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**16th 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)
Day 1: October 15, 2025		
Opening Programme		
Moderator: Dr. Anthonie Ward		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
7.00a - 8.25	Registration	Conference Secretariat
8.25 - 8.30	Call to Order and Security Protocols	Dr. Anthonie 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 th 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	CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH	
9.45 - 10.00	BREAK	

Day 1: October 15, 2025 (Cont'd)		
TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
Session 1: Chairperson - Dr. Robin Roberts, National Health Insurance Authority Objective: Key Issues in Implementing Information Systems for Health Financing		
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	OPEN DISCUSSION	
12.00 - 1.00	LUNCH	
Session 2, Panel 1: Chairperson - Mr. Derek Osborne, TELUS Health Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems & Data Analytics - Health Financing Agency Viewpoint (1)		
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	OPEN DISCUSSION	
2.30 - 2.45	BREAK	
Session 3, Panel 2: Chairperson - Mrs. Patricia Edwards-Wescott, The UWI, HEU, Centre for Health Economics Objective: Updates on Progress with Universal Health Financing		
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	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
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	UPDATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND OPEN DISCUSSION	
6.30 - 8.30p	CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION Hosted by Ministry of Health and Wellness, The Bahamas	

Day 2: October 16, 2025

TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
Session 4, Panel 3: Chairperson - Dr. Maryam Abdool-Richards, Trinidad and Tobago		
Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems & Data Analytics - Health Financing Agency Viewpoint (2)		
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	OPEN DISCUSSION	
10.15 - 10.30	BREAK	
Session 5, Panel 4: Chairperson - Mrs. Jeanine Constansia-Kook, Ministry of Health, Curacao		
Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems & Data Analytics - Health Service Provider Viewpoint		
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	OPEN DISCUSSION	
12.00 - 1.00	LUNCH	
Session 6, Panel 5: Chairperson - Dr. Javier Asin, Acsion Inc.		
Objective: Value for Money: Information Systems and Data Analytics - IS/IT Providers Viewpoint		
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. Shripal Doshi, KPMG	Securing Value for Money in Negotiating and Implementing IS/IT Contracts: Lessons for Caribbean Health Financing Agencies
1.40 - 2.30	OPEN DISCUSSION	
2.30 - 2.45	BREAK	

Day 2: October 16, 2025 (Cont'd)		
TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
Session 7, Panel 6: Chairperson - Mr. Danny Gill, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Barbados Objective: IS/IT - Strategies, Negotiations and Legislation		
2.45 - 3.05	Mrs. Haleema Ali-Sisbane, 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	OPEN DISCUSSION	
4.30 - 5.30p	Mr. Dennis Arrindell, SVB/CURE, Curacao	SPECIAL SESSION (OPTIONAL) Deep Dive into Leveraging AI/ChatGPT Applications for Healthcare Professionals
6.30 - 9.00p	CONFERENCE DINNER Graycliff Restaurant, West Hill Street	

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); Mr. Gerbert Spijker (Curacao); Mrs. Christy Butler (The Bahamas); Prof. Leslie Walwyn (American University of Antigua College of Medicine)	Special Panel - Universal Health Coverage by 2030: Is the Caribbean on Target?
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)
10.45 - 11.00	Dr. Robin Roberts, National Health Insurance Authority, The Bahamas	The NHIP and Managing the Health and Cost Burden of Prostate Disease in The Bahamas
11.00 - 11.15	OPEN DISCUSSION	
11.15 - 12.00	Dr. Stanley Lalta; Dr. Ricky Braithwaite; Mr. Derek Osborne; Dr. Ramon Figueroa	Brief on Proposed Caribbean Health Economics and Financing Association (CHEFA)
	Dr. Ricky Braithwaite and Mrs. Mary Miller Sallah	Brief on Caribbean Currents
	KPMG	Brief on Global Centre of Excellence for Island Healthcare
	Mrs. Patricia Edwards-Wescott	Brief on Advancing the Research Agenda on Social Security in the Caribbean
	Ms. Charmaine Metivier	Update on Scope and Status of the Caribbean Health Information Systems Technical Support Facility
	Mr. Devy Frederick	Brief on CariGenetics Ltd.
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
12.15 - 12.30	OPEN MIKE COMMENTS	
12.30 - 12.45	CLOSURE OF CONFERENCE	
12.45 - 2.00	LUNCH	
	OPEN AFTERNOON	

Day 4: October 18, 2025	
10:00a - 1.00p	Island Tour by Chippies (Fee applicable)