Nompumelelo Sibeloane Speaker: Prof Bilkish Cassim - <i>The case for Diplomas</i> Speaker: Dr Madeleine Muller - <i>Dip HIV Survey</i> Speaker: Dr Nabeelah Moola Speaker: Dr Brian Gardner - <i>Remodelling Dip Anaes</i> Dr Tshgofatso Sekhaolelo (YSF) Rapporteur:

12:30-13:30	Lunch	
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13:30-17:00	Workshop 3: Advancing Access 3:	Bridging primary health care and medical specialist services: Lessons from Brazil's PMAE for South Africa	Facilitator: Dr Harsha Somarao Speaker: Prof Luis Eugenio de Souza Panel: Prof Mergan Naidoo Prof Busiswe Mrara Dr Reno Morar Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo Rapporteur: Prof Klaus von Pressentin
	Workshop 4: Advancing Access 4:	Educational strategies to advance access to quality specialist medicine	Facilitator: Prof Arthur Rantloane Speaker: Prof Vanessa Burch Assoc Prof Lois Haruna-Cooper Online Rapporteur: Prof Refiloe Masikela
18:30	70th Anniversary Dinner: Advancing Access 5: Oration: Honourable Minister of Health: Advancing universal access to specialist medicine for all Awards x 2		Host: Prof Zach Koto Oration: Hon Minister Aaron Motsoaledi

DAY 2: 20 August 2025

70TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING SPECIALIST MEDICINE

07:30-08:30	Registration	
08:30-09:30	Plenary 1: Opening Plenary Welcome to the CMSA 70th Anniversary Conference: Advancing Access to Specialist Medicine for All MEC for Health of Gauteng Congratulations on the Platinum Anniversary of the CMSA Keynote Address The Role of Specialists in Advancing Access to Quality Health Care in Africa	Chair: Prof Flavia Senkubge Honourable MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko Prof Francis Omaswa Online
09:30-09:35	Plenary 2: 70 Years of the CMSA	Chair: Prof Zach Koto
09:35-10:00	70 Years of the CMSA: The journey from 1955 to 2025	Speaker: Prof Johan Fagan

10:00-11:00	Panel: Reflections of Past Presidents	Chair Panel Prof Zach Koto Panellists: Prof Lizo Mazwai Prof Zephne van der Spuy Prof Mike Sathekge Prof Flavia Senkubuge
11:00-11:30	Tea	
11:30-12:00	Pleenary 3: Advancing Access 6: 70 th anniversary provincial seminars - video and themes	Rapporteur Merika Tsitsi
12:00-12:30	Pleenary 4 Advancing Access 7: The Journal of the CMSA – access to research and publishing South African Research to Advance Specialist Medicine	Speaker: Prof Clint Hendrikse and Prof Soraya Seedat
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
after 12h30	Word of Congratulations SACOMD and HPCSA	Prof Desmond Mathye(HPCSA) Prof Chauke Risenga (Chairperson 2026)
13:30-15:30	Pleenary5: Advancing Access 8: Lessons from Colleges in Africa and Beyond Messages from Sister Colleges in Africa Advancing in africa: access to specialist medicine Advancing Access to surgery What we learnt from IMELF Africa 2023 and 2025 on Advancing Access to Specialist Medicine CMSA's footprint in Global Specialist Medicine – Advancing the Universal Access Agenda	Chair: Prof Dan Montwedi Prof Bellington Vwalika (Secretary general ECSACOG) Dr Mourtalla Ka - President WACP Mrs Stella Itungu (CEO Cosecsa) Prof James Jowi (President ECSACOP) <i>Online</i> Prof Stephen Chege (Vice-President ECSACO) Prof Richard Idro, Deputy Principal, Makerere University MS SC Masuka - CANESCA Speaker: Dr Jim Campell <i>Online</i> Speaker: Prof Salome Maswime Speaker: Prof Flavia Senkubuge Speaker: Prof Mike Sathekge
15:30-17:00	Breakaway Sessions 1 Advancing Access 9 : Meeting the need for specialists: how many specialists are needed, diversity and inclusion, regional disparities, sufficient training (registrar) posts, funding for training and an enabling service-learning platform for specialists and sub-specialists, registrar and sub-specialist training and academic specialist posts, growing the pipeline, governance of academic hospitals Advancing Access 10 : Conducting quality education: Quality learning and curricula, workplace-based assessment, candidate preparation, digital learning Advancing Access 11: Enhancing specialist practice and outcomes: Outcomes- based measurement, quality of care, continuing education, and regulation, positive practice environments, transformation and wellness,	Facilitator Prof Eric Buch Panellist Prof Zach Koto Dr Relobohile Ncha - <i>Posts & Service Platform</i> Prof Shisana Baloyi Dr Magome Masike Dr Tamara Phiri ECSACOP Rapporteur: Prof Jacques Janse van Rensburg Facilitator: Prof Gert van Zyl Speaker Dr Karlheinz Jehle- <i>Urologist Training Delphi</i> Speaker Prof Francis Smit- <i>Slim Training</i> Panellists Prof Mourtalla Ka - President WACP Panellists Dini Mawela Panellists Sumaya Adam Rapporteur: Prof Mariza Vorster Facilitator: Prof Mergan Naidoo Panellist Dr Desmond Matye Prof Carla Kotze Prof Bellington Vwalika (Secretary general ECSACOG) MEC Health Gauteng
17:00-18:00	Pleenary 4: Advancing Access 12: Pholela Lecture "Health Systems Reform in South Africa: The indispensable role of medical specialists"	Chair: Prof Saiendhra Moodley Speaker: Prof Nicholas Crisp
DAY 3: 21 August 2025		
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08:30-10:00	Pleenary 6: Advancing Access 13: The Specialist of the Future in the era of AI and the Potential of AI to Advance Access to Specialist Medicine (longer talk Prof Pillay; commentary - shift panellists	Chair: Prof Dean Gopalan Speakers: Prof Ruben Pillay - <i>The Specialist of the Future in the era of AI</i>

	4th breakaway 2nd YSF Member)	Speakers: Dr William Mapham - <i>The potential of AI to advance access to Specialist Medicine</i> Panellist: Dr Kamlin Ekambaram Dr Varushka Bachan
10:30-12:30	Breakaway Sessions 2 Advancing Access 14: Quality Assessment: Innovations in examination techniques, standard setting, examiner training, wellness support and mentoring for candidates, feedback on examinations, AI <i>Prof Sa'ad Lahri - confirmed 21st</i> Advancing Access 15: Retention of Specialists: Retaining specialists in the public sector, enabling outreach, contribution of private specialist practice, public private partnerships, RWOPS, COT, Rural allowances Advancing Access 16: The Contribution of the Private Sector: Health Market Inquiry, Teaching and learning, Affordability, Medical Schemes	Facilitator: Prof Busisiwe Mrara Speakers: Prof Haruna-Cooper - <i>Assessment</i> Prof Vanessa Burch - <i>Modified Cohen</i> Rapporteur: Dr Lusanda Bomela Facilitator: Prof Daniel Montwedi Dr Luvuyo Bayeni Panel: Dr Mzulingie Nodikida Prof Chikoya/Mrs Itungu (COSECSA) Prof Dini Mawela Rapporteur: Prof Priya Soma-Pillay Facilitator: Dr Victor Litlhakanyane Chair Panellist: Dr Ntuthuko Bhengu - <i>online</i> Richard Friedland Dr Lusanda Bomela Rapporteur: Dr Njabulo Mabasa (YSF)
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Plenary 5: Advancing Access 17: Leadership for Advancing Universal Access to Specialist Medicine	Chair: Prof Zozo Nene Speaker: Prof Leena Thomas Panellists: Dr Shiva Murugasam Adamson Muula Prof Sa'ad Lahri
15:00-16:30	Plenary 8: Closing session The CMSA at 80: Conversation of Future Leaders Advancing Access To Specialist Medicine for all: Guidance from the CMSA's 70th Anniversary Seminars and Conference Closing	Chair: Prof Zach Koto Chair: Dr Nkateko Mnisi Panel: Dr Sindy Tu(YSF) (<i>online</i>) Dr Victor Akinbohun (YSF) Dr Tshegofatso Sekhaolelo (YSF) Dr Barbara Makumbi (YSF) Dr Merika Tsitsi Prof Dan Montwedi