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## **THE PAN AFRICAN CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PACRI) LAUNCH**

**VENUE: FUTURE AFRICA, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

**DATE: 24-25 February 2022**

Vision:

**To be a world class Pan African Research Institute dedicated to pushing the boundaries of precision oncology, cancer prevention and bringing new approaches for early diagnosis and novel therapeutic agents to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequalities, strengthen health systems in underserved and socio-economically disadvantaged communities”**

“Cancer rates continue to increase worldwide. It is the second leading cause of death globally with approximately 70% of cancer deaths occurring in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). Cancer is also emerging as a major public health problem in the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). GLOBOCAN 2020 estimates that there were 19.3 million new cases of cancer and almost 10 million deaths from cancer in 2020. The disease is an important cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, in every world region, thus reinforcing the need for a global escalation of efforts to control the disease. Therefore, efforts to build a sustainable infrastructure for the dissemination of proven cancer prevention measures, and the provision of cancer care are critical for global cancer control. Packages of effective and resource-sensitive preventative and curative interventions and their tailored integration into health planning nationally can serve to reduce the future burden and suffering from cancer worldwide, while narrowing the evident cancer inequities or cancer health disparities”.

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**HOSTED BY  
THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR FOR THE PAN AFRICAN CANCER  
RESEARCH INTITUTE (PACRI)**

**PROFESSOR ZODWA DLAMINI**

Zodwa Dlamini is the Founding Director and Executive Head of the Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI) with a vision of “Pushing boundaries of precision oncology, cancer prevention and control and bringing new approaches for novel therapeutic agents to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequalities, strengthen health systems in underserved and socio-economically disadvantaged communities”. She is a Professor of Molecular Oncology at University of Pretoria (UP). She is the Scientific Director of the prestigious South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) Precision Oncology Research Unit (PORU). She is the DSI/NRF SARChI Chair in Precision Oncology and Cancer Prevention (POCP). Professor Dlamini is a distinguished member of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Regional Advisory Group (RAG) on Sub-Saharan Africa mandated to help inform and guide AACR deliberations on global engagement and play a key role to assist the AACR in pursuing its mission to prevent and cure all cancers worldwide (Philadelphia, USA). She is a distinguished member of the Council for Scientific Advisers (CSA), ICGEB, an international scientific body of scientists of highest international standing, nominated by member state (Trieste, Italy). She is the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) for the Africa Health Research Organization (AHRO), a not-for-profit institute whose mission is promoting the advancement of global health through research, publications, training, and community interventions (Glasgow, Scotland). She is an Overseas Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM), an elite group of physicians or scientists elected to the Royal Society of Medicine following nomination and committee review, comparable to members of the National Academy of Medicine in the United States. She is an elected member of Academy of Science of South Africa for significant achievement in the pursuit and advancement of science. Professor Dlamini is SAMRC Silver Award winner, as an outstanding South African scientist who has contributed to raising profile of science in South Africa. She also serves on the DST/SAMRC National Genomics and Precision Medicine Think Tank. She has just graduated with the Foundations for Clinical Research (FCR) Postgraduate Programme Certificate (Harvard Medical School-HMS) and is the current candidate for Clinical Trial Design and Management Programme (University of California San Diego-UCSD).



# PACRI LAUNCH PROGRAMME



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## PAN AFRICAN CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PACRI) LAUNCH

DAY 1: 24 February 2022

1. **Date:** 24 February 2022

2. **Time:** 17:00 – 20:00

3. **Venue:** FUTURE AFRICA, University of Pretoria.

**Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI) PANEL Discussion and Partnership Agreements Signing Ceremony.**

**Theme: TRANSFORMING THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER IN AFRICA: *From Cancer Control and Prevention to Novel Therapeutics for Improved Health Outcomes.***

### 1<sup>st</sup> PART: Panel DISCUSSION

#### Opening remarks (10 Minutes):

**Host and Program Director: Prof. Tawana Kupe**, Vice Chancellor (VC) and Principal, University of Pretoria (UP).

#### Panel (Each panel – 10 Minutes):

- **Panel Member: Prof. Glenda Gray**, CEO and President of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC).

Title of Presentation: **Cancer in Africa as a developing world, strengthening funding streams / ties to defeat cancer.**

- **Panel Member: Prof. David Bates**, Director of University of Nottingham Cancer Center.

Title of Presentation: **The value of Cancer Institutes / Centres for precision medicine in cancer prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment.**

- **Panel Member: Prof. Michael Baumann**, Director of Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (DKFZ) German Cancer Research Center.

Title of Presentation: **The future for cancer research – High Income Countries (HICs) Partnerships with Low Middle income countries (LMICs) like Africa in building a critical mass of cancer researchers in cutting edge cancer research in the fight against cancer.**

- **Panel Member: Dr. Lewis Cantley**, Dana-Farber / Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC).

Title of Presentation: **What will cancer treatment look like in 2040 in a major cancer centre?**

**Industry and Business in support of the advancement the Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI)'s Vision.**

**Mr. Adrian Gore, Chief Executive Officer of Discovery Limited**

**Mr. Patrice Motsepe, President of the Confederation of African and Executive Chairman of African Rainbow**

**Dr. Bobby Reddy, Chief Medical Officer, ImmunityBio Inc., USA.**

**Dr. Emmanuel Terrasson, Senior Clinical Sales Specialist Emerging Markets / Brian Steffy, Associate Director Product Management, Illumina, Inc. USA.**

**Dr. Nhlanhla Msomi, Chairperson of AfricaBio and Next Biosciences, SA.**

**Mr. Butana Mboniswa, Director, Inqaba Biotechnical Industries (PTY) LTD, SA.**

- **Panel Member: Dr. Joe Phaahla: Honourable Minister of Health (MoH).**

Title of the Presentation: **Available support in the Department of Health in defeating cancer.**

**Q&A Session (20 Minutes):**

**Prof. Zodwa Dlamini, Founding Director of the Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI), Director of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), Precision Oncology Research Unit (PORU).**

**Closing Remarks (10 Minutes):**

**Elize Joubert, CEO of the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA).**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PART: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS:**

Host: Prof. Tawana Kupe, Vice Chancellor (VC) and Principal, University of Pretoria (UP).

**Signatories:** University of Pretoria, DKFZ German Cancer Research Center, University of Nottingham, Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) and Inqaba Biotechnical Industries (PTY) LTD.

**DAY 2: 25 February 2022**

**1. Date** 25 February 2022

**2. Time:** 10:00 – 21:00

**3. Venue:** FUTURE AFRICA, University of Pretoria.

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**4. Dress Code:** Formal or Traditional Wear

**5. Host:** Prof. Zodwa Dlamini, Founding Director of Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI). Director of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) Precision Oncology Research Unit (PORU), DSI/NRF SARCHI Chair in Precision Oncology and Cancer Prevention (POCP).

6. Total number of guests: 100

9. Programme:

10h00-16h00:

	Time	Presenter
Tea	09:30 – 10:00	
Welcoming Remarks	10:05 – 10:15	Prof. Zodwa Dlamini.
Keynote Speaker 1	10:15 – 10:45	<b>Prof. Ravi Mehrotra</b> - Organisation: Centre for Health Innovation and Policy (CHIP) Foundation and Datar Cancer Genetics (DCG).  <b>Title: Strengthening Cancer Prevention and Control in Africa.</b>
Presentation 1	10:45 – 11:00	Dr. Thulo Molefi (Department of Medical Oncology).
Presentation 2	11:00 – 11:15	Prof. Meshack Bida (Department of Anatomical Pathology).
Presentation 3	11:15 – 11:30	Prof. Mandeep Kaur (WITS School of Molecular and Cell Biology).
Presentation 4	11:30 – 11:45	Dr. Rahaba Marima (Pan African Cancer Research Institute).
Presentation 5	11:45 – 12:00	Dr. Kgomotso Mathabe (Department of Urology).
Lunch	12:00 – 13:00	
Keynote Speaker 2	13:00 – 13:30	<b>Prof. Melissa Davis</b> - Organisation: International Center for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes (ICSBCS), Weill Cornell Medicine, Department of Surgery (Breast Surgery & Oncology).  <b>Title: Advancing Precision Oncology in the fight against cancer in Africa.</b>
Presentation 6	13:30 – 13:45	Prof. Lesetja Motadi (University of Johannesburg).
Presentation 7	13:45 – 14:00	Prof. Monde Ntwasa (University of South Africa).
Posters	14:00 – 15:00	POSTER SESSION.
Thank you Note	15:00 – 15:10	Prof. David Bates, Centre for Cancer Sciences (CCS), University of Nottingham (UoN).

**GALA DINNER**

**17:00 – 18:00:** Arrival, Registration & Networking.

**18:00 – 18:10:** Prof. Tiaan de Jager, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences – Opening remarks.

**18:10 – 18:20:** Prof. Tawana Kupe, the University of Pretoria Vice Chancellor (VC) and Principal – Welcoming remarks.

**18:20 – 18:30:** Prof. Zodwa Dlamini, Founding Director of Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI) & Director of South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), Precision Oncology Research Unit (PORU), DSI/NRF SARChI Chair in Precision Oncology and Cancer Prevention (POCP) – Progress made and way forward for Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI).

**18:30 – 18:40:** Prof. Sunil Maharaj, Vice-Principal (VP): Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Education, University of Pretoria (Acting) – Pan African Cancer Research Institute's (PACRI) Vision: Alignment with University of Pretoria (UP) Research Vision.

**18:40 – 18:50:** Elize Joubert, Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) CEO – Message of Support from Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA).

**18:50 – 19:00:** Dr. Elisabete Weiderpass, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC-WHO) – Message of Support.

**19:00 – 19:10:** Prof. Glenda Gray, President and CEO, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) – Message of Support.

**19:10 – 19:20:** Prof. Fulufhelo Nelwamondo, CEO of National Research Foundation (NRF) – Message of Support.

**19:20 – 19:30:** Prof. Koleka Mlisana, NHLS Executive Manager: Academic Affairs, Research & Quality Assurance – Message of Support.

**19:30 – 19:40:** Prof. T. Luvhengo, Head of Department (HoD) of Surgery at University of Witwatersrand (WITS), PACRI Management External Member–Message of Support from collaborating academic institutions.

**19:40 – 19:50:** Prof. Marco Foiani, Scientific Director – The FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology Foundation (IFOM) – Message of Support.

**19:50 – 20:00:** Prof. David Bates, Director of the University of Nottingham Cancer Center (UoNCC) – Message of Support.

**20:00 – 20:15:** Dr. Phil Mjwara, the Director General: Department of Science and Technology (DSI) – “Science and Innovation in Support of Cancer Research”.

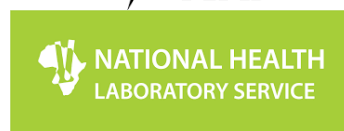
**20:15 – 20:40:** Dr. Joe Phaahla, the Honourable Minister of Health (MoH) – Keynote address.

**20:40 – 20:50:** Dr. Richard Khanyile, Head of the Department Medical Oncology (HOD) – Concluding Remarks.

**20:50 – 21:00:** Prof. Mike Sathekge, Head of Nuclear Medicine (on behalf of Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI) Management Committee) – Vote of Thanks.

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