

2026 SAAPI Conference



South African Association of Pharmacists in Industry

Expanding Pharma Borders – Transcending Limits, Transforming Lives

10 & 11 June 2026 – CSIR, Pretoria

Agenda 10 June 2026

Day 1: 10 June 2026		
08h00-08h45	Registration and Refreshments	
08h50-09h05	Opening and Welcome – SAAPI President	
Session 1		
Time	Topic	Speaker
09h10-10h00	Keynote address Redefining Access and Innovation: Building a Borderless Pharmaceutical Future for Africa	Wesley Solomon
10h05-11h00	One Continent, One Standard: Regulatory Harmonisation and the Role of the Africa Medicines Agency (AMA) & Africa CDC in Accelerating Access to Medicines in Africa	Prof. Alex Dodoo
11h00-11h15	Q&A Session	
11h15-11h40	Refreshments and Networking	
Session 2		
11h45-12h30	Unlocking Africa's potential in Health Product Manufacturing and Trade: A Regulator's Perspective	Tammy Gopal
12h30-13h15	Building South Africa's Pharmaceutical Sovereignty: A Case Study	Lyzelle Woldson
13h15-13h30	Q&A Session	
13h30-14h25	Lunch and Networking	
Session 3		
14h35-15h15	Africa Medicines Agency (AMA) Unpacked: Africa's Next Frontier in Medicines Regulation	Gina Partridge
15h15-16h00	Strengthening safety surveillance in Africa: The African Union Smart Surveillance Safety Programme	Dr. Elirehema Mfinanga
16h00-16h30	Medical Device Creation: From Concept to Market	Fabio Elefante
16h30-16h45	Q&A Session	
17h00-20h00	Network Event	

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Day 2: 11 June 2026		
08h00-08h45	Registration and Refreshments	
08h50-09h05	Opening and Welcome – SAAPI Conference Chair	
Session 1		
Time	Topic	Speaker
09h10-10h00	Keynote address The Pulse of Pharma: Navigating Industry Change and Unlocking Africa's Future	Dr. Stavros Nicolaou
10h05-11h00	From Local to Global: SAHPRA's New Membership in the ICH – What it means for Africa	Silverani Padayachee
11h00-11h15	Q&A Session	
11h15-11h40	Refreshments and Networking	
Session 2		
11h45-12h30	Strengthening Health Systems Through Regulatory Excellence	Marione Schönfeldt
12h30-13h00	South African Pharmacy Council	Ziyanda Mfuku
13h00-13h30	PSSA: From Access to Agency – A call to unite Pharmaceutical Industry, Policy and Public Health for Universal Health Coverage in Africa	Prof. Renier Coetzee
13h30-13h45	Q&A Session	
13h45-14h40	Lunch and Networking	
Session 3		
14h45-15h15	Gold Sponsor – ZongoVita	Sanjay Dugar & Ravi Kumar Gaurav
15h15-16h00	Changes in IP Law: What Legal Reform means for Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access	David Cochrane
16h00-16h30	The Future of Risk Based GMP Inspections – International and Regional Challenges	Prof. Chris Stubbs
16h30-16h45	Q&A Session	
16h45-17h00	Conference Closure	SAAPI President