



## RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA Hyatt Regency, Johannesburg, 25 – 27 June 2018

### The leapfrog model: Innovations in healthcare

#### Scheduling

**Date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Time:** 11:30 – 13:15 (1 hour 45 minutes)

**Venue:** Hyatt Regency, 191 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2132, South Africa

**Room:** Nina II

#### Speakers

**Moderator: Henry Mwanyika**, Regional Director, Africa, Digital Health, PATH

**Alankar Malviya**, Senior Regional Advisor, UNAIDS Eastern & Southern Africa

**Prudence Selani**, Head of Communications, Sanofi

**Debbie Rogers**, Managing Director, Praekelt Foundation

#### Synopsis

Africa has a considerable need for health innovations, in particular to address the significant child and maternal mortality rates and high incidence of HIV and malaria among other diseases prevalent on the continent<sup>1</sup>. Many Africans lack access to health information, medical care, vaccinations and medications. Lowering the risks of fatal health issues and addressing these gaps, especially for women and children, is critical in achieving progress on any other development goals.

However, Africa also has great potential to deliver breakthroughs in technology and innovations that can meet the serious need for health resources in at-risk communities. Through coordinated efforts between pharmaceutical and medical supply companies, medical researchers, health NGOs and government, local innovations are beginning to make an impact on Africa's health landscape. Innovations developed in African countries are closer to the problems at hand and can typically deliver health products more affordably. Local innovation also contributes to job creation and economic growth of the region.

This discussion will focus on how collaborative, multi-stakeholder approaches are helping to develop '**Innovations in healthcare**'. It will focus on examples of youth and technology transforming the continent's development, and incorporate perspectives from a cross-section of stakeholders, including at least one youth perspective and/or an entrepreneur.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://data.unicef.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Achieving\\_the\\_Malaria\\_MDG\\_Target.pdf](https://data.unicef.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Achieving_the_Malaria_MDG_Target.pdf), <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/fact-sheet> & <https://data.unicef.org/topic/maternal-health/maternal-mortality/>



**Format (1 hour 45 minutes)**

*We kindly request that you do not prepare slides.*

1. **Welcome and introduction:** The moderator will briefly introduce each panellist, and provide a short overview to frame the discussion **(10 minutes)**.
2. **Panel discussion:** The moderator will ask each panellist for their views and experiences, with examples drawn from practice and current initiatives, before opening up to a wider discussion between panellists **(40 minutes)**.
3. **Audience Roundtable Discussions:** Delegates will discuss, share and finally agree on **three** priority recommendations on how organisations can better support innovation, youth and technology generation to drive development **(25 minutes)**.

An example recommendation: "Private sector to provide innovation incubator programmes for youth to help develop business skills at the same time as creative solutions."

Panellists are welcomed to join in a roundtable to support the discussions. The moderator may wish to roam among tables as the point of contact for the recommendations.

4. **Feedback from Roundtables:** Each table will assign a rapporteur to stand and share their recommendations with the room **(20 minutes)**.
5. **Wrap up:** Moderator will close with a quick summary of the main discussion points and recommendations and select three of these recommendations to report back in the plenary **(10 minutes)**.

Thank you again for joining us, and we look forward to the discussion.

Kind regards,

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