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DIAGNOSTICS DAY 2025

AU VIEUX BOIS, GENEVA



Dive into Diagnostics

08:30 – 09:00	WELCOME AND COFFEE
09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 1	<p>WITHOUT DIAGNOSTICS, MEDICINE IS BLIND: THE CURRENT STATE OF THE DIAGNOSTICS GAP</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Paul Nuki, The Telegraph (Moderator) Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, FIND Dr Ebere Okereke, Reaching the Last Mile Foundation Dr Mark Barone, Patient Advocate Ms Olivia Ngou, Impact Santé Afrique Mr Zoubir Tabloul, Vital Care Dr Michel Sidibé, African Union Special Envoy for the African Medicines Agency Dr Hatem Amer, FIND & Ministry of Health, Egypt
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:15 SESSION 2	<p>DIAGNOSTICS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Els Torreele, Global Health and Innovation (Moderator) Ms Carol Nawina Maimbolwa, Unitaid Ms Anouk Petersen, McKinsey Health Institute Ms Anne-Caroline Benski, Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève Dr Lindiwe Makubalo, WHO AFRO Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, FIND
12:15 – 13:15	LUNCH
13:15 – 13:45 SESSION 3	<p>ADDRESSING TODAY'S DIAGNOSTICS CHALLENGES FOR TOMORROW</p> <p>SPEAKER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, CEO, FIND
13:45 – 15:00 SESSION 4	<p>HIGH-LEVEL SIDE MEETING ON DIAGNOSTICS CO-HOSTED BY MEMBER STATES</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Ayoade Alakija, FIND (Moderator) Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO (video remarks) Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Dr Michael Wilson, The Lancet Commission on diagnostics HE Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Minister of Health, Indonesia HE Aden Duale, Ministry of Health, Kenya
15:00 – 16:15 SESSION 5	<p>THE NEXT PANDEMIC: WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN BEFORE DAY ONE?</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Vernon Lee, National Centre for Infectious Diseases, Singapore (Moderator) Dr Emmanuel Agogo, FIND Ms Caia Dominicus, IPPS Ms Heulwen Philpot, IPPS Mr Mario Moreira, Fiocruz Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos, WOA Thomas Cueni, FIND
16:15 – 16:30	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Ayoade Alakija, FIND Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, FIND

SPEAKERS

Mr Paul Nuki, Senior Editor, *The Telegraph*

Paul Nuki is Global Health Security Editor at *The Telegraph*. Previously, he held various editorial roles at *The Sunday Times* and was the founding editor of NHS Choices. He also co-founded Stepjockey, a health tech startup promoting stair use. Nuki studied at George Watson's College and the University of Liverpool.

Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, CEO, FIND

Dr. Adetifa is CEO of FIND and a pediatrician specializing in infectious disease epidemiology. Formerly Director General of Nigeria's CDC, he led the national COVID-19 response. He's served on CEPI's Scientific Advisory Committee and held academic roles, including at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Dr Ebere Okereke, Chief Program Officer, Reaching the Last Mile Foundation

Dr. Okereke is Chief Program Officer at Reaching the Last Mile Foundation, with nearly 30 years in public health. She has expertise in TB control, zoonoses, outbreak response, and training. She has led surveillance and strategy work in the UK and Africa, and teaches at Leeds School of Medicine.

Dr Mark Barone, Patient Advocate

Dr. Barone, a type 1 diabetes patient, is a global advocate for NCD care. A PhD in Human Physiology, he's advanced diabetes policy in Brazil and co-founded ForumCNTs. He serves on numerous advisory panels, including for WHO, BMJ, and the International Diabetes Federation.

Ms Olivia Ngou, Executive Director & Founder, Impact Santé Afrique

Founder of Impact Santé Afrique, Olivia Ngou advocates for malaria elimination. She coordinates the CS4ME network, advises Cameroon's government, and supports African countries' malaria programs. Formerly with Malaria No More, her work has boosted political will and national funding for malaria control.

Mr Zoubir Tabloul, Managing Director, Vital Care

Zoubir Tabloul is Managing Director of Vital Care, a leader in diabetes care devices. With a finance background, he has held roles across industries. He led the development of MyGlyc®, a diabetes management app that integrates with blood glucose monitoring systems.

Dr Michel Sidibé, African Union Special Envoy for the African Medicines Agency

Dr. Sidibé is the African Union's Special Envoy for the African Medicines Agency and former UNAIDS Executive Director. With 40+ years in global health, he pioneered the 90-90-90 HIV targets and champions Africa's pharmaceutical self-reliance. He's also a former Minister of Health in Mali.

Dr Hatem Amer, Ministry of Health, Egypt

Dr. Amer is Egypt's Associate Minister of Health for International Relations. A pharmacist and public health expert, he has led global partnerships, major public health initiatives, and represented Egypt in key UN forums. He holds advanced degrees and is fluent in five languages.

Dr Els Torrelee, Global Health and Medical Innovation Researcher, Advisor, Advocate

Dr. Torrelee is a global health equity expert and founder of æqua. With a background in biomedical science and policy, she has worked with MSF, DNDi, and Open Society Foundations to promote equitable access to medical innovations and health technologies.

Ms Carol Nawina Maimbolwa, Board Member, Unitaid

Carol Maimbolwa is Executive Director of CITAMplus and a leading TB/HIV advocate. Using her lived experience, she drives policy change and community-centered health responses at local and global levels. She serves on Unitaid's board and several national and international health bodies.

Ms Anouk Petersen, Partner, McKinsey Health Institute

Anouk Petersen is a McKinsey partner and Co-Director at the McKinsey Health Institute. She leads health equity initiatives across Europe, focusing on gender equality and women's health. She co-authored key reports on closing the women's health gap and advises public and social sector clients.

Ms Anne-Caroline Benski, Médecin adjointe, Service de gynécologie, Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève

Dr. Benski is a gynecologist at Geneva University Hospitals with extensive field experience in reproductive health across Africa. She specializes in maternal health innovations and telemedicine. A Takemi Fellow at Harvard, she also contributed to Geneva's COVID-19 response for pregnant women and newborns.

Dr Lindiwe Makubalo, Assistant Regional Director, WHO AFRO

Dr. Makubalo, former Assistant Regional Director at WHO AFRO, has extensive public health and diplomacy experience. She has worked on diagnostics, antimicrobial resistance, and health systems in Africa, and represented South Africa at WHO and UN forums to improve health outcomes.

Prof Vernon Lee, Executive Director, National Centre for Infectious Diseases, Singapore

Prof. Lee is Executive Director of Singapore's National Centre for Infectious Diseases and a leading global expert in pandemic preparedness. A physician and epidemiologist, he's advised WHO and led responses to major outbreaks including COVID-19, SARS, and avian flu. He's published widely in top journals.

Dr Emmanuel Agogo, Director, Pandemic Threats, FIND

Dr. Agogo is Director of Pandemic Threats at FIND, with over 20 years of global health experience. He has led efforts in health systems strengthening, HIV, TB, and epidemic preparedness, previously holding leadership roles at Nigeria's CDC and Resolve to Save Lives.

Ms Caia Dominicus, Technical Policy Officer, IPPS

Caia Dominicus is a postdoctoral fellow at the Sanger Institute, working on neurodegenerative disease research. She has developed innovative CRISPR screening platforms and studied *Toxoplasma gondii* signaling. She holds a PhD from Cambridge and has held research roles at the Crick Institute.

Ms Heulwen Philpot, Head of Secretariat, IPPS

Heulwen Philpot leads the International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat, supporting the 100 Day Mission. A former UK health policy official, she has led international AMR negotiations and G7/G20 summit preparations. She also advocates for grassroots development in Uganda through Resource Uganda.

Mr Mario Moreira, President, Fiocruz

Mario Moreira is President of Fiocruz, Brazil's leading public health institution. With advanced degrees in health, innovation, and public management, he's held numerous leadership roles in Brazilian public administration and science institutions, focusing on health technology, innovation, and institutional development.

Dr Yukiko Nakatani, Assistant Director-General, WHO

Dr. Nakatani is WHO's Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines. Formerly a senior official in Japan's Ministry of Health, she has led work on cancer control, medical devices, and pandemic response. She holds medical and public health degrees and has worked in both Japan and the U.S.

Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos, Director General, WOA

Dr. Yugueros-Marcos is Head of AMR & Veterinary Products at WOA. He leads global initiatives on antimicrobial stewardship and quality veterinary diagnostics, coordinating with international partners to improve animal health and mitigate antimicrobial resistance risks.

Mr Thomas Cueni, Board Member, FIND

Thomas Cueni, former Director General of IFPMA, has long represented the biopharma industry globally. He championed access initiatives like the AMR Action Fund and served on the WHO ACT-Accelerator. A former diplomat and journalist, he's active in numerous global health policy platforms.

Dr Ayode Alakija, Board Chair, FIND

Dr. Alakija, Board Chair of FIND and WHO Special Envoy, is a leading voice for health equity. With over 20 years in global health, she has led humanitarian responses, advised governments, and founded Nigeria's Emergency Coordination Centre. She champions justice and inclusive pandemic preparedness.