



National Health  
Insurance Authority

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, HEU, CENTRE FOR HEALTH ECONOMICS AND THE  
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORITY OF THE BAHAMAS**

**16<sup>th</sup> CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH FINANCING INITIATIVES**  
**October 15-18, 2025 | Nassau, The Bahamas**

**Theme: Information Systems, AI and Data Analytics in Health: Managing Costs, Optimizing Benefits  
for the Caribbean**

**PROGRAMME**

**Pre-Conference Day: October 14, 2025**

5.30p - 7.30p	Early Registration	Conference Secretariat (at Margaritaville Hotel)
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**Day 1: October 15, 2025**

**Opening Programme**

**Moderator: Dr. Anthone Ward**

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
7.00a - 8.25	Registration	Conference Secretariat
8.25 - 8.30	Call to Order and Security Protocols	Dr. Anthone Ward, Public Hospitals Authority, The Bahamas
8.30 - 8.35	National Anthem of The Bahamas	Ms. Jillian Roberts, Bel Canto Singer
8.35 - 8.40	Invocation/Prayer	Bishop Delton Fernander, President of the Christian Council
8.40 - 8.45	Welcome Message	Dr. Kendal Major, Chair, National Health Insurance Authority Board of Directors
8.45 - 8.50	Video on The Bahamas	The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism
8.50 - 8.55	Opening Remarks	Dr. Althea La Foucade, Director, The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics
8.55 - 9.00	Remarks (on behalf of Social Security Boards)	Dr. Tami Francis, Director, National Insurance Board, The Bahamas
9.00 - 9.05	Overview of 16 <sup>th</sup> Conference Programme	Dr. Stanley Lalta, Conference Coordinator
9.05 - 9.10	Cultural Item	Poetry by Princess Pratt and Decicco Hall
9.10 - 9.25	Formal Address and Opening of Conference	Honourable Dr. Michael Darville, Minister of Health and Wellness, The Bahamas
9.25 - 9.30	Vote of Thanks and Introduction of NHIA Conference Team	Mrs. Christy Butler, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Insurance Authority
9.30 - 9.45	<b>CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH</b>	
9.45 - 10.00	<b>BREAK</b>	

Day 1: October 15, 2025 (Cont'd)		
TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
<b>Session 1: Chairperson - Dr. Robin Roberts, National Health Insurance Authority</b> <b>Objective: Key Issues in Implementing Information Systems for Health Financing</b>		
10.00 - 10.30	Mr. Dennis Arrindell, SVB/CURE	Conceptual and Operational Aspects of IT and AI in Healthcare Investments
10.30 - 11.00	Mr. Chadwick Williamson, National Health Insurance Authority, The Bahamas	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives
11.00 - 11.30	Mr. Alain Tremblay and Mr. K. Scott MacKenzie, Maximus Canada	ROI by Design: The Impact of Scalable Automation in Healthcare
11.30 - 12.00	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
12.00 - 1.00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Session 2, Panel 1: Chairperson - Mr. Derek Osborne, TELUS Health</b> <b>Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems &amp; Data Analytics - Health Financing Agency Viewpoint (1)</b>		
1.00 - 1.20	Ms. Ruth Jaramillo Waight, National Health Insurance, Belize	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives
1.20 - 1.40	Mr. Darren Barnes, Medical Benefits Scheme, Antigua and Barbuda	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives
1.40 - 2.00	Dr. Ricky Braithwaite, Bermuda Health Council, Bermuda	Key Components, Costs and Expected Outcomes of The Digital Strategy for Health in Bermuda
2.00 - 2.30	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
2.30 - 2.45	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 3, Panel 2: Chairperson - Mrs. Patricia Edwards-Wescott, The UWI, HEU, Centre for Health Economics</b> <b>Objective: Updates on Progress with Universal Health Financing</b>		
2.45 - 3.00	Dr. Alisha Eugene-Ford, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs, St Lucia	Advancing Action Towards Universal Health Financing in St. Lucia
3.00 - 3.15	Mrs. Kim Taylor, Ministry of Health, Grenada	Advancing Action Towards Universal Health Financing in Grenada
3.15 - 3.30	Ministry of Health, St Kitts and Nevis	Progress Towards Universal Health Financing in St. Kitts and Nevis
3.30 - 3.45	Mr. Howard Lynch, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica	Advancing Action Towards Universal Health Financing in Jamaica
3.45 - 4.15	<b>UPDATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
6.30 - 8.30p	<b>CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION</b> <b>Hosted by Ministry of Health and Wellness, The Bahamas</b>	

**Day 2: October 16, 2025**

TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION		
<b>Session 4, Panel 3: Chairperson - Dr. Maryam Abdool-Richards, Trinidad and Tobago</b>				
<b>Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems &amp; Data Analytics - Health Financing Agency Viewpoint (2)</b>				
8.30a - 8.50	Mr. Wilbert Lyn, National Health Fund, Jamaica	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
8.50 - 9.10	Mr. Collin Scatliffe, Social Security Board, British Virgin Islands	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
9.10 - 9.30	Mr. Michael Gayle, CINICO, Cayman Islands	Experience with IS/IT Applications: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
9.30 - 9.50	Ms. Sapna Chatlani, Colina Insurance, The Bahamas	Experience with IS/IT Applications in Managing Health Insurance Portfolio: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
9.50 - 10.15	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>			
10.15 - 10.30	<b>BREAK</b>			
<b>Session 5, Panel 4: Chairperson - Mrs. Jeanine Constansia-Kook, Ministry of Health, Curacao</b>				
<b>Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems &amp; Data Analytics - Health Service Provider Viewpoint</b>				
10.30 - 10.50	Mr. Patrick Clarke, Doctors Hospital, The Bahamas	Experience with IS/IT Applications in the Hospital's Operations: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
10.50 - 11.10	Dr. Victor Castillo, Fundación Cardiovascular and Hospital Internacional de Colombia, Colombia	Experience with IS/IT Applications in the Operations of the FCV/HIC: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
11.10 - 11.30	Dr. Aubynette Rolle, Public Hospitals Authority, The Bahamas	Experience with IS/IT Applications in the PHA Hospital Operations: Cost and Benefit Perspectives		
11.30 - 12.00	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>			
12.00 - 1.00	<b>LUNCH</b>			
<b>Session 6, Panel 5: Chairperson - Dr. Javier Asin, Acsion Inc.</b>				
<b>Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems and Data Analytics - IS/IT Providers Viewpoint</b>				
1.00 - 1.20	Mr. Shekar Reddy Sanumpudi, Advanced Integrated Systems Ltd., Jamaica	Contracting Health Providers and Financing Agencies for IS/IT Services in the Caribbean		
1.20 - 1.40	Mr. Brian Hogan, Mitantech	Contracting Health Providers and Financing Agencies for IS/IT Services in the Caribbean		
1.40 - 2.00	Mr. Shripal Doshi, KPMG	Securing Value for Money in Negotiating and Implementing IS/IT Contracts: Lessons for Caribbean Health Financing Agencies		
2.00 - 2.30	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>			
2.30 - 2.45	<b>BREAK</b>			

Day 2: October 16, 2025 (Cont'd)		
TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
<b>Session 7, Panel 6: Chairperson - Dr. Kevin Bowe, National Health Insurance Authority, The Bahamas</b> <b>Objective: IS/IT - Strategies, Negotiations and Legislation</b>		
2.45 - 3.05	Mrs. Haleema Ali-Sibane, The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, Trinidad and Tobago	AI, Health and the Law
3.05 - 3.25	Mr. Howard Cimring, TELUS Health	Data Visualisation and Dashboards for Health Analysis
3.25 - 3.45	Mrs. Mary Miller Sallah, Project Consultant, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Montserrat	Strategies to Optimise Capacity Building for IS/IT in Health in Small Countries
3.45 - 4.15	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
4.30 - 5.30p	Mr. Dennis Arrindell, SVB/CURE, Curacao	<b>SPECIAL SESSION (OPTIONAL)</b> Deep Dive into Leveraging AI/ChatGPT Applications for Healthcare Professionals
6.30 - 9.00p	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b> <b>Graycliff Restaurant, West Hill Street</b>	

**Day 3: October 17, 2025**

**Session 8, Panel 7: Moderator - Dr. Stanley Lalta, The UWI, HEU, Centre for Health Economics**

**Objective: Achieving the Goal of Universal Health Coverage by 2030**

8.30a - 10.00	Panelists – Mr. Kevin Silston (Antigua and Barbuda); MOHW, The Bahamas; Mr. Gerbert Spijker (Curacao); Prof. Leslie Walwyn (American University of Antigua College of Medicine)	Special Panel - Universal Health Coverage by 2030: Is the Caribbean on Target?
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**10.00 - 10.15 COMMENTS by Ms. Etoile Pinder; Dr. Ramon Figueroa; Dr. Dalano Da Souza**

**10.15 - 10.30 BREAK**

**Session 9: Chairperson - Ms. Charmaine Metivier, The UWI, HEU, Centre for Health Economics**

**Objective: New Directions in Managing Health Financing Systems**

10.30 - 10.45	Dr. Marcelo D'Agostino, Pan American Health Organization	Optimising Value for Money in PAHO's Information Systems for Health (IS4H)
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10.45 - 11.00	Mr. Roger Mc Lean, The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, Trinidad and Tobago	Confronting the Health and Financing Implications of Climate Change in the Caribbean
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11.00 - 11.15	Dr. Robin Roberts, National Health Insurance Authority, The Bahamas	The NHIP and Managing the Health and Cost Burden of Prostate Disease in The Bahamas
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**11.15 - 11.30 OPEN DISCUSSION**

11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Stanley Lalta; Dr. Ricky Braithwaite; Mr. Derek Osborne; Dr. Ramon Figueroa	Brief on Proposed Caribbean Health Economics and Financing Association (CHEFA)
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Dr. Ricky Braithwaite and Mrs. Mary Miller Sallah	Brief on Caribbean Currents
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KPMG	Brief on Global Centre of Excellence for Island Healthcare
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Mrs. Patricia Edwards-Wescott	Brief on Advancing the Research Agenda on Social Security in the Caribbean
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Ms. Charmaine Metivier	Update on Scope and Status of the Caribbean Health Information Systems Technical Support Facility
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Mr. Devy Frederick	Brief on CariGenetics Ltd.
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12.00 - 12.15	Dr. Stanley Lalta, The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, Trinidad and Tobago	Conference Coordinator's Progress Report
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**OPEN MIKE COMMENTS**

**CLOSURE OF CONFERENCE**

**LUNCH**

**OPEN AFTERNOON**

**Day 4: October 18, 2025**

10:00a - 1.00p	<b>Island Tour by Chippies (Fee applicable)</b>
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