



THEME:

Embracing Africa and Global Clinical Research: A Developing Enterprise

Day 1 - May 5, 2025.

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pre-conference Day 1	Clinical Research Site Visit Site 1: Institute Pasteur Site 2: IRESSEF

Day 2 - May 6, 2025.

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pre-conference Day 2	City Tour African Renaissance Monument Goree Island
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Day 3 - May 7, 2025.

Foundations for Sponsor Confidence

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast and Networking	Attendees check in and network.
9:00AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Remark	Opening remark by the Summit Convener, outlining the theme and goals of the conference.
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Session	Africa's Unique Role in Global Clinical Research An overview of current Africa's position and future in the global clinical research landscape.
SESSION 1		

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	PANEL 1	The Future of Clinical Research in Africa (Artificial Intelligence and Clinical Research) A forward-looking discussion among industry leaders about the opportunities and challenges facing the clinical research landscape in Africa.
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Tea Break	Networking over coffee.
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	PANEL 2	Regulatory Harmonization – Paving the Way for Streamlined Clinical Trials in Africa A deep dive into efforts by various African countries to align regulatory frameworks, and how this can streamline clinical trial approvals and attract sponsors.
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	PANEL 3	Maximizing Data Integrity and Compliance in African Clinical Trials How African research institutions are meeting global standards in data management and compliance to increase sponsor trust.
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Q&A Session	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	Enjoy lunch while networking.
SESSION 2		
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	PANEL 4	Opportunities for African Clinical Research Experts from the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory bodies, and research

		institutions discuss strategies to highlight Africa's success stories in clinical research.
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	PANEL 5	<p>Capacity Building in Clinical Research – Training Africa's Next Generation of Research Professionals</p> <p>Discuss initiatives for developing the necessary human resources and infrastructure to support clinical research in Africa, with a focus on sustainable growth.</p>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Tea Break	
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Breakout Session	<p>Improving Risk Management in African Clinical Trials</p> <p>An interactive session on strategies for mitigating risks related to logistics, quality control, and regulatory compliance focusing on building trust with sponsors.</p>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	PRESENTATION 1	<p>Beyond Basic Training: Practical Tools for Building High-Quality, Sponsor-Ready Ethics Committees in Africa</p>
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Closing Remarks	A wrap-up session summarizing key takeaways from the summit.
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Networking	A chance for participants to network informally and discuss the day's insights.



Day 4 - May 8, 2025.

Accelerating Progress and Scaling Impact for Clinical Research

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast & Networking	Attendees check in and network
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Opening Remark	Opening remark
9:10 AM – 9:45 AM	Keynote Session	Africa's Clinical Research Success Stories Highlighting groundbreaking clinical trials that have put Africa on the global map in the research world, showcasing local expertise and infrastructure.
SESSION 1		
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	PANEL 1	Strengthening Local Supply Chains for Clinical Trials in Africa: Innovations, Partnerships, and Policy Reforms.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	PRESENTATION 1	The SCRS Global Site Landscape: Partnering with Clinical Research Sites Across Africa
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Tea Break	Networking over coffee.
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	PRESENTATION 2	The Need to Conduct Phase 1 Trials in Africa
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	PRESENTATION 3	Public-Private Partnerships – Driving Innovation in Clinical Research A discussion on how partnerships between the private sector, governments, and academia are creating sustainable clinical research ecosystems across Africa.

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	PANEL 2	<p>Advancing Healthcare Equity in Africa through CRAACO: Bridging Gaps in Access to Cutting-Edge Treatment</p> <p>This topic will explore how clinical trials can provide underserved communities with access to new treatments, while addressing regulatory, ethical, and logistical challenges in implementing CRAACO across Africa, and its potential long-term public health benefits.</p>
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Q&A Session	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch and networking opportunity.
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	PANEL 3	<p>Enhancing Ethical Conduct of Clinical Research in Africa</p> <p>Ensuring ethical standards and transparency in clinical trials that enhance sponsor trust and build sustainable research practices.</p>
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	PANEL 4	<p>Innovative Funding Models for African Clinical Research</p> <p>Experts explore emerging funding opportunities, including government support, international partnerships, and private sector involvement to drive clinical research in Africa.</p>
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	Q&A Session	
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	PRESENTATION 4	Underrepresented Populations in Clinical Trials: Regulatory Issues in the US, Africa and Around the World
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Call to Action	A wrap-up session summarizing key takeaways from the summit, with a call to action for fostering continued collaboration and investment in African clinical research.
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Networking	Networking

8:00 PM – 10:00PM	Cocktail	A moment to unwind and network before the summit's end.
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