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**STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADVANCING VALUE
IN SOUTH AFRICA'S MEDICAL SCHEMES ENVIRONMENT**

PROGRAMME & SPEAKER PROFILES



Strengthening Accountability and Advancing Value in South Africa's Medical Schemes Environment

DAY 1

THEME: FROM FINDINGS TO FRAMEWORKS – ADVANCING FWA ACCOUNTABILITY AND SECTION 59 REFORM

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:00 – 08:55	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING TEA	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and Housekeeping	PROGRAMME DIRECTOR Ms Silindubhle Mngqeta – Communications Manager, Council for Medical Schemes
09:10 – 09:20	Opening Address: CMS Industry Indaba	Mr Zongezile Baloyi – Executive: Corporate Services, Council for Medical Schemes
09:20 – 09:50	Official Regulatory Statement: The FWA undertaking & its strategic importance	Dr Musa Gumede – Chief Executive & Registrar, Council for Medical Schemes
09:50 – 10:20	Industry Collaboration as a Regulatory Imperative: Lessons from FWA & Section 59	Dr Thandi Mabeba – Chairperson of Council, Council for Medical Schemes
10:20 – 11:00	Introduction and overview of the Universal Codes of Good Conduct/Section 59 Regulatory Framework	Mr John Letsoalo – Senior Manager: Legal Services, Council for Medical Schemes
11:00 – 11:20	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
11:20 – 11:50	NETWORKING TEA & EXHIBITIONS	
SESSION DIRECTOR: DR HONOURS MUKHARI – DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON, CMS		
11:50 – 12:10	Review and Update of the FWA(E) Charter	Dr Michael Willie – Executive: Policy, Research and Monitoring, Council for Medical Schemes (<i>FWA Technical Workstream</i>)

12:10 – 12:30	Introducing “Error” to Fraud, Waste and Abuse: The importance of this inclusion	Dr Ziyanda Mgugudo-Sello – South African Medical Association with Dr Michael Willie – Executive: Policy, Research & Monitoring, Council for Medical Schemes (<i>FWA Technical Workstream</i>)
12:30 – 13:20	FWA in Practice – Emerging Trends and Industry Readiness	MODERATOR Mr Mondi Govuzela – Senior Manager: Benefits Management, Council for Medical Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ishmael Mogapi – GEMS • Mr Sibonelo Cele – POLMED • Ms Nomaefese Gatsheni – Solutionist Thinkers • Dr Donald Gumede – NHCPA • Mr Marius Smit – Discovery • Ms Gerda Strydom – Medscheme
13:20 – 13:30	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
13:30 – 14:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITIONS	
14:00 – 14:30	Update on the FWA Tribunal and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	Mr John Letsoalo – Senior Manager: Legal Services, Council for Medical Schemes
14:30 – 15:00	Operationalising the Codes of Good Practice: From policy to practice	Ms Maninie Molatseli – Senior Research Analyst, Council for Medical Schemes (<i>FWA Technical Workstream member</i>)
15:00 – 15:30	Key Takeaways and Looking Forward	Dr Musa Gumede – Chief Executive & Registrar, Council for Medical Schemes
15:30 – 15:40	Closure and Acknowledgements	Mr Khayaletu Mvulo – Council Secretariat, Council for Medical Schemes

DAY 2

THEME: VALUE-BASED CARE, CONTRACTING AND PRICING IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL SCHEMES ENVIRONMENT

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:00 – 08:55	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING TEA	
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and Housekeeping	PROGRAMME DIRECTOR Dr Samantha Iyaloo – Health Economist, Council for Medical Schemes
09:05 – 09:25	Opening Remarks and Context	Dr Michael Willie – Executive: Policy, Research and Monitoring, Council for Medical Schemes
09:25 – 09:30	Introduction of the Deputy Director-General	Dr Musa Gumede – Chief Executive & Registrar, Council for Medical Schemes
09:30 – 09:50	Strategic Purchasing and Value-Based Contracting in South Africa: Aligning Pricing, Performance and Protection	Dr Anban Pillay , Deputy Director-General: Health Regulation & Compliance, National Department of Health
09:55 – 10:45	Value-Based Care Across the Continuum	MODERATOR: Dr Tebogo Phaleng – Head of Strategic Health Governance & Clinical Consulting, Insight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Neo Khaoue – Chairperson, Board of Healthcare Funders • Mr Thonshan Naidoo – CEO, Health Funders Association • Dr Vuyo Gqola – Chief Opera- tions Officer, GEMS • Dr Siphwe Mndaweni – CEO, Office of Health Standards Compliance • Dr Ntuthuko Bhengu – CEO, Alchemy Health Technologies
10:45 – 11:00	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	

11:00 – 11:20	Ethics, Governance, and Accountability in Contracting: From Principles to Practice	Dr Brenda Kubheka – Medical Doctor & Healthcare Ethics Specialist
11:20 – 11:40	NETWORKING TEA & EXHIBITIONS	
11:40 – 12:30	Contracting for Value and Outcomes: Innovation, Regulation & Performance	<p>MODERATOR</p> <p>Dr Darshini Govindasamy – Director, SAMRC/Wits Centre for Health Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Stan Moloabi – Principal Officer, GEMS • Prof Roseanne Harris – Head of Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Discovery Health • Prof Wezile Chita – President: Health Professions Council of South Africa • Prof Lungiswa Nkonki – Health Economist, Stellenbosch Univ • Mr Mark Hyman – CEO & Founder, MediCheck • Ms Hannelie Cornelius – Senior Manager: Accreditation, Council for Medical Schemes
12:30 – 12:50	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
12:55 – 13:00	Introduction of the Honourable Minister of Health	Dr Thandi Mabeba – Chairperson of Council, Council for Medical Schemes
13:00 – 13:30	Ministerial Policy Address	Dr Aaron Motsoaledi – Honourable Minister of Health
13:30 – 14:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITIONS	
14:00 – 14:35	Evidence, Translation & Implementation	Winner of the Prof Lungile Pepeta Award for Research 2026
14:35 – 15:00	Outcomes, Commitments & Way Forward	Dr Musa Gumede – Chief Executive & Registrar, Council for Medical Schemes
15:00 – 15:10	Closure and Acknowledgements	Mr Mfana Maswanganyi – Executive: Regulation, Council for Medical Schemes

CMS LEADERSHIP

DR AARON MOTSOLEDI –

Minister of Health, Republic of South Africa

Dr Aaron Motsoaledi is the Minister of Health of the Republic of South Africa. He has led major national health reforms, including the advancement of National Health Insurance and broader health system transformation. His work continues to shape South Africa's healthcare policy direction.

DR THANDI MABEBA –

Chairperson of Council, Council for Medical Schemes

Dr Thandi Mabeba is Chairperson of the Council for Medical Schemes and an experienced clinician, governance leader and legal scholar. Her expertise spans healthcare regulation, corporate governance and public sector oversight. She has played a leading role in strengthening governance at CMS and advancing key regulatory reforms, including the Section 59 process.

DR MUSA GUMEDE –

Chief Executive & Registrar, Council for Medical Schemes

Dr Musa Gumede is the Chief Executive and Registrar of CMS, with over 35 years of experience in healthcare leadership and health systems management. His career spans senior leadership roles in both the public and private sectors. He currently leads CMS' strategic and regulatory agenda in advancing industry sustainability, governance and consumer protection.

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Speaker Bios in order of appearance

MS SILINDUBUHLE MNQETA –

Communications Manager, Council for Medical Schemes

Ms Silindubuhle Mnqeta is the Communications Manager at the Council for Medical Schemes, where she leads strategic communications, digital communications and stakeholder engagement in support of the Council's regulatory mandate. She is the Project Manager for the CMS Industry Indaba and oversees its strategic planning and delivery. She also leads communications and stakeholder engagement on the Fraud, Waste and Abuse undertaking and Section 59 reform processes.

MR ZONGEZILE BALOYI –

Executive: Corporate Services, Council for Medical Schemes

Mr Zongezile Baloyi is the Executive: Corporate Services at the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), with over 25 years of public sector leadership experience. He has served in senior roles across government and public entities, including SASSETA, the Office of the Chief Justice and the Department of Transport. At CMS, he oversees corporate governance, strategy, legal services and stakeholder engagement.

MR JOHN LETSOALO –

Senior Manager: Legal Services, Council for Medical Schemes

Mr John Letsoalo is Senior Manager: Legal Services at CMS and an attorney with over 15 years' experience in healthcare regulatory law. He provides legal counsel on medical schemes regulation, consumer protection and policy reform. His work supports CMS' legislative and regulatory framework, including the Section 59 reform process.

DR HONOURS MUKHARI –

Deputy Chairperson of Council, Council for Medical Schemes

Dr Honours Mukhari is Deputy Chairperson of the Council for Medical Schemes and a qualified medical practitioner and dental therapist. He has clinical experience in both the public and private sectors and is actively involved in health policy advocacy, particularly around Universal Health Coverage and National Health Insurance.

DR MICHAEL WILLIE –

Executive: Policy, Research & Monitoring, Council for Medical Schemes

Dr Michael Willie is Executive: Policy, Research and Monitoring at CMS, where he leads industry research, monitoring and policy analysis. He has extensive expertise in healthcare regulation, advanced analytics and predictive modelling. He has published more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and serves on editorial boards, with professional interests in governance, leadership and health systems research.

DR ZIYANDA MGUGUDO-SELLO –

Acting Head: Professional Services, South African Medical Association

Dr Ziyanda Mgugudo-Sello is Acting Head of Professional Services at the South African Medical Association and a Public Health Medicine Specialist. She has extensive experience in healthcare governance, compliance and clinical standards. Her work includes active engagement in national discussions on fraud, waste, abuse and error in the healthcare sector.

MR MONDI GOVUZELA –

Senior Manager: Benefits Management, Council for Medical Schemes

Mr Mondi Govuzela is Senior Manager: Benefits Management at CMS. His work focuses on evaluating medical scheme rule amendments and benefit changes to ensure statutory compliance and financial sustainability. He contributes to governance and policy decision-making within the medical schemes environment.

MR ISHMAEL MOGAPI –

Senior Manager: Operations Risk, Government Employees Medical Scheme

Mr Ishmael Mogapi is Senior Manager: Operations Risk at GEMS, with over 20 years of experience in healthcare risk management. His expertise includes claims risk management, operational governance and fraud prevention. He brings strong insight into risk management across the medical schemes environment.

MR MARIUS SMIT –

Head: Group Forensic Services, Discovery Health

Mr Marius Smit is Head of Group Forensic Services at Discovery Health, with 27 years of experience in fraud, waste, abuse and investigations. His expertise includes healthcare forensics, claims integrity and financial crime prevention.

MR SIBONELO CELE –

Chief of Staff, South African Police Medical Scheme (POLMED)

Mr Sibonelo Cele is Chief of Staff at POLMED and a healthcare regulation and forensic investigation specialist with extensive experience in compliance, governance and fraud investigations. He previously served as a Senior Investigating Officer at the CMS, where he led major fraud and regulatory investigations, including the Section 59 inquiry.

MS GERDA STRYDOM –

General Manager: Group Forensics, Medscheme

Ms Gerda Strydom is General Manager of Group Forensics at Medscheme. She has extensive experience in healthcare forensics, governance and financial oversight. She contributes to strengthening claims integrity and ethical practices in the industry.

MS NOMAEFESE GATSHENI –

Founder, Solutionist Thinkers Group

Ms Nomaefese Gatsheni is Founder of Solutionist Thinkers Group and a Master's-qualified social worker with experience in psychosocial support, ethics and governance. She serves on the CMS Fraud, Waste and Abuse committee, contributing to healthcare governance and oversight.

DR DONALD GUMEDE –

Chairperson, National Health Care Professions Association

Dr Donald Gumede is a General Practitioner and founder of the National Health Care Professions Association. He has been actively involved in healthcare advocacy and professional representation, particularly on fairness and accountability issues arising from Section 59-related practices.

MS MANINIE MOLATSELI –

Senior Researcher, Council for Medical Schemes

Ms Maninie Molatseli is a Senior Researcher in the Policy, Research and Monitoring Division at CMS, specialising in health economics and policy analysis. Her work focuses on healthcare financing, policy development and industry research. She has contributed to several key CMS policy initiatives.

MR KHAYALETHU MVULO –

Council Secretariat, Council for Medical Schemes

Mr Khayaletu Mvulo serves in the Council Secretariat at CMS, supporting corporate governance, strategic planning and Council administration. He plays a key role in governance coordination, committee administration and dispute resolution structures, supporting institutional oversight and regulatory decision-making.

DAY 2 Speaker Bios in order of appearance

DR SAMANTHA IYALOO –

Public Health Specialist, Council for Medical Schemes

Dr Samantha Iyaloo is a Public Health Specialist at CMS, where she leads Prescribed Minimum Benefits review projects and health research initiatives. Her expertise spans public health, benefits design and health-care policy. Her work supports evidence-based reform in the medical schemes environment.

DR ANBAN PILLAY –

Deputy Director-General: Health Regulation & Compliance, National Department of Health

Dr Anban Pillay is Deputy Director-General at the National Department of Health, responsible for Health Regulation and Compliance. He has over 20 years of experience in public health policy and regulation, with a strong focus on medicines policy, health financing reform and National Health Insurance implementation.

DR TEBOGO PHALENG –

Director, Insight Health Solutions

Dr Tebogo Phaleng is Director of Insight Health Solutions and a health-care strategist with over 27 years of experience across clinical practice, healthcare consulting and executive leadership. His expertise includes healthcare strategy, governance, policy and risk management.

**DR VUYO GQOLA – Chief Operations Officer,
Government Employees Medical Scheme**

Dr Vuyo Gqola is Chief Operations Officer at GEMS and a medical practitioner with extensive experience in managed care, clinical risk management and healthcare operations. She has held senior leadership roles in healthcare funding and healthcare purchasing.

**MR THONESHAN NAIDOO –
Chief Executive Officer, Health Funders Association**

Mr Thoneshan Naidoo is Chief Executive Officer of the Health Funders Association and an experienced healthcare executive. His expertise spans strategy, healthcare funding, innovation and organisational transformation. He has held senior leadership roles across the healthcare funding sector.

**DR NTUTHUKO BHENGU –
Chief Executive Officer, Alchemy Health Technologies**

Dr Ntuthuko Bhengu is founder and Chief Executive Officer of Alchemy Health Technologies and a National Planning Commissioner. He has extensive board and governance experience and is recognised for his work in healthcare reform, innovation and policy development.

**DR SIPHIWE MNDAWENI –
Chief Executive Officer, Office of Health Standards Compliance**

Dr Siphwiwe Mndaweni is Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Health Standards Compliance and a public health leader with expertise in health systems strengthening, policy implementation and quality assurance. Her leadership focuses on healthcare quality and regulatory oversight.

DR BRENDA KUBHEKA –

Health Executive and Healthcare Ethics Specialist

Dr Brenda Kubheka is a health executive, entrepreneur and researcher with over 20 years of experience in healthcare leadership, ethics and governance. Her expertise spans health systems transformation, clinical governance and public engagement.

DR STAN MOLOABI –

Principal Officer, Government Employees Medical Scheme

Dr Stan Moloabi is Principal Officer of GEMS and a medical practitioner with extensive leadership experience in healthcare funding, operations and governance. He has held executive roles across the medical schemes environment and contributes to industry-wide healthcare funding discussions.

PROF ROSEANNE HARRIS –

Executive Head: Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Discovery Health

Professor Roseanne Harris is Executive Head of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at Discovery Health and an internationally recognised health actuary. With over 30 years of experience, she has made significant contributions to healthcare funding, policy development and actuarial science.

PROF WEZILE CHITHA –

President, Health Professions Council of South Africa

Professor Wezile Chitha is President of the Health Professions Council of South Africa and Executive Dean at Walter Sisulu University. He is a medical doctor, health economist and academic leader with extensive experience in health systems governance and policy.

PROF LUNGISWA NKONKI –

Professor of Health Economics, Stellenbosch University

Professor Lungiswa Nkonki is a Professor of Health Economics at Stellenbosch University. Her expertise includes health systems strengthening, economic evaluation and universal health coverage. She has contributed extensively to health financing research and policy development.

MR MARK HYMAN –

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, MediCheck

Mr Mark Hyman is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of MediCheck and a long-standing advocate for medical scheme beneficiaries. With over 40 years' experience in healthcare and pharmacy, his work focuses on claims advocacy, healthcare access and accountability.

MS HANNELIE CORNELIUS –

Senior Manager: Administrator and Managed Care Accreditation,
Council for Medical Schemes

Ms Hannelie Cornelius is Senior Manager: Administrator and Managed Care Organisation Accreditation at CMS. She has extensive experience in auditing, accreditation and healthcare regulatory compliance. Her work supports regulatory oversight of administrators and managed care organisations.

MR MFANA MASWANGANYI –

Executive: Regulation, Council for Medical Schemes

Mr Mfana Maswanganyi is Executive: Regulation at CMS and an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa. He has extensive experience in compliance, investigations and regulatory governance, and has held multiple senior leadership roles within the organisation.

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- Dr Musa Gumede – Chief Executive and Registrar
- Mr Zongezile Baloyi – Executive: Corporate Services
- Dr Michael Willie – Executive: Policy, Research and Monitoring

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